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COLLEGE ACCESS NEWSLETTER

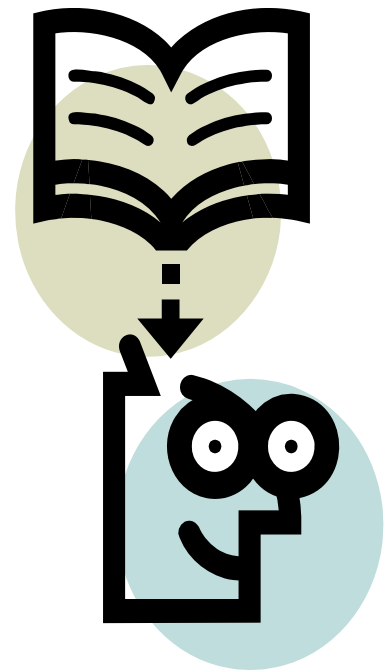
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WELCOME BACK!

The 2009-10 LISD
Junior/Senior Handbook will
be available in a few weeks.

This resource contains
VITAL information regarding
your high school and post-
secondary plans. **READ IT
CAREFULLY and KEEP IT
CLOSE AT HAND!**



SAVE THE DATE!

NORTEX COLLEGE FAIR

September 22, 2009

**University of North Texas
6:30 -8:30 PM, UNT Coliseum**

For more information:

<http://essc.unt.edu/recruitment/nortex.html>

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS

- _____ Start College Planning Folder.
- _____ Register with **NCAA Clearinghouse** if you are planning to play college sports.
- _____ Register for **ACT or SAT** tests if necessary. (If you miss the first fall test date, your next opportunity may be too late to send scores to your college choices.)
- _____ Complete **senior resumé forms** to be used for recommendations. If you will need recommendations written for your applications, contact those teachers, counselors, or other individuals this month.
- _____ Return **Request for Recommendation** to your counselor (requests are available in the counseling center).
- _____ **Attend NorTex College Fair on September 22, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 at the University of North Texas Coliseum.**
- _____ Decide on early decision or early action.
- _____ Narrow **college choices** to a few schools and prepare applications.
- _____ Pick up the "**Texas Common Application**" from the Counseling Center if you are applying to any Texas Public University or apply online at www.applytexas.org. A universal "Common Application" is also available for private colleges.
- _____ Apply for any and all **scholarships** for which you qualify. Continue to check websites – many funding sources are just now getting details posted regarding upcoming scholarships.
- _____ If your college or scholarship applications require **essays**, **GET STARTED**. Choose an English teacher to help you critique your work.

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Contributing to your school and community is an important part of the college admission and scholarship process. If you are not already serving, please check out these resources:

- <http://www.volunteernorthtexas.org/volunteers.html>
- <http://www.handsonnorthtexas.org/>
- <http://www.volunteerpowercrew.org/>

MEETING COLLEGE REPS: DOs and DON'Ts

The NorTex College Fair is right around the corner and college reps are getting ready to start visiting your campuses. How do you start an effective conversation with a college rep? Here are some tips for your visit with college representatives. It's a good idea to write out a list of things that are important to you before you go.

- 1. Don't** forget to plan ahead. Take a pad, a pen, a highlighter and if possible, an unofficial copy of your transcript. Be prepared to ask at least five questions that are important to you.
- 2. Do** introduce yourself: Start off with "Hello, how are you?" or "Hi, my name is..." for a relaxed beginning to your conversation.
- 3. Don't** be vague: Try not to ask a vague question like "Tell me about your college," since the rep will have no idea where to start.
- 4. Do** ask about the admissions and enrollment deadline, and the recommendations for taking the SAT and/or ACT. Some colleges will need scores earlier. Ask if subject scores (like SAT II Math or History) are required or recommended. Ask if the institution "superscores" or do they look at the highest composite scores?
- 5. Don't** forget to ask community colleges about the benefits of attending their institutions vs. larger schools.
- 6. Do** ask how students register for classes. Find out what the procedures are and how easy it is to access needed materials and resources.
- 7. Do** feel free to ask if the rep can waive your application fee, but know that this usually works best at private colleges.
- 8. Don't** hesitate to ask if there are any scholarship secrets. There are many little-known tricks that differ from college to college, but the conversation doesn't always get around to this in a rushed environment like a college fair.
- 9. Do** ask whether admissions officers make decisions on numbers, or if they really do consider activities. Some colleges go by scores and grades and follow a formula. Other colleges really give greater weight to activities, experience, and interests.
- 10. Do** ask what percent of students receive financial aid and what types of financial aid are available?

