

Senior Year 2017-2018

Seniors, Take Advantage of The Counseling Center!

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The Counseling Center is a very important place for high school students, especially seniors! Scholarship news and applications, as well as several informative publications can be found in here! Students - use the counseling center computers to apply to colleges online as well as research colleges and scholarship opportunities, to type personal essays, resumes, job applications, requests for letters of recommendation and all the other information that needs to be in your portfolio.

The Counseling Center can help you with anything you might need in preparing for graduation as well as your first year of college. Seniors - remember that Ms. Gordon and Mrs. Reschke are here to answer any questions you might have. The Scholarship Newsletter is published each month of your senior year to help you keep track of the scholarships that are available in our area as well as elsewhere and will be sent to your school email address. **Links to scholarship applications are active.** We try very hard to keep seniors informed of any opportunities or special programs for which we receive information. In addition to reading the newsletter each month, students should be checking their emails for the daily announcements and searching online for other opportunities that might be available in their area of interest. We want your senior year to be as productive as possible, so please take advantage of us!



Use the computer to search for scholarships and apply online!

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SAVE THE TREES!

The Scholarship Newsletter will be sent to your school email address and will be on the website under **Student Resources**

Happenings :

(sign up in Counseling Center)

Oct 11, 10:30 am Colorado Mesa University rep @ MVHS

Oct 16th, 10:00 am UCCS rep @ MVHS

Nov 1, Senior picture, baby picture, senior message due to Mrs. Condon for yearbook.

Nov 8th, 9:45 am Lamar Community College rep @MVHS



Throughout its 35 year history, YoungArts has honored more than 20,000 young artists with over \$6 million in monetary awards, facilitated in excess of \$150 million in scholarship opportunities and enabled participants to work with some of the most distinguished master artists in the world. Applicants may be eligible for the following benefits:

- Cash awards of up to \$10,000
- Access to college scholarships, just by registering online

- Master classes with world-renowned artists
- Perform and exhibit in the most prestigious venues in the country
- Become eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

You must be a young artist who is 15-18 years old, 10-12th grade

Prepare your audition or portfolio

Complete the application by Oct 13, 2017

See app.getacceptd.com



The ELKS National Foundation Scholarships

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks is sponsoring the Most Valuable Student Scholarships. Most Valuable Student Scholars are outstanding students who are at or near the top of their classes, active in their schools and communities, and recognized as leaders by their peers. This application is very involved and time consuming and any mistakes may cause disqualification. **Application deadline is before November 27, 2017.** The application may be found online at www.elks.org/scholars/mvs.cfm (you must create an account.)

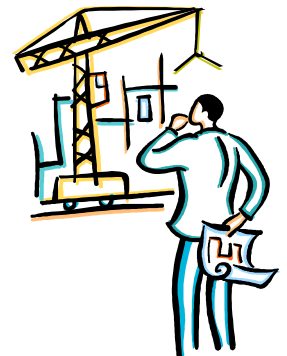
Another Elks scholarship, The Legacy Award is available only to children or grandchildren of an active Elks member. **The online application deadline is February 2, 2018, at 11:59 am Central Time.** See the counseling center for more information.

AES Engineers Scholarship

The AES Engineering Scholarship Program believes that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves financial assistance. For this reason the AES Scholarship for 2017-18 will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluated essays that are submitted. Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question:

When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Submit this essay to scholarhips@aesengineers.com.

The scholarship amount is \$500.00. For more information go to: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. **Deadline is October 6th, 2017**



All Year

Keep taking classes that challenge you. Most colleges require 4 years of English, at least 3 years of social studies (history, civics, geography, economics, etc.), 4 years of mathematics, and 4 years of science; and some require 2 years of a foreign language.

Work hard all year; second-semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.

Stay involved and seek leadership roles in your activities. Most scholarship applications ask you to list activities/clubs you are involved in.



Fall/Winter

Meet with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.

