

* Scholarship Bulletin *

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Senior Updates:

- The Regional College Fair is *Tuesday* October 28, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Hampton Convention Center.
- ASVAB – November 27th
 - The regular deadline for the Dec. 5 SAT is Oct 30
 - The regular deadline for the Dec. 12 ACT is Nov 6
- *Financial Aid Workshop – January 7 – 6:00 pm – Mark your calendars
- *College Visits: Sign up in Guidance for a pass.

ODU	October 2, 9:00
Virginia Wesleyan	October 5, 10:00
Longwood	October 15, 9:00
Hampton University	October 16, 10:00
Christopher Newport Univ.	October 26, 9:00
Sweetbriar	October 28, 1:00
UNC Greensboro	October 28, 2:00
Roanoke College	October 29, 9:00
Bridgewater College	November 5, 1:00
Virginia Tech	November 6, 9:45
UVA Wise	December 3, 10:00

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Contest

Amount: LAPTOP
Availability: 1, Eastern Virginia
Based On: Essay on an African American leader, 400 words max.
KHS Nominates: Two essays
KHS Deadline: Nov. 2 (To be submitted to Mrs. Thompson)

Byrd, Harry F., Leadership Award

Amount: \$7000
Availability: State-wide, 1 per US congressional district.
Requires: You must have a teacher or counselor recommendation sent to Mrs. Thompson by the deadline.
Based On: Demonstrate a combination of academic accomplishment, excellence of character, qualities of leadership and devotion to duty, hence an emphasis on leadership & public service.
KHS Nominates: One student
KHS Deadline: Oct. 30

Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest

Amount: Varies
Availability: Several
Based On: Essay describing your academic, vocational and career goals; limit 550 words.
NOTE: You must plan a career in education, journalism, English, Aeronautical Engineering, Natural Sciences, math or fine arts.. Applications online at <http://mensafoundation.org/scholarships>.
Deadline: Jan. 15

Lincoln-Lane Foundation

Amount: \$500-\$3000 per year

Availability: Several, Hampton Roads area only

Requires: Being a Virginia resident and attending a four-year college. Minimum GPA 3.0.

Based On: Academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. You must submit a handwritten essay.

High potential for community service is considered.

NOTE: The application must be requested individually in writing:

The Lincoln-Lane Foundation

207 Granby Street, Suite 302

Norfolk VA 23510

NOTE: The application *request* must be postmarked by **Oct. 15**.

Deadline: Completed application due November 15th.

Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! Scholarship

Amount: \$5000

Requires: 500 word literary essay

Note: Applications online at www.ohtheplaces.org

Deadline: February 15

Voice of Democracy Essay Scholarship

Amount: \$30,000

Requires: Essay

Deadline: November 1

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP ADVICE

1. Treat looking for scholarships as if it were your job. Put in the time and you will get paid!
2. Do as many scholarship searches as you can. Finding them is half the battle.
3. Being involved in school, church and community activities are the best ways to make an application stand out.
4. Study hard and get good grades. ACT/SAT scores count.
5. Treat every scholarship application like a jewel. Make the application perfect.
6. Do some volunteer work.
7. Check all the local chapters of national organizations. Rotary, lions, elks, etc.
8. Pick the right people to write your recommendations.
9. Don't shy away from scholarships based on difficult essays. If everyone is afraid of them, less people apply.
- 10 Above all, BE HONEST. Don't lie about finances, grades, work experience or anything!

And finally ... Don't pay anyone who claims to be "holding" a scholarship or grant for you. Free money shouldn't cost a thing!!