Taken from homeworktips.about.com & questions submitted by area college representatives.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This is a short list of upcoming scholarships, grants and college funding competitions. Many institutions and entities are in the process of updating their information, so be sure to check back in each month for an updated list.

Scholarship	Description	Award Amount	Contact/application Information	Deadline
Dallas Jewish Community Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship awards to seniors who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need; several different opportunities available.	Varies	http://djcf.org/scholarships-and-grants/index.html	Materials available on website: October 2009
Outstanding Students of America Scholarship	Scholarship award for high school seniors based upon community/school involvement and academic achievement (must have GPA of 3.0 or higher).	\$1,000	www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com/	10/1/09
Eagle Scout Scholarship	Scholarship awards to Eagle Scouts. Selection is based on financial need, scholastic accomplishment, and involvement in scouting, school, and community activities.	Varies	www.nesa.org	Materials available on website: 10/01/09
USA Funds-McKelvy Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship award. Up to 50% of the scholarships will be targeted to students who, in addition to demonstrating financial need, are members of an ethnic-minority group or are physically disabled. Scholarships are renewable.	\$1,500	http://www.usafunds.org/planning/index.htm	Materials available on website: 10/01/09
Los Padres Foundation College Awards	Scholarship awards for students from Hispanic backgrounds; Several awards available.	Varies	www.lospadresfoundation.org/home.html	Some applications due as early as 10/29/09. See website
Coca-Cola Scholarships	Achievement based scholarship award for high school seniors. Must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; 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 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school 	\$2,000 – \$5,000 annually	www.coca-colascholars.org	10/31/09
APS Minority Scholarship	Scholarship award to any African-American, Hispanic American, or Native American US citizen or permanent resident who is majoring in physics in college.	\$2,000	www.aps.org/programs/minorities/holders/scholarship/index.cfm	Materials available on website: Nov. 2009
Ron Brown Scholar Program	Scholarship awards to ten African-American high school seniors. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.	\$10,000 annually	www.ronbrown.org	11/1/09
Ronald McDonald House Charities	Scholarship awards for students in one of four categories: Asian(must have at least one parent of Asian/Pacific heritage), Future Achievers (must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage), HACER(must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage)& Scholars(all students are eligible to apply).	\$1,000	www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-us-scholarships/	Materials available on website: 11/9/09

Cargill Community Scholarship	Scholarship award for students who have work experience. Must submit information on work experience and how it relates to future goals. FFA members must include SAE activities and 4-H members must include projects.	\$1,000	www.cargill.com/about/citizenship/scholarships.htm	Materials available on website: 11/20/09
First Freedom Student Competition	Essay contest regarding the First Amendment, history, and the relevance of religious freedom in America and the world today.	Up to \$3,000	www.firstfreedom.org	On-line by 11/23/09; postmark by 11/28/09
Air Force ROTC High School Scholarships	Scholarship award program that pays tuition, fees and books plus monthly stipend depending on award type to graduating seniors who are interested in joining the Air Force ROTC in college. *Must pass physical fitness test.	Varies by program	www.afrotc.com/scholarships/hsschool/types.php	12/1/09
Boomer Esiason Foundation Scholarship Program	Scholarship award for students with cystic fibrosis based on scholastic ability, character, leadership potential, service to the community, and need for financial assistance.	\$500 - \$2000 awarded quarterly	www.cfscholarships.com/BEFScholarships/index.htm	Deadlines - 15th of December, March, June, & September 2009-2010
Anne Ford Scholarship	Scholarship award for seniors with learning disabilities who plan to pursue a college degree.	\$10,000	www.nclid.org/about-us/scholarships-aamp-awards/the-anne-ford-and-allegra-ford-scholarship-award	12/31/09
Gaia Community Scholarship	Scholarship award to two students who aspire to be the change they wish to see in the world, live authentically and make a difference. Short essay must answer four crucial questions.	\$1,000	www.scholarship.gaia.com	12/31/09
Best Buy Scholarships	Scholarship award to high school students in grades 9-12 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, volunteer efforts, and work experience.	\$1,500	http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Casey Family Scholars	Scholarship award up to \$10,000 to students who have spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted.	Varies	www.orphan.org/index.php?id=36	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Marine Corps Scholarship	Scholarship awards to students whose parents served or are serving in the Marines.	\$1,000 - \$12,500 annually	www.mcsf.com/site/c.ivKVLAMtluG/b.1696095/k.9BB0/for_Students.htm	Materials available on website: Jan. 2010
Mary Ellen Locher Foundation Scholarship	Scholarship award for students who have a parent who has died from or survived breast cancer. Essays, grades, and financial need will be considered.	Up to \$2,000 per year	www.maryellenlocherfoundation.org/scholarships_overview.html	1/15/10
Army ROTC 4-Year Scholarship	Scholarship award program for students who enroll in Army ROTC in college. Pays tuition, fees, books and monthly stipend. Must have US citizenship, minimum 2.50 GPA, and minimum 920 SAT/19 ACT test scores. Physical standard and service commitment required.	Varies by program	www.goarmy.com/rotc/high_school_students.jsp	1/15/10
Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship	Scholarship award to Asian and Pacific Islander American students. Must have a minimum 2.7 GPA and enroll in college as a full-time, first year student. *MUST complete FAFSA by March 1.	\$2,500-\$5,000	www.apiasf.org	1/18/10
Lewisville ISD Education Foundation	Over 108 different scholarships available through the LISD Education Foundation. Each scholarship has different criteria. Some scholarships are high school specific and others are district wide. Online applications only. Deadline is strict!	Varies	www.lisdef.com	1/25/10
Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship	Scholarship award to high school seniors who are members of union families (including members of AFT and it's affiliates).	\$1,000	www.texasaflcio.org	1/31/10

