Remember to READ the scholarship CAREFULLY and FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS that are listed on the application. Failure to do so, maybe result in the loss of that scholarship opportunity. So, please read ALL the information. If you have any questions or clarifications on the different opportunities, please feel free to contact Ms. Wieczorek in Guidance.

Students: Please remember that you are RESPONSIBLE for mailing out your own applications, unless stated otherwise on the scholarship bulletin or application. In fairness to all applicants, applications must be submitted in accordance with the established deadlines.

TIPS: Many of our local scholarship organizations request the following attachments to their applications. These items should be prepared in advance and be available to attach to your applications:

1.) One to three letters of recommendation (Maybe from a teacher, coach, counselor, employer, or church / community member familiar with you and your community activities.) (Ask permission to copy letters and keep them on file for further use.)

2.) A Resume Detail your activities, awards, accomplishments, and community service throughout your high school career. (Make copies and keep them on file for further use.)

3.) An Essay (Brief, one-page) Include:
   * Outline your goals for the future, your family dynamics, and how your family will be impacted if you do not receive any financial help for college
   * Write a paragraph about your community service; how it impacted you and those you helped; and your intent or viewpoint concerning your future involvement in community service
   * Mention your work ethic - at home, at school, outside of school.

*** KEEP YOUR ESSAY ON YOUR COMPUTER...READY TO ADJUST FOR DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

4.) Transcript - READ CAREFULLY - If your scholarship application is to be turned in to the Guidance Department, the transcript will be attached for you. If your application and transcript are to be mailed/submitted by you, complete a transcript request form at least one week BEFORE it is due.

October 2019 Deadline

Take Stock In Children (9th Grade Only)

Take Stock in Children is a state-wide school-based mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youths from financially disadvantaged families by providing college or vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, support staff, early intervention and long-term support. Students who start in 9th grade with the program, remain and complete the program until they graduate from high school, will receive a Florida Prepaid 2 year tuition-free scholarship. If you are interested in this program, please come to Guidance for an application or visit their websites (which are listed below).

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

Visit: www.takestockinchildren.org or plancaster@tsic.org

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Eligibility Criteria: Full-time high school senior in the US; committed to pursue a bachelor’s degree at an accredited non-profit or private institution in the us; critical financial need ($55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income); be involved in co-curricular and community service activities; displays integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0; and be a US citizen. For more information, visit the website below or come visit the guidance department.

The deadline for submission is Friday, October 25, 2019.

Visit: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/horatio-alger-scholarship-applications/

Teen Encounter (Not a Scholarship but a Support Group)

This is a support group for teens who have experienced the loss of a love one. When: Saturday, October 26th Where: Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park Register by Thursday, October 24th 352-249-1470 or 386-434-0844 More information in Guidance.

Visit: www.friendsofcitrus.org
October 2019 Deadline Continued...

VFW Post 4252 - "Voice of Democracy"
The VFW Scholarship program for the 2019-2020 year has kicked off as of March 11, 2019. This year's theme for the "Voice of Democracy" grades 8th - 12th is "What Makes America Great". The First place winner will be giving a $30,000.00 scholarship. The "Voice of Democracy" is a recorded speech on 'What Makes America Great'. For more information, please come to Guidance.

The deadline for submission is Thursday, October 31, 2019.

November 2019 Deadline

Elks - Most Valuable Student Scholarship
The 2020 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Eligibility: Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. For more information on this scholarship visit the website below, come to Guidance or contact Richard Grosnick from Inverness Elks Lodge 352-817-1729

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Visit: https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm

December 2018 Deadline

FRA - Fleet Reserve Association #186 "What My Vote Will Mean to Me" Essay Contest
$5,000 Grand Prize for writing a 350 words or less essay about What Patriotism means to you. This contest is open to grades seven through twelve. Come to Guidance and pick up an application or go on-line. The local contact is Bob Huscher, FRA Branch Chairman of Local 186. His contact number is 352-344-0727.

The deadline for submission is Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Visit: www.fra.org/essay

University of South Florida - The Kosove Society Scholarship
The Kosove Society is an all inclusive scholarship to the University of South Florida at the Tampa Campus. Undergraduate scholarship scholarships are renewable up to four years. The scholarship will cover the following costs: *Tuition and fees (including alloted summer credit) *Funds for textbooks and course materials *Housing and meal plans for each semester. Unlike other scholarships, the Kosove Scholarship provides funds to cover additional academic costs, including: *Education abroad experiences * Academic conference travel support *Specialty equipment for course work *Funds for research internships Stop by Guidance to pick up an application or visit their website.