If you haven't done so already, register for and take exams such as the SAT or ACT for college admission.* Check with the colleges you are interested in to see what tests they require.

Apply to the colleges you have chosen. Prepare your applications carefully, including typing information where applicable. Follow the instructions, and **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!**

Well before your application deadlines, ask your counselor and teachers to submit required documents (e.g., transcript, letters of recommendation) to the colleges to which you're applying.

To prepare to apply for federal student aid, be sure to get a FSAID so that you can complete your FAFSA application after October 1st 2017. One of your parents must also get a FSAID.

After October 1st, complete and submit your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*, along with any other financial aid applications your school(s) of choice may require. You can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying, usually by early February.

If you have questions about the federal student aid programs or need assistance with the application process, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or the TTY for the hearing-impaired, 1-800-730-8913.

After you submit the FAFSA, you should receive your *Student Aid Report (SAR)* within one to four weeks. Quickly make any necessary corrections and submit them to the FAFSA processor.

***REMEMBER:** Register for all ACT and SAT tests in advance and be sure to give yourself time to prepare appropriately! If you have difficulty paying a registration fee, see your school counselor about getting a fee waiver.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	ACT Test Date Adams State	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 7, 2017 Adams State	September 8 2017	Sep 19-27	September 9, 2017	August 4	August 5-18
			October 28, 2017	September 22	September 23-October 6
November 4, 2017	October 5 2017	Oct 17-25	December 9, 2017	November 3	November 4-17
December 2, 2017	November 2	Nov 14-21	February 10, 2018*	January 12	January 13-19
March 10, 2018	Feb 9	Feb 20-28	April 14, 2018	March 9	March 10-23
May 5, 2038	Apr 6	Apr 17-25	June 9, 2018	May 4	May 5-18
			July 14, 2018*	June 15	June 16-22

Go to:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

Go to: www.act.org

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created in 1995 to recognize students in the middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) are presented annually on the local

and state level. State level winners are awarded \$1,000 and national winners are awarded \$25,000. If you have shown outstanding volunteer service in your community, and are interested in this opportunity, please log on to:

<http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit and click the "Apply Now" link. MVHS has had winners in the past!

Application deadline is November 7, 2017. Don't delay! This is an excellent program to recognize the efforts of our youth!



Do you participate in community service?

ALERT ESSAY

Write an essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse. In your essay explain how the situation was dealt with, what you learned from it, what others can learn from the experience, and what was right or wrong (in your opinion) about the way the incident or problem was handled. Scholarship essays are judged in the same way that essays written for a high school English class would be: thesis statement, supporting content, grammar, punctuation, etc. If your essay is chosen to be published in Alert Magazine, you will win \$500. For more details concerning this essay, please contact the counseling office. We have had winners in the past! **For more info log on to: www.alertmagazine.org.**



JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with approximately 16,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its 4 campuses in Providence, RI; North Miami, Fla.; Denver, Colo.; and Charlotte, NC.

An innovative educational leader, the university offers degree programs in arts and sciences, business, culinary arts, education, nutrition, hospitality, physician assistant studies, engineering and design. Its unique model integrates arts and sciences and industry-focused education with work experience and leadership opportunities, inspiring students to achieve professional success and lifelong personal growth. Johnson and Wales offers up to 15 \$6,000 merit scholarships renewable for up to \$24,000. Deadline to apply is November 1, 2017. Visit www1.jwu.edu for more information!



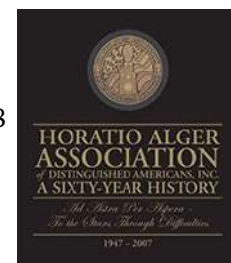
DANIELS FUND

Making life better...one individual at a time.

