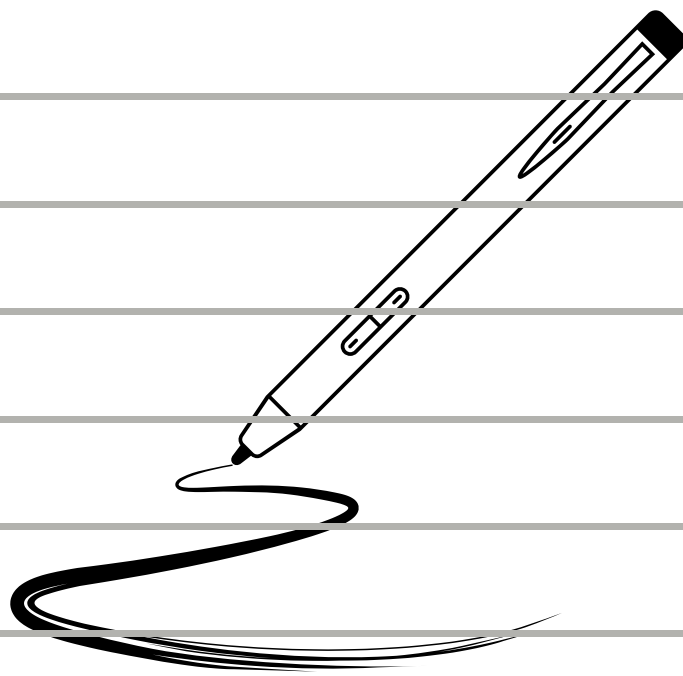


SCHOLARSHIP

Handbook



LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

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Introduction

Dear Parents & Students,

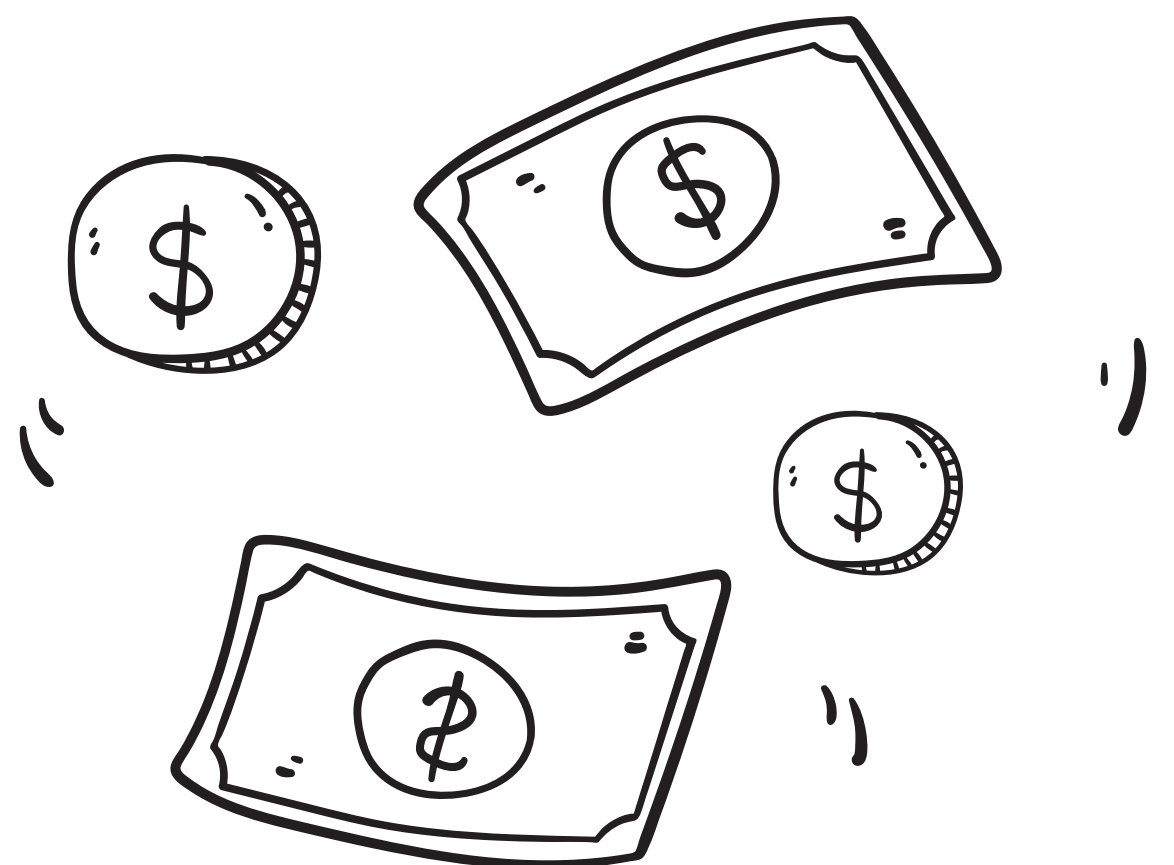
Going to a college, university, or technical school after high school is an amazing opportunity - and sometimes, most times, expensive! Scholarships are a great way to offset some of the cost of furthering your education. Most scholarships are available your senior year, but there will be a couple for other grades.

