

SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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SENIOR UPDATES:

- The Regional College Fair is October 28 , 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Hampton Convention Center.
- *SAT – Nov. 7 (Registration deadline: Oct. 1)
- *ACT – Oct. 24 (Registration deadline: Sept. 18)
- *Seniors seeking a nomination for a U.S. Service Academy – please see Mrs. Thompson for application packet for Congressman Nye. Deadline is November 9th.

Federal & College Financial Aid:

A huge source of aid is in college scholarships and grants. Every college offers some scholarships. Some schools require you submit the FAFSA even for non-need aid. For many colleges you must ask for and submit a separate scholarship application. The appearance and accuracy of your applications are very important. Double-check before submitting. Keep a copy for your records — it may save you time later.

Your family will need to file a “needs” analysis, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, 2010 — aid is on a first come, first served basis! Be sure to check your school’s **PRIORITY DEADLINE DATE!**

Follow the directions and deadlines carefully. Kecoughtan will have a Financial Aid Night on January 7th to help with the Federal Aid form. The basics of federal aid are discussed in the bulletin, **How To Get Federal Financial Aid**, located in the yellow Scholarship Applications Box in the Guidance Office.

Scholarships at Kecoughtan:

All scholarships that Kecoughtan is notified of are listed in the Scholarship Bulletin, once or more a month throughout the school year. The bulletin is distributed in every senior English class and is also available in guidance. It is also posted on the KHS website: www.kecoughtan.org.

All advertised scholarship applications are in the guidance office in the yellow Scholarship Applications Box, unless noted otherwise.

Most applications require you include an official transcript. The guidance secretary is allowed **five school days (ten during December, January and February)** to complete this for you. Some applications are submitted to Mrs. Thompson. **READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.**

Scholarships Elsewhere:

Contact your employer, your parents’ employers, civic and social clubs, your church, etc. for other sources of aid. Sometimes few others compete over these.

The Internet is a great source of scholarship information. Begin with the **Scholarship & Financial Aid on the World Wide Web** (in guidance) handout. Books on scholarships, financial aid, and four- & two-year colleges are all available to look at in guidance.

Lots of free information on scholarships is available. Do not pay anyone to do a search for you.

Be sure to bring Mrs. Thompson copies of all financial award letters. Verified scholarships/awards/grants are announced at graduation. Athletes --- be sure to give Mrs. Thompson any itineraries for official college visits.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Jefferson Scholars Program, University of Virginia

Amount: Full tuition at the University of Virginia

Availability: 33 approximately, state- & nation-wide

Requires: Minimum GPA 3.5; minimum SAT 1100

Based On: Leadership, scholarship, and citizenship— financial need is not considered.

KHS Nominates: One student

KHS Deadline: Oct. 15

NOTE: Sign up in guidance by Oct. 2nd to receive an application. (Sign-up sheet on Mrs. Thompson's door)

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Amount: \$20,000 (50) & \$10,000 (200)

Availability: 250, nationally; this scholarship is “extremely” competitive.

Requires: In the past, selected winners had evidence of strong leadership and GPAs of 3.0 plus.

Based On: Academic merit, school, and community involvement.

NOTE: Apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org . Kecoughtan's CEEB (SAT) Code is 471028.

Deadline: Oct. 31

Brown, Ron, Scholar Program

Amount: \$40,000

Availability: Nationally.

Requires: African-American

Based On: “Applicants must have excelled academically, exemplified exceptional leadership potential, made an impact on their communities through service to others and demonstrated financial need... recipients were among the top 5% of (their) class...” Essays required.

NOTE: No applications are available at KHS. Go online at: www.ronbrown.org

Deadline: Nov 1

Elks National Foundation: Most Valuable Student Award

Amount: Up to \$60,000

Availability: Several – Local and National

Based On: Scholarship (450 points: ACT/SAT scores), leadership (350 points: honors, positions of leadership, organization participation, employment/community service, overall application), and financial need (200 points).

NOTE: No applications in guidance. Go to: www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Deadline: Nov. 2 (Applications must be mailed to or dropped off at Hampton Elks Lodge, 95 Tidemill Lane, Hampton, Va 23666 by this date.)

ROTC Scholarship Programs

Amount: Full tuition, fees, books, and a monthly stipend.

Stipulation: *It provides preparation for and requires four years of service as an officer in the military or military reserve. You receive the first year without cost or commitment if you do not continue in the program.*

Based On: Many factors, especially academic achievement. SAT scores are one of the most important factors. Criteria for selection varies widely (even within a branch) based on the college at which you seek to participate. It will typically be all the more competitive for the ROTC program as it will be for the college itself especially at the top schools.

NOTE: *For more information or an application call the contact or go to the web site.*

Army ROTC availability, Virginia: ODU, HU*, NSU*, VT, VSU*, W&M, JMU, UVA, UR, VMI.

*NOTE: Extra ROTC slots are set aside at historically black colleges. Some even go unfilled.

Requires: Minimum SAT 920. ACT 19. (excluding writing) Minimum GPA 2.5.

Deadline: ASAP, but preferably by Nov. 15 (of your senior year)

Contact: www.armyrotc.com/information_2.htm

Navy & Marine Corps ROTC availability in Virginia: ODU, HU, NSU, VT, UVA, RU, & VMI

Navy Requires: Minimum SAT: 530 Critical Reading./ 520 Math; ACT - 22 English/21 Math, average GPA: 2.9.

Marines Requires: Minimum SAT: 1000 Critical Reading/Math combined. Average GPA is about the same.

Deadline: ASAP, but preferably by Dec. 1 (of your senior year). Drop dead deadline: Jan. 24.

Contact: Navy: 800/552-9947 • Marines: 800/436-6577 — www.navy.com

Air Force ROTC Scholarship Program availability in Virginia: VT, UVA, & VMI

Requires: Minimum SAT 1100/ACT 24. Average SAT 1260/ACT 27, average rank top 12%, average GPA 3.77.

Deadline: ASAP, but preferably by Dec. 1 (of your senior year)

Contact: www.afrotc.com