The Daniels Fund Opportunity Scholarships seeks applicants who are planning on attending college next year, and who demonstrate strength of character, leadership, and service to the community. Each year, 250 new Daniels Scholars are selected from among thousands who apply in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. The reward of election is a four year scholarship at any non-profit college or university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the journey. Applicants must have an ACT score of 17 or above in English, math, reading and science, demonstrate financial need and be a resident of Colorado. If you are interested in this opportunity you may apply online at www.DanielsFund.org. To see if you can demonstrate financial need, or for more information, please contact the Counseling Office. **Applications must be submitted online between September 29th and November 30th 4:00 p.m. MST.**

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships

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The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. To be eligible to apply for this scholarship opportunity, students must be graduating in the spring of 2018 with plans to earn a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution. Students must have financial need (Adjusted gross income of no more than \$55,000) involvement in extra-curricular and volunteer activities and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. You may apply online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

Application deadline is October 25, 2017.

The Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program (1020 awards up to \$2,500 each)

Receive up to \$2,500 to pursue a career or technical certificate/degree.

Eligibility:

- * Complete high school or plan to complete high school by Spring 2018 with plans to enroll at a non-profit post-secondary institution by fall 2018
- * Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States
- * Demonstrate critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)
- * Demonstrate perseverance in overcoming adversity
- * Be involved in community service activities
- * Be younger than 30 years old
- * Be a United States citizen.

The application will be open with a rolling deadline until all awards have been given out. Application opens March 15, 2018.

White Rose Scholarship

The White Rose Scholarship Foundation is an outreach program of the Rocky Mountain Court System, and the Imperial Court of The Rocky Mountain Empire; a gay/lesbian/transgender social service organization founded in 1973 in Denver, Colorado. Over the past 15 years, over \$200,000 has been awarded to a "rainbow" of people in order to assist in furthering their education. The WRSF in no way discriminates against anyone on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, age, gender, or sexual orientation. Disbursements are given out in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2500.

To be eligible for a White Rose Scholarship award, the candidate must: Be a US citizen or permanent resident of the US and resident of the State of Colorado for the past year-365 days. (If permanent resident, please attach a copy of residency card) Demonstrate financial need. (By submission of the first 2 pages of your Federal personal and parent's tax return) Furnish evidence of community involvement (i.e. school, church, civic, GLBT, etc.) Be admitted and enrolled in an institution of higher learning or attending an accredited technical or vocational school. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, or GED.

See <http://www.icrmedenver.org/about-us/white-rose-scholarship/> or counseling center for application.

Application must be postmarked no later than Jan 17th and received no later than January 31st, 2018.



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The HSF Scholarship is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college

degree. Scholarships are available, on a competitive basis, to graduating HS seniors, Community College Transfer students, undergraduate students, graduate students: Must be of Hispanic Heritage. Awards are based on merit; amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, based on relative need, among the scholars selected.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for High School
- Plan to enroll Full-Time in an accredited, not-for-profit, 4-year university, or graduate school, during the FALL of a scholarship cycle (year)
- U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA or Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
- Complete FAFSA or state based financial aid application

Application opens Jan 5 and is due on Apr 25 2018.

<https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

CCHS/CR Volunteerism/Community Service Scholarship

The Colorado Council is comprised of many dedicated individuals throughout the state who give generously of their time and talents to help students achieve their higher educational goals. Without these volunteers, the Council would not exist.

To encourage and reward college-bound youth who likewise are committed to volunteerism and community service, the Council awards \$1,500 one-time scholarships to 16 deserving Colorado high school seniors each year to assist with defraying the cost of tuition and fees at one of the Member Institutions.

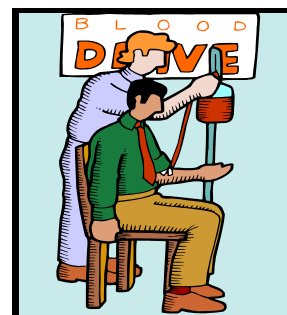
Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident and a resident of Colorado for his or her final two years of high school
- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at a Colorado Council Member Institutions within six months of graduating from high school
- Applicant must demonstrate significant experience in volunteerism/community service
- Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale

Selection:

Applicant will be selected according to the following considerations: volunteerism/community service, extracurricular activities and dedication to others. Selection is based on, but not limited to these criteria.