They are worth the time to apply! Imagine you spend an hour working on a scholarship and receive \$1,000 - not many jobs will be hundreds or thousands per hour!

Even if you have tuition covered, many scholarships can be used to cover other expenses like room, food, books, fees, etc. Any extra money beyond your school balance should be deposited back to your bank account sometime during the semester.

This handbook will provide general information about scholarships for Lebanon High School students. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Best of luck,
LHS School Counselors



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



Loans

Money you borrow and must pay back PLUS interest. Details of loans vary so read them carefully. Complete the FAFSA for most loans.



Grants

Financial aid you do not have to pay back. Complete the FAFSA to see what grants you qualify for (examples: Pell grant or TEACH grant,)

Scholarships

Free money from federal, national, local, nonprofit or private organizations. There are various requirements; based on financial need, academics, athletics, talent based, career path, or open to any applicant. Read applications carefully to see if you are eligible.



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

National scholarships are advertised to the entire United States. Usually this means the amount of the scholarship is bigger and the number of applicants will be huge.

Going Merry is a database to help match you to many different scholarships and also has many resources related to scholarships. There are more than 1,000 scholarships for all grade levels! [Click here](#) to create an account and get matched with scholarships!

Scholarships.com is another free database to help you find college scholarships. [Create an account](#) and get automatically matched to scholarships.

My Scholarship Central is another reliable database to find scholarships. You will need to [create an account](#) before you can start searching scholarships. This database will focus on Missouri scholarships.

If a scholarship organization is asking you to pay a fee in order to access the application, do not apply. Scholarship applications and databases are free to access.

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are interested in enlisting in the military, there may be scholarships available! The Reserve Officer Training Corps is an option to get a degree while getting military officer training.

Reach out to a recruiter during your junior year or early your senior year for more information!

[Army ROTC](#)

[Air Force ROTC](#)

[Navy ROTC](#)

Another resource is Tuition Assistance which could pay up to \$4,500 per year. [Click here](#) for more information!



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Universities often have scholarships offered through the university donors. Usually you must apply and be accepted to the university before you can use their scholarship application. Each university will have different deadlines for this scholarship application. This is not an exhaustive list but here are a few of the main Missouri universities.



University of Missouri - Columbia

Apply and be accepted. Complete the FAFSA and departmental scholarships by December 1.



Missouri State University

Apply to Missouri State and be accepted. Deadline for MSU scholarships are usually December 1.



State Tech

Apply and then login to your State Tech account to access the Scholarship Application. It is due before March 15.



Missouri University of Science & Technology

Apply and be accepted to S&T. Complete the FAFSA and the departmental scholarships by December 1.



University of Missouri - St. Louis

Apply and be accepted. Complete the FAFSA. Complete Competitive and Departmental application by January 12.



University of Missouri - Kansas City

Apply and then complete Competitive Application by March 1.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Many universities have developed programs to provide a full tuition scholarship to students that qualify for the Pell Grant. You must complete the FAFSA in order to see if you are Pell-eligible. The list below has many of the universities that offer this type of scholarship but make sure to research the colleges you are interested in as well! Click the links below each university for more information.

These scholarships cover tuition but do not usually cover room/board or other fees. Make sure to read the details.

