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The first round of college admission decisions have arrived and now the long wait for the second round. Please keep your college counselor advised of **all** admission decisions as well as any scholarships you may have been awarded (bring us a copy of your scholarship award letter.) You may not realize it but we are just as anxious as you are to know about the decisions and scholarships – the colleges do not notify us so we have to depend on you to share your news.

Continue to work hard and make good grades because we do have to send a final transcript to the college you choose to attend.

Keep in touch with your college counselor. Don't forget about us now that the applications are submitted.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Brentwood Extension & Community Association – will present a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who will be attending a North Carolina college, university, community or technical school with a GPA of 2.5 or better. Special consideration will be given to applicants seeking careers in home economics or related fields and an applicant who is currently enrolled or has been enrolled in a Home Economics program, Future Homemakers of America, Home Economic Related occupation Association, or 4-H. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is **April 3**.

Burger King Scholars Program – Applicants must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll in an accredited two or four year school by fall of application year.

Capital Area USBC Association Scholarship - Applicant must be a graduating senior in high school and a member of the Capital Area USBC in good standing and must currently be active in a youth league or whose parent or legal guardian is a member of the Capital Area USBC Association in good standing or a child of a member of the Raleigh USBC Bowling Association and/or the Capital Area USBC Women's Bowling Association deceased within one year of the date of application, overall grade point average must be at least 2.5 or higher and must have an amateur standing in all athletics. Deadline for application is **April 3**. Application available in college counseling.

Cary Kiwanis Scholarship – To be eligible you must be a graduating senior from any recognized accredited high school and reside within the Cary town limits. The application may be downloaded from www.kiwanisofcary.wordpress.com/scholarship-info. Deadline is **March 7**.

Ellen Masin Persina/National Press Club Scholarship for Diversity in Journalism – A scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior interested in pursuing a career in journalism with a GPA of 3.0 or better and who is preparing to enter college. The following must be provided: No more than five work samples demonstrating an ongoing interest in journalism through work on a high school newspaper or other media, a one page essay on why you are interested in becoming a journalist, three letters of recommendation, transcript, completed signed copy of the FAFSA, letter of acceptance from the college of your choice. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is **March 1**.

Jagannathan Scholarship – For students planning to attend a constituent institution of the The University of North Carolina. Recipients are chosen on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, financial need, diverse extracurricular activities, and evidence of strong leadership roles. A printable copy of the application and a link to the CSS PROFILE are available at www.cfnc.org/jag. In addition to unlimited company nominees, RCHS may nominate one qualified applicant. The average GPA of recipients last year was 3.8. Please see Mrs. Atkinson if you wish to be considered. Deadline is **February 8**.

Marine Corps Scholarship - If you are the child of a Marine and your family income is \$80,000 or less you may apply. More information available at www.mcsf.org. One application is available in college counseling. The deadline is **March 1**.

Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Award - This award will be given to a senior with a disability. RCHS may nominate one student for this award. The nominee must have a documented disability and have the following attributes: determination, perseverance, persistence, dedication, confidence, motivation, fortitude, accomplishment, excellence, quality. Deadline is **March 7**. See your counselor if you think you qualify.

National Commission for Cooperative Education Scholarship - As the largest independently sponsored merit co-op scholarship in the United States, the National Commission on behalf of ten NCCCE Partner Colleges and Universities will award two hundred merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each. Additional information and application available at www.co-op.edu. To be eligible for a merit co-op scholarship a student must apply and be accepted at one of the ten partner colleges and universities listed: C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Johnson & Wales University, Northeastern University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Toledo, Drexel University, Kettering University, Pace University, University of Cincinnati, Wentworth Institute of Technology. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Deadline for submitted application and essay is **February 15**.

North Carolina Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Memorial Scholarship - Recipient must demonstrate satisfactory grades, good character, the intention to pursue a career in agriculture or in an agriculturally-related field, financial need, and leadership potential. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is **March 15**.

North Carolina State USBC Association, Inc. Youth Scholarship - This scholarship is provided by the North Carolina State United States Bowling Congress Association, Inc. (NCS USBCA); a non-profit organization. The award is \$1,500. Applicants must be a current member of the NCS USBCA and bowling in a certified USBC North Carolina youth league. Applicant must have an unimpaired amateur standing in bowling and must have a grade point average with expectations of admission to a recognized institution. Deadline is **February 28**. Application available in college counseling or may be downloaded from www.ncbowls.com.

Richard G. Zimmerman Journalism Scholarship –The National Press Club is sponsoring this \$5,000 scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade average and must provide the following: 3 work samples (these may be print articles or multimedia stories, three letters of recommendation, high school transcript, completed FAFSA, and a letter of acceptance from the college or university of your choice. Deadline is **March 1**.

Ronald McDonald House Charities U. S. Scholarship - offer scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Eligible students must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage (RMHC/Asia Scholarship) or at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage (RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship) or at least one parent of Hispanic heritage (RMHC/HACER scholarship) or the RMHC Scholars program which is open to anyone of need. Applications are available in college counseling or at www.rmhc.org. The deadline is **February 16**.

School of Visual Arts in New York invites applications to the Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship Program. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Decisions are based on a review of the applicant's creative and academic accomplishments. All materials must be submitted by **February 1**. For more information visit www.sva.edu.

SECU Foundation Scholarship – RCHS may nominate one student who best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement and who has maintained a 2.5 GPA or higher. If you would like to be considered, please see your college counselor. The deadline for submission to DPI is **April 3**.

Sun Trust Scholarship Sweepstakes – Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Apply online at www.offtocollege.info. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31 through May 15. Students may begin registering on September 15.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure – is now accepting applications for its College Scholarship Award Program. They offer seven undergraduate college scholarships which are intended to help students who would otherwise find attending college to be significant financial burden, due to the loss of a parent to breast cancer. Apply at www.komen.org/scholarship. Recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and participation, financial need, and demonstrated leadership potential. The deadline is **March 20**.

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS – 10 Warning Signs

1. Fees: Scammers use bogus fees such as “application,” “disbursement,” “redemption,” and “processing fees” as a way to take your money. Scholarships should not require any fees.
2. Credit card or bank account information needed: Never give credit card or bank account info to receive aid. If you have, call your bank or credit card issuer immediately.
3. Scholarship guarantee: No one controls judges’ decisions. Be wary of “high success rates,” which often refer to award matches, not award winners.
4. No work involved: Legitimate scholarship applications require time and energy. No one can complete them for you.
5. No contact information: Before you apply, confirm the sponsor’s contact info. The sponsor should supply a valid e-mail address, phone number or mailing address (not a PO Box) upon request.
6. Unsolicited scholarships: If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert. Ask where the sponsor got your name and number. Then follow up.
7. Pressure tactics: Don’t allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking you to pay money up front.
8. Claims of “exclusive” scholarships: Legitimate sponsors won’t restrict knowledge about their award to a single service.
9. An official-sounding name or endorsement doesn’t automatically mean legitimacy: A sponsor may use words like “national,” “education” or “federal” or have an official looking seal, but might still be a scammer.
10. Your questions aren’t answered directly: Can’t get a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information (e.g., if it will be sent to a third party) or questions? Proceed with caution.

Open Houses

April 2

UNCG Teaching Career Day

Registration opens January 2009.

SAT TEST DATES

Test Dates

March 14

May 2

June 6

Registration Dates

February 10

March 31

May 5

Late Registration Dates

February 24

April 9

May 15

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

April 4

June 13

Registration Dates

February 27

May 8

Late Registration Dates

February 28-March 13

May 9-22