See application instructions online at www.Coloradocouncil.org/scholarship. **Deadline for submission is no later than January 31st, 2018.**



Community service is very important!



Already have a college in mind? Check the college website for their scholarship and financial aid opportunities.



The Princeton Prize in Race Relations

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations recognizes students who are helping improve race relations in their schools or communities.

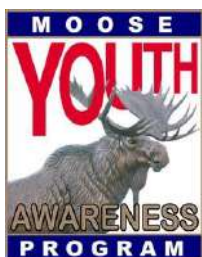
Winners of the Princeton Prize Race Relations are awarded up to \$1,000 and invited to Princeton University for an expense paid weekend symposium on race.

We believe that young people are the key to making progress toward racial harmony and understanding in the U.S.

Apply online or by mail.

For more information: Visit: www.princeton.edu/pprize Email: pprize@princeton.edu Call: 800-742-1036

Application deadline: January 31, 2018



Colorado Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship

Moose Youth Awareness Congress offers \$30,000 a year annually in scholarships to students that complete community service through Moose Talks. Students do not need to have affiliation with a Moose Lodge. To qualify for scholarships, students must attend the Colorado Moose YA Congress, to be held November 12th in Grand Junction. For more information, please contact Eric Walton, Colorado Moose Association Youth Awareness Coordinator, 3102 68th Ave Ct, Greeley, CO 80634 (970) 888.1715

See <http://www.moescholarship.org/> for more information, or an online application.

Deadline is October 20st, 2017

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Coca-Cola Scholars are well-rounded, bright students who not only excel academically, but are also actively involved in their schools. These leaders are passionate and service-oriented, and demonstrate a sustained commitment to bettering their community.



Applicants must be:

- Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools);
- US Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees;
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application;
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution;
- Carrying a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.

Applicants may not:

- Be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or
- subsidiaries. **Apply @ www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org**

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS OCTOBER 31, 2017

Mason's Scholarship

The Colorado Mason's Benevolent Scholarship/Grant Programs are open to all graduating seniors in public high schools in the state of

Colorado who have been accepted to, and will attend a Colorado institution of higher learning. There is no advantage given to any race, creed, sex, national origin, or Masonic relationship. The Mason's Scholarship is worth up to \$7,000 per year, renewable annually for up to four years. The Vocational Grant is a one-time award of \$2,000 intended to assist student in obtaining a vocational skill from a vocational training program within the state of Colorado. The Benevolent Fund will match up to \$500.00 of grant money that each local lodge presents to a student of their choice. The application and selection process is determined by each lodge. High school seniors who are interested in this program should contact a local Masonic lodge. See the counseling center or <http://cmbfa.org/> for more information.



Looking for more Scholarships?...go to:

College in Colorado

https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/Home/What_s_New/Scholarships_.aspx

Big Future by Collegeboard

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-scholarships>

Learn about Financial Aid?... go to:

College in Colorado - Financial Aid 101

https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Financial_Aid_101/default.aspx



The Latin American Educational Foundation is proud to announce its 2017-2018 scholarship program. LAEF awards approximately 120 scholarships in the amounts of \$500 to \$2000 each academic year. To qualify, an applicant must be at least a senior in high school and plan to enroll in post secondary studies. They must be/have:

- ◆ Colorado resident (having a Colorado address, no SSN required)
- ◆ Hispanic/Latino Heritage and/or actively involved in the Hispanic/Latino community
- ◆ Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

A review committee will select finalist based on the following:

- ◆ Academic Achievement
- ◆ Financial Need
- ◆ Community Service and Extracurricular Activities
- ◆ Personal Essay
- ◆ Leadership Potential
- ◆ Letters of Recommendation



Apply online at www.laef.org/scholarship beginning September 21st, 2017. Applications must be completed and submitted to LAEF no later than Wednesday, November 20th, 2017.

