

CLASS OF 2018

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TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

CEEB Code

060-251

Register online or pick up
registration materials in
the College Center.

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

*Students interested in highly
selective schools need to allow
time to take SAT Subject
Tests (sometimes required)*

SEARCHING FOR MONEY

Although it is a myth that *millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed every year*, there are funds available to students who make time to apply for them. Many scholarships require a minimum GPA or significant community service. Other scholarships identify specific qualities, characteristics or talents that students must have in order to be eligible. Some will also require a student to demonstrate financial need by forwarding the family's FAFSA result to the scholarship committee.

Finding scholarships for which you will qualify is the most time-consuming aspect of the whole scholarship process. To begin, do not limit yourself with the belief that you have to be an academic superstar to earn scholarships. Fill out a profile of yourself at [FastWeb](#) that includes every personal detail that you can remember. Next, check out the colleges in which you are interested. Colleges offer scholarships by department/area of interest, to children of veterans or educators, to first-generation college students, and for obscure reasons defined by the donor. Local organizations such as the Rotary Club, churches and your parents' employers often offer small scholarship awards.

As you find scholarships for which you qualify, try to realistically evalu-

ate what are your chances of winning the award. Watch for local scholarships for which the pool of applicants will be smaller and less competitive.

Tips for Scholarship Applications. Complete applications thoroughly and carefully. If the application is not online, make a copy and fill out a rough draft before neatly filling out the original. Write legibly and always follow directions. Address the specific essay question instead of submitting a generic essay. Be concise but creative, demonstrating your personality. Help teachers write your letters of recommendation by clearly identifying the characteristics that are sought by the scholarship's mission. Your teachers will need specific information to write an appropriate recommendation. Describe your accomplishments in terms of how it has affected your personal growth; you must show that you are a compelling candidate. Above all, be accurate and honest. It never pays to exaggerate your abilities or to minimize your resources.

Be sure to check the list on the MacLaren website for local scholarships that may not be included in large databases like FastWeb or Scholarships.com. Other scholarship sources include [StudentAid.gov](#), College Board's [Big Future](#) and [College in Colorado](#).

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mountain View Medical Group Physician Memorial Scholarship Two \$1000 scholarships to students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. Criteria includes a GPA of at least a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Application and essay. Application available from Mrs. Cooper. Deadline: March 1

BURGER KING Scholars General Track - Available to all eligible high school seniors. Applicants must 1) have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent; 2) plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2015-16 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, or university. The first 50,000 submitted applications will be processed. For an application, go to www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram Deadline: December 15

National Council of Jewish Women Several scholarships of \$2000 each will be awarded to Jewish women. Must be a Colorado resident, document financial need, involvement in the community. Two letters of recommendation required & academic record will be evaluated. Postmarked deadline—April 1.

COLLEGE VISITS

Nov 1	Regis University
Nov 1	Notre Dame Univ
Nov 6	Harding University
Nov 8	Colorado Mesa
Nov 15	US Naval Academy

NOVEMBER CHECKLIST

- Register to retake the ACT/SAT in December if necessary to strengthen your application
- Polish college and scholarship essays. Ask a teacher, friend or counselor to read your essay and give constructive criticism
- Request recommendations letters from 2 teachers and your counselor. Ask Mrs. Cooper for a Student Profile Form that will help your teachers write effective recommendations.
- Apply to at least one college this month, whether it is your top choice or your foundation school.
- ROTC deadlines are rapidly approaching. Research college-specific scholarships—some require your application to already be submitted and processed, others require you to have been accepted to the college before the scholarship deadline.
- Allow time to complete applications, visit a college, study hard for exams ... and still enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Financial Aid Night: November 2 Mrs. Fruh will explain the ins and outs of all things related to college financial aid. We will meet at MacLaren at 6:30pm.

West Point Admissions Information Meeting: November 2 6:30-8 pm Colorado Springs East Library. 5550 E Union Blvd. Appropriate for all grade levels and parents

Denver Performing & Visual Arts Fair: Nov 6 7:00-9:00pm Denver Center for the Performing Arts—Seawell Ballroom. Register [here](#).

US Naval Academy Midshipmen Visit November 20 5-7 pm Cheyenne Mountain High School. Any students interested in USNA are encouraged to attend info session.