

Senior Information

Communication - The Senior Class Sponsors will be communicating with Seniors and parents through the Stack Team App and TeacherEase. Please join our group “Otterville Class of 27” on the Stack Team App.

All Seniors will need to join the Google Classroom - “2027 Senior Class Information/Scholarships” from the email that was sent or by using the code: **2u6eavgr**. Important information such as scholarships, college and career information, and other resources will be posted there. Each Senior also has a mailbox located in the counselor’s office. This needs to be checked regularly.

College/Tech School/Military Information - Brochures/Packets containing information regarding certain colleges, technical schools, and military opportunities are located on the wall right outside of the counselor’s office for you to take. Seniors should be applying to the college of their choice at this time. Please let Mrs. Schoen know what colleges you have applied to so that she can send your transcript and test scores.

Representatives will come to the school to visit with the Seniors or campus visits can be arranged on your own. Seniors are allowed 2 college visits or job shadowing experiences. Please pick up a form from Mrs. Schoen to take with you so that your absence will not count against your attendance. Here is a list of Missouri Higher Education Institutions: <https://dhewd.mo.gov/public-and-independent-colleges.php>

Scholarships - All scholarship information that is received will be uploaded to the Senior Scholarships Google Classroom or placed in your mailbox. **Make sure that you apply early and keep track of deadlines!** Visit your college’s website to apply for all of their available scholarships. There is also a list of general scholarship websites on the counselor’s page located under the services tab on the Otterville School website.

The A+ Financial Incentive is also considered a scholarship. The Missouri A+ Scholarship Program provides eligible high school graduates with two years of tuition and standard fee coverage at participating public community colleges or vocational-technical schools in Missouri. Requirements include: U.S. citizenship, Agreement form must be on file with the school, Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, 95% attendance rate over all four years of high school, Qualifying test score, 50 hours of unpaid tutoring, and maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol. Please see Mrs. Schoen to see if you are eligible.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - This electronic form helps individuals apply for financial aid for college or technical school. Starting **October 1**, seniors and their parents can go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to start filling out their application. There is more information and a video demonstrating how to fill out the FAFSA on the counselor's page on the school website. **You must fill out a FAFSA to be able to receive the A+ Financial Incentive Scholarship!** Priority deadline is February 1.

ACT Test - The ACT is a requirement for admission to most colleges. There will be two opportunities (fall and spring) to take the ACT at school with Mrs. Schoen through district ACT testing. National tests are also available and are administered on Saturdays at varying locations. Seniors can register for a national test date at act.org.

Careers - Any senior who has decided to go right into the workforce after graduation or if you just want to know more about certain careers, here are some helpful websites:

Missouri Job Center – www.jobs.mo.gov

Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) - www.missourieconomy.org

www.indeed.com

www.jobcase.com

www.ziprecruiter.com

MissouriHealthCareers.com

Seniors and Parents: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 660-366-4621 ext. 404, mschoen@ottervilleschools.org, or meet with me in person! You can also visit my webpage on the Otterville School website under the Services tab.

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