

# SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL

## School Counselor's

### Junior / Senior Newsletter

December 2015 / January 2016



#### ACT Test Information

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Photo Upload Deadline
October 24	September 18	October 16
December 12	November 6	December 4
February 6	January 8	January 29
April 9	March 4	April 1
June 11	May 6	June 3

Sheldon High School Code- 263-215

**\*\*FEE WAIVER-** Any student who qualifies for free/reduced lunches is eligible for up to two fee waivers to take the ACT for free. See Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Metcalf to get a fee waiver.

#### **IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID NOTICE!**

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Students AND parents completing the FAFSA will need to create a **FSA ID** (This is replacing the FAFSA PIN #).

Go ahead and create yours now by going to:  
<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

#### Free ACT Prep Resources

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- [www.freetestprep.com](http://www.freetestprep.com)
- [www.studyguidezone.com/](http://www.studyguidezone.com/)
- [www.4tests.com](http://www.4tests.com)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- **December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>** – No School (Christmas Break & Teacher Professional Development Day)
- **January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Classes Resume
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>** – ACT Registration Deadline for 2/6/16 ACT
- **January 18<sup>th</sup>** – NO School (if no snow day has occurred)



#### College Campus Events

*Campus events hosted by local colleges/universities will start back up in February.*

Reminder: Seniors are allowed two college visit days. Paperwork must be filled out with Mrs. Smith **AND** Mr. Irwin **before** the visit. Visit days will be excused after the student provides documentation that he/she completed the visit.

#### **A+ Program**

To be eligible for the A+ tuition benefit, students must complete the following:

- Attend an A+ designated school for three consecutive years prior to graduation.
- Graduate with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Graduate with a cumulative minimum 95% ADA (Average Daily Attendance).
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring to other students in the district.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol.

## Apprenticeship and Job Opportunities

**Roofers Local #20 Union**—5 year program consisting of 600 hours of on the job training and 288 hours of classroom training with an approved contractor. Call (816)313-9420 or visit <http://www.rooferslocal20.com/apprenticeships.html> for more information.

**Construction Craft Laborers Apprentice Program**—3-year program, must be 18. Learn on the job after graduation while getting paid! For more information, call the Greater KC Laborers Training Center - 913-441-6100 <http://www.gkcltc.org/>

**Painters, Drywall Finishers, Glaziers, Floor Coverers Apprenticeships**—Applications accepted daily Mon. – Thurs. from 8– 10 am at 105 W. 12th Ave. North Kansas City. Must be 18 years old. On-the-job training while earning a good wage! Contact the director at 816-471-0880 ext. 309. <http://www.iupatdc3training.org/>

**Bricklayers & Pointers, Caulkers, Clean Pre-Apprenticeship Free Training**—Eight week free program; Employment assistance provided after training completed. Apprentices earn \$18.43/hour plus benefits. For application information, contact Tammy Stuhlman at 816-595-4135

**MoKan Ironworkers**- 3 year program; 4800 hours of on the job training and 600 hours of classroom/ shop training. Contact Brian C. Garrett at (816)471-0880 x1307 or visit <http://www.ironworkers10.com/apprenticeship.html>

**Job Corp**—A program offered to students at no cost, education and job training opportunities provided. Students can live the Job Corp college style campus while working on their education and job training. The program helps at risk youth who are between the ages of 16 and 24 who are at poverty levels. Additionally Job Corp can help young adults obtain their High School Diploma or GED and provide job training at the same time. After completion of the program, the students will have a job training certificate and will also have job placement assistance. While in the program they receive free housing, meals, uniforms and basic medical, dental and vision coverage. We also have one location in our region that helps single mothers with children. This location allows mothers to live on campus with their child and take part in our education and job training opportunities. The children must still be of daycare age and not in school. For more information, please visit <http://www.jobcorpsnews.org/> or <http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>.

## SCHOLARSHIP/ FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Seniors need to be aware of three types of scholarships:

1. College/University sponsored scholarships—most of these types of scholarships are available on the website of each individual school; most have deadlines on or near December 2015, which means you need to have submitted your application for admission and most likely be admitted in order to be eligible for college/university sponsored scholarships.
2. Local Scholarships—these scholarships come through Mrs. Smith and will be posted on the school website as their specific information becomes available. Check the website often, especially beginning in December 2015.
3. Sheldon Scholarships—. All students who have post-secondary plans and have applied to a school, are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Students will complete one application that will be due April 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for these scholarships. Please see Mrs. Metcalf or Mrs. Smith for more information.
4. **FAFSA – Monte Padgett, Director of the Nevada Crowder College Campus, will help ANY student and their family, regardless of whether or not the student will attend Crowder College, with the FAFSA process. An appointment is required. Call 417- 667-0518 to schedule an appointment.**

## College Athletics

If you are considering playing a sport in college, make sure you have registered with one (or both) of the following:

**NCAA-** [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

**NAIA-** <http://www.playnaia.org/eligibility-center>

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **LOCAL:**

**Nevada Elks Lodge** ( <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars> )

**Legacy Award**-250 children and grandchildren of Elks members receive college scholarships worth \$4,000 each. Criteria: College-bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks can apply. Deadline: Online submission on or before 12:00pm (noon), Deadline: **January 29, 2016**

**EverFi (US Bank)** <https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html>

Our Scholarship Program is available to high school seniors or current undergraduate college students enrolled by September 1, 2015, at an eligible two- or four-year college or university. Winners will be selected at random. Deadline: **March 11, 2016.**

**Walmart Dependent Scholarship** – <http://walmart.scholarsapply.org/dependent/>

Available to high school seniors who's parent is actively employed by Walmart by at least 6 months and demonstrate financial need. Apply online. Deadline: **April 1, 2016.**

**Walmart Associate Scholarship** - <https://walmart.scholarsapply.org/associate/>

Available to high school seniors who are part-time or full-time employees of Walmart for at least the 6 months prior to the application date. Apply online. Deadline: **February 1, 2016 or May 2, 2016.**

**Vernon County Cattleman's Association** – Available to any high school senior in Vernon County who will attend college or vocational/technical school; completed classes in FFA, participated in 4-H; essay. See Mrs. Smith for application. Deadline: **April 15, 2016.**

**Hester Trust Scholarship** – Available to Vernon County high school seniors who have a financial need, family income is farm based, farm located in Vernon or Cedar County, rank in top 25% of class, and pursuing a degree in one of the fields set forth by Hester Trust committee (see application for fields). See Mrs. Smith for an application. Deadline: **June 15, 2016.**

### **STATE:**

**Missouri Sheriff's Scholarship-** (<https://www.mosheriffs.com/scholarships/> )

For students who will attend a Missouri college or university to pursue a career in Criminal Justice, must have a 2.0 GPA and show evidence of participation in extracurricular activities. Applications must be in by **January 31, 2016.**

**Missouri JCI Senate-** (<http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program> )

The Missouri JCI Senate will select a nominee to represent Missouri for the US JCI Senate scholarships. The Missouri winner will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline is **January 15, 2016.** Application can be found on their website.

### **NATIONAL:**

**Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship-** ( <https://www.suntrustededucation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html> )

General Award: \$500 Requirements: Eligibility not based on GPA or financial need, drawing every two weeks.

Deadline: **September through May.** Apply online.

**Gates Millennium Scholars Program-** ( <http://www.gmsp.org> )

General Award: Varies Requirements: High school senior, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American, citizen, national or legal permanent resident of USA, minimum GPA of 3.3, demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities, meet federal Pell Grant criteria Deadline: **January 13, 2016.**