The deadline is Friday, December 6, 2019 by 5 pm.

Visit: http://www.usfkosovesociety.org

NROTC Scholarship
Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps is offering a $200,000 Scholarship. Visit the website below, contact your schools Navy recruiter, or come Guidance for more information.

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Visit: https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.html

January 2020 Deadline

AFROTC Scholarship at Florida State University
For information visit their websites below, contact your Air Force recruiter, or come by Guidance.

The deadline for submission is Friday, January 17, 2020

Visit: https://airforcerotc.fsu.edu/ or https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/types/

Stetson University - J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship
Stetson University is offering the J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship. For more information visit the website below.

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Visit: https://www.stetson.edu/administration/financial-planning/scholarships/j-ollie-edmunds/

Spectrum Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship
This one-time scholarship is for students that have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale and are within the viewing area of Bay News 9. Students will have to write a 500 word essay or less explaining why you believe you should receive the scholarship. Students will need a letter of recommendation from one of their high school teachers and a copy of their transcript. Please pick up the application in Guidance or visit their site on-line.

The deadline for submission is Monday, January 6, 2020.

February 2020 Deadline

Will McLean Foundation Scholarship
This is a $3,000 scholarship for high school seniors. Skills and interests must be musically or technically oriented and related to Florida Folk Music, Florida Folk History, and/or production of materials related to Florida Folklore. Applicants must be attending a Florida school and be a resident of Florida. Come to Guidance for the application.

The deadline for submission is Saturday, February 1, 2020.
Visit: https://www.willmclean.com/index.php/scholarship

Citrus Hills Women’s Club Scholarship
$1,000 Scholarship - Applicants must be students of Lecanto High School, rank in the top 20% of their class, demonstrates financial need, and live in Citrus Hills or Hernando area. Please pick up the application in Guidance.

The deadline for submission is Monday, February 24, 2020 and must be turned into GUIDANCE.

March 2020 Deadline

VFW - Scout of the Year
The VFW - Scout of the year program provides members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to $5,000. Come to Guidance for more information.

The deadline for submission is Sunday, March 1, 2020.
Visit: https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year

Knight of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship
$1,000 Scholarship - Applicant must be Female, Catholic and a citizen of the United States, a Florida resident and a Citrus County resident.

The deadline for submission is Friday, March 31, 2020 in GUIDANCE.

Multiple Deadlines

Discover Student Loan Scholarship Sweepstakes
Throughout the year, 11 eligible students or parents will have a chance to win a $10,000 scholarship through Discover Student Loans Scholarships. For information come to Guidance or go online.

The deadline for submissions are Oct. 31; Nov. 30 Dec. 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020.
Visit: www.scholarship.collegecovered.com

Check out these websites for more scholarships!
Visit: http://www.studentsscholarships.org

**Don’t forget to check out the Citrus County Chronicle every Wednesday’s in the Education section under Scholarships and Contests**

Other Information

Affordable Student Housing
Cooperative Living Organization is offering affordable student housing for University of Florida and Santa Fe College. Dorm-style housing for $400 per month which includes rent, utilities, wifi, lunch & dinner (Monday-Friday). Come to Guidance to pick up more information or go online.

Visit: www.cloliving.org

Need-blind Admission (Worth Looking At)
Need-blind Admission is for those who can not afford going to college. There are certain colleges that will help you with your admission to their schools financial costs. The colleges might pay for your full admission or partial admission. Come to Guidance and pick up the information or go online and type in the search "Need-blind Admission". Look under Wikipedia.

Florida Shines
Heading to college? Preparing for college can be overwhelming. Want to check your progress toward graduation...Research colleges and universities... Explore degree programs... View admissions requirements... Create a career plan and more?

Visit: http://www.floridashines.org

The Common Application
Check out this website and save time with the Common Application. Apply to many of the best private colleges and universities with just one application through commonapp.org. Make your college application process easy with just one common application used at more than 450 schools in the U.S. and Europe.

Visit: http://www.commonapp.org

fastweb! (A Monster Company)
This company helps with: *Scholarship Matches *College Resources *Financial Aid Tips * Internship Opportunities
Fastweb helps achieve your college goals all in one place and it’s all FREE!

Visit: http://www.fastweb.com
Other Information  Continue ...

Scholarships from Military Sources
If you plan on going into the Military, here is a website for you to check out some scholarships.