Ways in Which College is Different From High School

Students who understand the key differences and learn how to bridge the gap between high school and college should have a greater chance for success.

In high school...

Your teachers constantly remind you of due dates and upcoming tests and quizzes.

Students basically attend school every day for the same hours -- so there is quite a bit of structure and sameness to your days.

Students often spend time in class completing assignments to fill class time -- what some students refer to as "busywork."

Teachers often teach to the test -- typically feeding students all the information needed to study for exams.

Many students could do very well academically by simply studying an hour or two a week -- or by cramming for a test the night before.

While in college...

Once the professor lists the dates on the course calendar or syllabus, he or she assumes students are capable of obtaining this information on their own without the constant reminders.

Classes typically meet only two or three times a week and students have large gaps between classes, leading to very little structure -- and often a bit too much freedom that some students cannot handle well.

The bulk of class time is spent taking notes or participating in discussions -- not completing homework or other graded assignments.

Professors often lecture about much more material than you'll ever be tested upon -- for the sake of knowledge -- though you will still need to understand both what material will be tested and the best way for you to study it.

The best students cite the importance -- and need -- to study and prepare for classes on a daily basis. The standard rule is students need to spend three hours of work outside of class for every hour spent in class.

In high school...

Your teachers are both subject experts and trained educators and in theory know the latest and greatest methods to teach the material.

Your teachers keep a watchful eye on your progress and will contact you or your family if your grades are faltering.

Your reading assignments are fairly light, and some is done in class -- whether through individual reading or lecturing straight from the book.

Students are often spoon-fed all the information, with a focus on facts and memorization.

Students who are struggling can get extra credit for completing additional assignments, improving your overall grade.

Students have to attend classes or get reported absent, often with a telephone call to your family informing them of your absence.

Your classes are generally small -- often with no more than 35 students in a class.

Students follow one of several tracks, and your guidance counselor makes sure you are on the path to graduate.

All your teachers are full-time employees of the school (except for student-teachers) and must be state-certified.

Clocks and bells are everywhere, guiding you from one class period to another -- perhaps even with warning bells -- and no two classrooms are that far apart.

For students who are sick or otherwise excused, teachers will often provide make-up exams.

While in college...

Your professors -- many of whom hold doctoral degrees -- are experts in their fields and trained researchers (who must continue to publish to stay academically qualified to teach), but their teaching methods and lecture styles may be completely different from anything you have experienced.

Your professors may well be aware of your progress -- or lack of it -- but most expect their students to initiate discussions about grades and/or seek assistance -- all of which is done during your professor's office hours.

You can expect a very heavy load of reading -- all of it done outside of class. Some of the reading may be discussed in class, but even without discussing it, the professor may choose to test you on it.

Students are expected to think -- and learn -- beyond the facts to develop complex understanding of information and theories from multiple sources.

Students who are struggling are encouraged to seek extra help and tutoring, but very few college professors offer any type of extra credit.

Students can choose to attend classes or not, often with no overt penalties from the professor. Some professors DO take attendance, and some also have a strict attendance policy.

Some of your general-education classes can range from 100 to 500 students (or more) -- or even be attended online.

Students meet with an academic adviser once a semester, but the burden to take the right classes and be on track to graduate is entirely in your hands.

You'll have all sorts of teachers, from full-time faculty to adjunct (part-time) faculty to graduate assistants (teaching assistants/TAs).

You must manage your time and sometimes travel all the way across campus within a short period to make it to your next class on time -- and there are no bells or clocks, and each professor goes by his or her own time.

Few professors are willing to give make-up exams to students -- regardless of the excuse. If you must miss a test -- for whatever reason -- it's your responsibility to contact the professor to see what can be done.

Final Thoughts on the Differences Between High School and College

The faster you can comprehend -- and adjust to -- these differences between your high-school educational experience and your college education, the faster you'll adjust to the pace of college life, and the better your chances for academic success.