



**Congrats,
Seniors!**

Acceptances:

U of Alabama
Allegany Coll. of MD
CNU
The Citadel
Duquesne U
ECU
Emory & Henry
U of Evansville (IL)
Ferrum
Flagler (FL)
Fordham (NY)
GMU
Hampden-Sydney
JMU
U of Kentucky
Liberty
Longwood
Loyola U of MD
Lynchburg College
Mary Baldwin
U of Mary Washington
UNC-Chapel Hill
NC State U
ODU
Radford
Randolph-Macon
Roanoke College
Trinity U (TX)
VCU
VMI
VA Tech
VA Union
VA Wesleyan
U of Virginia
WVU
College of W&M
U of Wyoming

JHS Senior Sprint

Scholarship Updates

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Scholarship Myths

Myth 1: Billions of college scholarship dollars go unclaimed

This one has been around since the word "scholarship" was invented. "I can't get a handle on where it comes from," says Carmichael. "It certainly is not from college financial aid offices." As for Clemson, Carmichael says they seldom have university scholarships that aren't awarded, and if they do, it's usually because of timing or highly restrictive eligibility requirements.

Myth 2: I can't possibly get a college scholarship because of the competition

There are a lot of contests and potential awards around, but you have to seek them out. First, however, you have to determine what you do well. Scholarship contests aren't just for valedictorians, but for people with particular interests and talents. The opportunities are quite diverse.

As you search, you should be sure to look in your own community at churches, synagogues, or even the Daughters of the American Revolution. Your parents' employers might also sponsor college scholarships, and many of them don't require much more than writing an essay or giving a speech.

From: Marvin Carmichael -Past Chairman of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), he's familiar with the misunderstandings people have about student scholarships and financial aid. He's since brought his expertise into his role as Director of Financial Aid at Clemson University.

Scholarship Tips

1. Complete all sections of an application as thoroughly as possible. If an application is due before you are aware of your college choice and asks the question "Where do you plan to attend college next year?" - Rather than leave it blank or write "I don't know" - answer that you will learn of your acceptances on April 1. Not all community groups that award scholarships are aware that you may not have college results before their scholarship due date.
2. Complete all scholarship applications as neatly as possible. Scratch outs, white out, purple ink, etc. should be avoided. This is an important opportunity. Like a job application, you are competing against several other worthy candidates. Give it your best effort in neatness and accuracy.
3. Deadlines for scholarships, just like college applications, are a period of time, not just one day. Waiting until the very last day to submit your application may not give you enough time to gather all the necessary documentation.
4. READ THE DIRECTIONS and follow through carefully and completely. If an application states to mail it directly to the sponsoring organization, make sure you get it to the post office by the date it must be postmarked. If it says to turn it in to the guidance office, do so by the morning that it is due and we will make sure that it is ready for pick up by the sponsor.
5. Check the bulletin board frequently for updates. Community organizations deliver scholarships to the guidance office and they are posted as soon as we receive them.
6. Some scholarships are very specific about qualities they look for in an applicant. There are opportunities specifically for military dependents, certain career plans, and other attributes. Don't get discouraged because there are enough available that you will find one that you are eligible for if you continue to search. There is no magic answer, finding scholarships requires work and effort.

Thank you, Seniors!!!

- *Who bring in copies of their college acceptance letters to guidance. It helps us advise future seniors based on your success. If you have been accepted and have not brought in your letter, please do so at your earliest convenience.*
- *Who bring in all scholarship offer letters from colleges. Again, we keep a database of scholarships offered and then at the end of the year, we record the scholarships that seniors decide to accept.. If you have been offered a scholarship from a college, please bring in your letter whether you plan to go there or not.*

Where do I find Scholarship info and applications?

- Bulletin board across from the cafeteria
- Room 113 across from the cafeteria
- WJCC College and Career Webpage—links to this page can be found on Edline main page or JHS web page
- Scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com
- Still looking? See Mrs. Shaver in guidance or 113 with questions

Scholarship Update:

Lee-Jackson Scholarship Essay

- Due Feb. 15 in counseling office to Mrs. Shaver who will submit them for district review.
- One \$10,000 state winner, one \$2,000 and one \$1,000 winner for the region
- Questions? www.lee-jackson.org

Virginia Council on Status of Women STEM Essay

- February 20 deadline—submit online via e-mail to council.women@dss.virginia.gov
- Female, 2.5+ GPA
- 700-1000 word essay on your vision for a future STEM career and why it might be your career field
- \$5000 scholarship

Annase Wilks Hill Memorial Scholarship

- February 29 deadline
- Female, African-American. 3.5+ GPA
- Planning to major in engineering, math, or science at a 4-yr. residential college

National Naval Officers Vice Admiral Samuel Gravely Scholarship

- Due March 6, 2012
- GPA of 3.0+
- One award of \$2500 and two \$1500 dollar awards

Delta Sigma Theta Scholarships and Book Award

- Due by March 16, 2012
- African-American students with 3.0+ GPA
- Active involvement in school and community activities
- Three \$1000 scholarships and two \$500 book awards

"Futures in Aerospace" Scholarship

- Due March 19, 2012
- Planning to study engineering or physical or applied sciences pertinent to aerospace
- Two \$2000 scholarships

Intermarkets-Lucido Journalism Scholarship

- Due April 6, 2012
- Three \$5,000 scholarships
- Planning to major in journalism

Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Logistics Association

- Due March 31, 2012
- \$1500 (10 awarded)
- Military dependent
- Top 35% of high school class with a minimum 3.0 GPA

Le Cercle Charmant (General), Le Cercle Charmant Yes, I Can (overcome obstacle and financial need) and Le Cercle Charmant Inez P. Lewis (plan to enter teaching profession):

- Due April 13, 2012—each scholarship \$1000
- GPA of 2.5+
- Essay (depending on scholarship) of your career goals and how you plan to pursue them as well as how this scholarship will help you financially in your desire to attend college

Rotary Club of James City County

- Due April 14, 2012
- \$2000 (4 given)
- Academic achievement, need, service, extracurricular activities

Soroptimist International of Williamsburg

- Due April 15, turn in to guidance office
- Female in good academic standing with financial need

Farm Bureau

- Due April 16
- \$2500—\$1000 scholarships awarded
- Academic achievement, leadership, community service

Woman's Club of Williamsburg

- Due April 20 by noon in the guidance office
- Academic standing, leadership, extracurricular activities

James City Ruritan Club—Jim Robertson Scholarship

- Due May 18
- 3.0+ GPA
- Documented 25 hours individually or 50 hours as part of a group project working toward preserving our natural environment

WJCC Community Scholarship Fund

Check WJCC website—Applications available in March!!!

There are many scholarships available. This is just a sample of some recent opportunities. Check with your parents' employers, your church, or community organizations.