ESA Foundation Endowments-Scholarships	Scholarship awards (27+ different ones) managed by the ESA Foundation. Applicants must be a senior w/ GPA of 3.0 or ACT 22/SAT 1030 (V+CR+M). Students may apply to no more than 3 scholarships.	Varies	http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/	2/1/10 - check website
Chairscholars Foundation National Scholarships	Scholarship award to a physically challenged senior. Student must have a B average, performed some form of significant community service or made a social contribution, and demonstrate financial need.	\$3,000 - \$5,000 annually	www.chairscholars.org	2/15/10
MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund	Scholarship awards to the dependent children of active duty, retired, or deceased US Army personnel.	Varies	http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp	Applications available in December; Due by 3/1/2010
James M. and Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship	Scholarship award for students wishing to pursue a degree in the arts and sciences, human services, music or ministry.	\$2,000 annually for up to four years.	www.cfgreateratlanta.org/Grants-Support/Scholarships/The-James-M-Virginia-M-Smyth-Scholarship-Fund.aspx	2010 deadline not yet announced. Check website. Last year, due date was in April.
American Legacy Scholarships	Scholarship award for child/children, or legally adopted child/children, of active duty United States Military, Guard, and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.	Varies	www.legion.org/programs/donations/legacy	4/15/10
AMVETS National Scholarship	Scholarship award to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.	Varies by type	www.amvets.org/programs/programs_s_scholarships.html	4/15/10
Ayn Rand Institute	Essay contest for 11 th and 12 th grade students based on Ayn Rand's book, "The Fountainhead". Essays judged on style and content.	Prize award from \$50 to \$10,000	www.aynrand.org/contests	4/25/10
Joseph Lipman Scholarships	Scholarship award to athletes who have overcome adversity during their high school athletic career.	\$1,000	www.nhsca.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90&Itemid=97	5/1/10
Abbott & Fenner Scholarship	Scholarship award for those junior and senior students who have the desire and ambition to succeed. Requires one 500 to 1000 word essay on topic.	\$1,000	www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm	6/19/10
Texas Early High School Graduation Scholarship	Scholarship grant to students who complete either the Texas Recommended or Distinguished Achievement graduation plans within 36 to 41 months. Must be a Texas resident.	Varies according to graduation completion date	www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=417 *Must review w/ your school counselor.	See website for details.
Academic Competitiveness Grant	Grant for students who demonstrate financial need and have completed a rigorous program of study.	\$750	www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/AcademicGrants.jsp	Varies
Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Fund	Financial assistance for children and spouses of deceased and disabled veterans, MIA's and POW's.	Varies	www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35_Pamphlet_General.htm	Varies
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	Scholarship awards for Hispanic American students - several opportunities available; check website.	Varies	www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426	Varies - check website
Elks Scholarships	Scholarship awards for students based on GPA, leadership, and financial need.	Varies	www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm	Varies - Check website