**University of Missouri
- Columbia**

Land Grant

**Missouri State
University**

MO State Access Award

**University of Arkansas
- Little Rock**

Trojan Guarantee

**University of Central
Missouri**

Mule Grant

**Southeast Missouri
State University**

Will To Do Award

**University of Missouri
- Kansas City**

Roo Advantage

**University of Missouri
- St. Louis**

Close the Gap Grant

Fontbonne University

Fontbonne Promise

William Jewell College

KC Scholars Program

**Northwest Missouri
State University**

Northwest Promise

Mission University

Pell Promise Guarantee

Evangel University

Pell Promise

Stephens College

Stephens Promise

Washington University

WashU Pledge

**Culver-Stockton
College**

Pell Promise

A+ SCHOLARSHIP

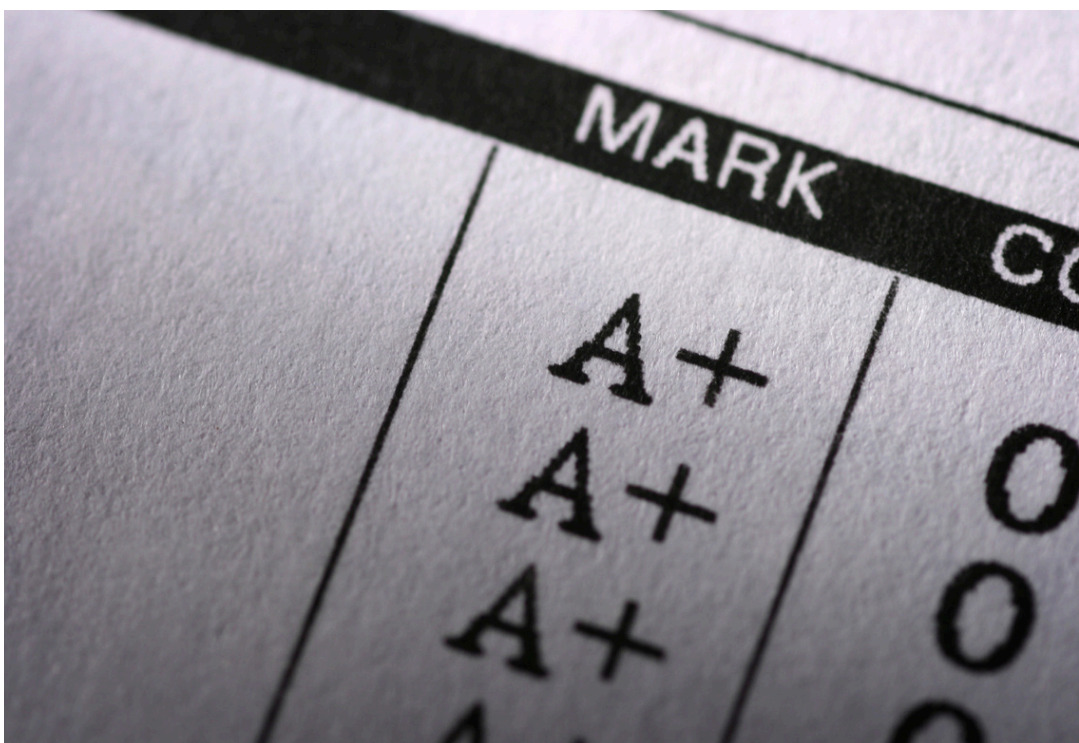
For more detailed information, please pick up an A+ handbook from the LHS Counselors' Office. This scholarship is only for select community colleges in Missouri and will be automatically applied if you meet all the requirements.