Visit: http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/military-students.htm

Raise.Me - Scholarship link
Raise.me is a platform that helps 9-12th grade students prepare for college by earning scholarships for their achievements in high school. Over 220 colleges and universities have partnered with Raise.me, and award micro-scholarships for both academics and extracurricular activities. Raise.me is a social enterprise focused on expanding access to higher education, especially among low income and first generation students. Signed up to earn ‘micro-scholarships’ from a diverse set of over 200 colleges and universities, including Northeastern, Colby, Penn State, Michigan State, Tulane and Rollins College. At Raise.me, we’re focused every day on making sure every student has the opportunity to achieve their college ambitions and go as far as their skills and smarts will take them.

Visit: https://www.raise.me/

Myscholly.com
Scholarships made easy. They take the hassle out of the search process, so you can focus on what’s important - getting free money for school. Personalize scholarships for college and graduate school tailored just for you. Ai-Powered Proofreading instantly proofread and enhance scholarship essays and writing assignments with Scholly editor. Easy tracking for managing and tracking your application statuses all in one place. Mobile and Desktop access for your scholarships wherever you go, on all your devices. Check out the website and decide for yourself if Scholly is for you.

Volunteer Hours
CASA Outreach Center
Do you need community Service hours? CASA is looking for volunteers for upcoming events. Please contact Carol Brown for further information. You can reach her by phone 352-344-8111 or by email carolb@casafi.org. (CASA is a Domestic Violence Outreach Center)

ACT Testing Dates
To sign up for the ACT test, it is recommended that you go on-line to create an account and register. Go to the following website to sign up: http://www.actstudent.org/index.html

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SAT Testing Dates
To sign up for the SAT test, it is recommended that you go on-line to create an account and register. Go to the following website to sign up: http://www.sat.collegeboard.com/home

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Testing Tips For Students
Prep for the test: Go to www.fassessments.org for tips on tackling the upcoming assessments
https://www.testprepreview.com/pert.htm
Answer every question - the easiest first, use all your time and pace yourself
Eliminate wrong answers
Find evidence to support answers
Understand directions: What are the questions really asking?
Make educated guesses, don’t be random. Use everything you know to attempt to answer questions
Look for clue words
Re-read questions carefully
Sleep for seven to eight hours the night before the test
Stay positive and remember, the best view comes after the hardest climb
Other Information Continue ...

Helpful Resources
FLDOE.ORG - Department of Education's official website
FloridaStudents.org - Florida Standards student tutorials
JustTake20.org - Family reading activities
JustReadFlorida.org - Literacy resources
LawStandards.org - Florida Standards resources, parent guides and the "We Can Do This, Florida" video services to help understand Florida's Standards.
Khan Academy - Free Online Courses, Lessons & Practice - You can learn anything. Expert-created content and resources for every subject and level. Always free.
www.pcnf.net - PCUF (Private College & Universities of Florida) If you are interested in going to a private college or university, please come to guidance and pick up a flyer.

While you are in school...
Withlacoochee Technical College:
- Located in Inverness, FL
- Offers training in Career and Technical Education in a variety of fields such as Electricity, Medical Administrative Specialist, Patient Care Assistant, Cosmetology, Technology Support Services, Practical Nursing, and Law Enforcement to name a few
- Earn an Industry Certification in your chosen career
- Most programs articulate to degree programs at other Florida public schools
- Dual enrollment is available in most programs for Juniors and Seniors
- Most programs can be completed in less than one year
- Most students qualify for financial aid
- Leave college with a career, not a loan
- For more information please visit our website WTCOLLEGE.ORG

Don't forget to check this out...
The Coalition
The Coalition helps with:
- Stay on target for Graduation
- Expand your college options
- Colleges you can afford
- Apply to all colleges with a single application
- Tracks your successes in your Locker
- Help you prepare
- Collaborate with your mentors

Visit: http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

For Senior Parents...
10 Fast Facts to help Parents Fill Out the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid) by Sarah Cornelius; Edmentum Blog; October 17, 2017
- There is NO income-cuttof for financial aid eligibility.
- Not what NOT to mention.
- A 529 college savings account will be treated like other parent assets.
- The FAFSA can influence school-based aid as well.
- States and schools have different FAFSA deadlines than the government.
- You don't need to complete your taxes before filling out the FAFSA.
- You have to fill out the FAFSA every year your child attends school.
- Grades don't affect aid awarded through the FAFSA.
- It's up to your child's school to provide notification about the aid package awarded.
- Pay attention to the details on the FAFSA.

Pick up the information in Guidance for more details on each of the 10 fast facts.

***CHECK OUT OUR OPPORTUNITY WALL FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!***