

Senior Update

Columbus High School Sept. 3, 2024

Senior Updates will be published about every 3 weeks throughout the school year to keep you up to date on new scholarship opportunities and important senior information.

Scholarship applications are available on line or in the black box inside the door of Ms. Whiting's office. Help yourself. PLEASE do not take the last application in the file.

Scholarship:

Coca-Cola Scholars Program:

DEADLINE: by 3:00 September 30, 2024

Scholarship: \$4,000 - \$20,000

Criteria: GPA 3.00 and planning to attend a post-secondary institution

There are scholarships for students planning to attend 2-year and 4-year colleges.

For application go on line at:

www.coca-colascholarsfoudation.org/apply

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship:

DEADLINE: November 12, 2024

Scholarship: \$1,000 - \$60,000

Criteria: academics (3.9 and above GPA), leadership and financial need. These scholarships are well worth the time and effort. They offer large awards. Follow the scholarship directions accurately.

Scholarship found at: www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm.

Read about the scholarship.

Click on "Apply Now" and "Don't have an account." To get started.

Elks Legacy Awards

DEADLINE: February 3, 2025

Scholarship: Varies

Criteria: must be a child or grandchild of a living Elk member so ask your parents if anyone in your family has been an Elk member. If so, apply for these scholarships.

Applications available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>

Where to search for scholarships?

- Reach Higher Montana website – or the Reach Higher Montana App
- MT.CIS360 Program – Montana based
Go to <https://portal.mt.cis360.org/>
Create your own username and password.
Click on the Education tab at top
Click on the Scholarships box
- Search on-line at each specific college website under Financial Aid/Scholarship.
- Set up profiles and search at:
Fastweb.com
Scholarships.com
Free-4u.com
Myoptions.org
Mtcf.org

These websites are safe. There are others – just make sure they are legitimate. You can google asking if a website is safe or legit.

Think of what is unique about you and search for a scholarship related to it. For example: scholarship for red-headed people, scholarship for left-handed people.

TIPS:

Type all scholarship applications.

If you are unable to type the application– use black or blue pen only and write very neatly.

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION – DO NOT DO IT. Most legitimate scholarship searches are free of charge. Do not spend money to get money!

CAMPUS VISITS:

Look at the college website to schedule campus visits or to find the admissions office phone number.

Contact colleges at least two weeks ahead for an individual campus visit.

- Have a list of questions with you on your tour so you don't forget what your questions are.
- Ask about placement in your math and English courses.
- Ask about, dorms, meal plans, tutoring services.
- If you know what degree you will pursue, when you call to schedule your visit ask to meet with someone in that department.
- Plan for your visit don't just show up.

Inform the office when you have a campus visit planned so the day/days can be counted as a school activity on your attendance. You are allowed 2 times this year to go on campus visits that won't count against your attendance. You must bring back information you receive from the recruiter to prove you attended the visit. Show Ms. Whiting the information you receive.

Free Application Week

Seniors can apply to Montana colleges with no application fee. I will be in Government class to help complete the applications. Go to: applymontana.mus.edu

ACT

If you have retaken or plan to retake the ACT make sure to give Ms. Whiting your scores so she can put them on your transcript.

If you raise your composite score by at least 2 points CHS will reimburse you. Show Mr. Klasna your scores for reimbursement.

Colleges are not requiring an ACT score for admission into the college.

ACT composite scores may be used for scholarship purposes. Superscore.

There are different placement requirements depending on the college.

- Minimum ACT score on the math section and the English/Writing section. You can wait and take the ACT in the spring to try to earn a higher score.
- Take the placement test at the college.

Every college is dealing with placement into courses differently. It is best to talk with the college recruiter or admission counselor to know for sure what to do.

National ACT Test Dates:

ACT -October 26 Registration deadline Sept. 20

-December 14 Registration deadline Nov. 8

December is the latest test date for college scholarship purposes.

The dates below would be to take it to improve your math and Eng scores for placement purposes.

-February 8 Registration deadline Jan. 3

-April 5 Registration deadline March 8

**Go to: www.act.org to register.
School Code for registration:**

270-220

Create a mature and appropriate e-mail address for communication purposes.

Remember to use your planner/phone to write down deadline dates.

Make sure you are paying close attention to deadlines.

Go to the Columbus School District App or website at: www.columbuscougars.com for the latest information. All Sr. Updates will be on the website and school app.

Important dates:

September 4 – Senior student/parent meeting 6:30 in the commons

September 20 – registration deadline to take the ACT on October 26.

September 17 – College Fair at MSU-Billings.

September 27 – Midterm grade report.