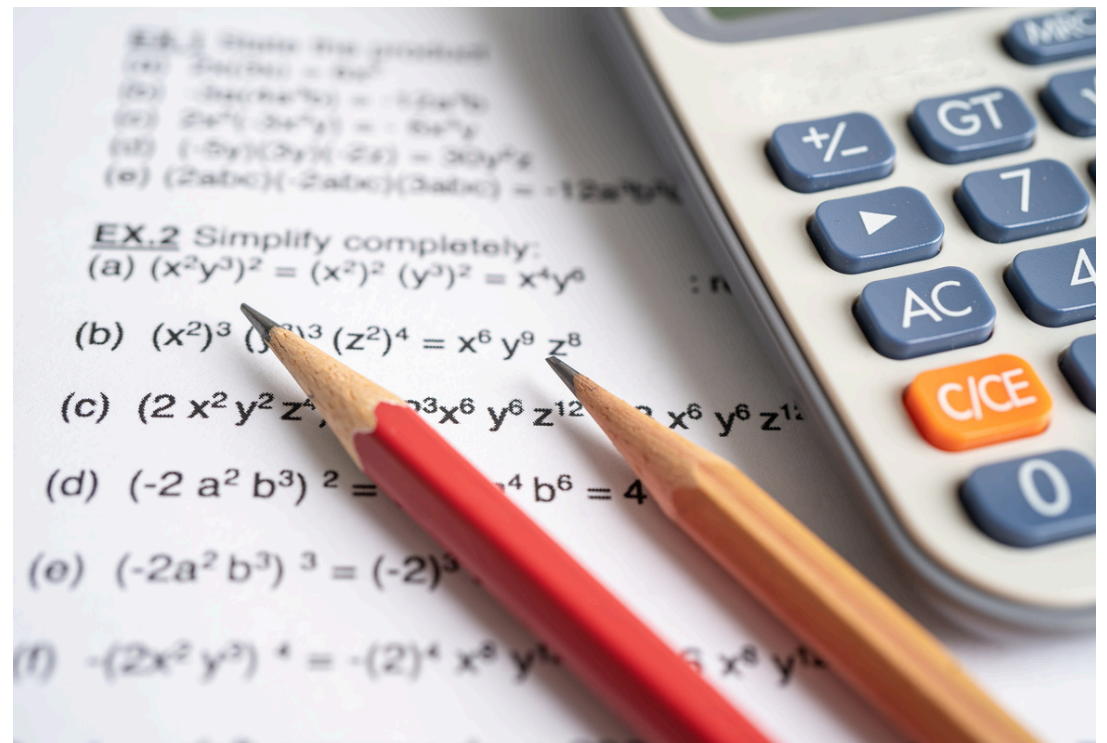
Completed Contract



95% or higher attendance



2.5 or higher GPA



Meet Math EOC or ACT score



50 or more tutoring hours



No disciplinary action in high school

Note: MSU has an "A+ Advantage" scholarship that is not automatic. You must apply for it through MSU.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Local scholarships are available to students in the Lebanon area. Many of these scholarships are advertised and submitted through the Counselors' Office.

DONORS

The Lebanon area has an incredibly generous community. The donors award thousands of dollars every year. Thank you notes will be required once you are awarded the scholarship.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS

[Click here](#) to access the list of local and regional scholarships. They are organized by deadline. The general eligibility is listed but make sure to carefully read applications before you apply.

APPLICATIONS

Some applications are online and are linked in the list. Most applications are on paper and are available in the Counselors' Office.

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS

OCT

Fill out the FAFSA and start applying to your top colleges and universities.

**NOV/
DEC**

Apply for any Competitive and Departmental scholarships through your preferred college. Apply for national scholarships.

JAN

Local scholarships start to be published. Gather your application documents and start applying to scholarships!

FEB

More local scholarships are published. Apply to as many scholarships as possible!

MAR

March 14 is the deadline for the majority of local scholarships. You should turn in as many as possible to the Counselors' Office.

APR

Invitations to the Scholarship Awards Night will be sent out at the end of April. Some scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

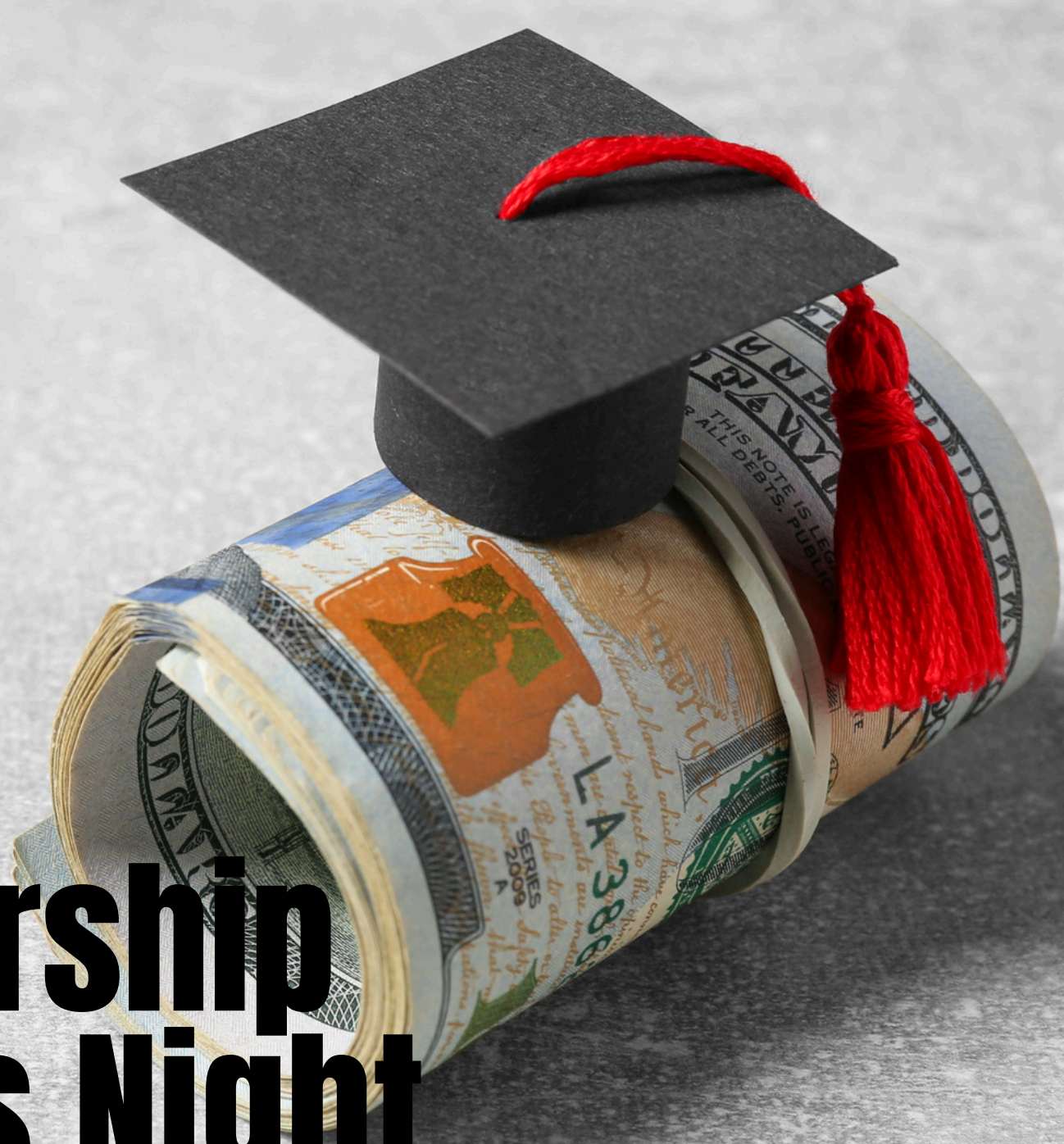
MAY

Scholarship Awards Night is on Thursday, May 8 in Boswell Gym. Scholarships will be recognized based on local recipients and information submitted by the students.

AUG

Send your enrollment verification to the donors along with the address for your college's financial aid office.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT



Scholarship Awards Night

May 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM
in LHS Boswell Gym

This is a formal awards ceremony to recognize student success and achievement. Students that have recieved a local scholarship will be sent an invitation at the end of April.

Students will be asked to submit any other scholarships they want recognized to the Counselors' Office. Only the scholarships that are submitted by the deadline will be included in the ceremony. Students who have submitted a scholarship to be announced will also recieve an invitation at the end of April.

Only students that receive an invitation will be recognized.

APPLICATION ITEMS

Most scholarship applications require the same documents. Below are some of the items you will need to gather for your application.

COVER PAGE

[Click here](#) for examples.

This is the first page of your application and at minimum should include your name and contact information.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

[Click here](#) for some FAQ about letters.

It is a good idea to gather 3-5 different letters. Try to have a variety of school staff and community members (coaches, teachers, counselors, principals, job supervisors, family friend, youth pastor, etc. Ask at least 2 weeks before you need it, but the earlier the better!

RESUME

[Click here](#) for a resume template.

Create a resume that highlights things that make you the best recipient for the scholarship. Make sure your resume fits on one page.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

[Click here](#) for some essay writing tips.

Some scholarships have the same prompt so you can re-use an essay. Some scholarships have specific prompts so make sure to read the application carefully and adjust your essay as necessary. Usually the essays are 300-500 words.

TRANSCRIPT

Request a transcript from djemes@lebanon.k12.mo.us

You will need an official transcript of high school classes for most. Email Deadra Jemes to have a PDF emailed to you! If you need one stamped and sealed she will deliver it to your class after your email.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How should I organize my scholarships?

Some students prefer to create a binder with multiple copies of each application item. They keep a list of scholarships applied to and ones they are wanting to apply to. Other students prefer to create a Google Folder with digital copies of each application item and print as needed.

Are there scholarships for Dual Credit?

There are sometimes scholarships for Dual Credit but this can vary year to year. Ask your course instructor if they know of any scholarships. You can also check with your counselor.

SCHOLARSHIP

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