

Happy
Holidays



Senior Scoop

December 2018

Things You Should be Doing Right Now:



- File your FAFSA if you have not done so yet. This allows you to do the following:

- Apply for local scholarships
- Keeps you ahead of the game
- Gets you money before others in line
- Utilize your TIP money if you are eligible

- Your award letters from the schools you applied to will be arriving soon (or maybe already did). You will not get an award letter until you have filed the FAFSA and had it sent + that school.

- Apply for scholarships: I invited you all via e-mail to the www.gomerry.com scholarship dashboard. Please sign up and begin applying for state and local scholarships. It is never too late to start. There are scholarships for all kinds of students too—trade school, vocational schools, community college, universities, apprentices, etc.

To Do!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 21st— HBCS
alumni return!

March 1st—Jean M. R. Smith
Scholarships are due!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:



What is an award letter?

- Any student who has applied to a college and filed the FAFSA will receive an **award letter** from each school that they applied to.
- These usually start coming to you in January. Check your mailbox and your e-mail regularly.
- This letter will tell you how much money the school and government is going to give you in grants, scholarships, work study, and loans.
- This can help you decide which school to attend.

Rather work and learn? Consider an apprenticeship!

- ⇒ Greater Michigan Construction Academy: www.gmca.edu offers apprenticeships where you work 36 hours a week and learn 4 hours a week. Become a fully certified apprentice! Go to their website for more info.
- ⇒ Tower Automotive is looking for apprentices and they will pay for your schooling! See poster on Senior Bulletin board for more information.
- ⇒ Start acting now so you have a plan in place starting in June.
- ⇒ See Mrs. H if you have any questions or need help applying.

Local Scholarships are COMING!

*In January, after returning from winter break, the local scholarships are available. Most are due on or **before April 1st**. Ones to look out for include ...*



- Commander Kraus (various amounts)
- Women's Club
- Lions Club
- K of C Scholarships
- HBAFD Scholarship
- Conservation Club Scholarship

...plus many
more!!!

Need to know more/ Still Confused?

- We will do an award letter workshop in January or February so you can see understand what these mean and compare them with all schools you applied to. That way, you can make an informed decision where to attend before May 1st. This will also let you see the importance of applying for local scholarships!

Scholarship

New Available Scholarships:



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Name of Scholarship	Criteria:	Deadline
American Legion Guy M. Wilson Scholarship (\$500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to Michigan High school sons, daughters, or grandchildren of veterans who are planning to attend college 2.5 GPA, financial need, parents military services record, student academic goals and intentions http://www.michiganlegion.org/assets/wilson2018.pdf 	January 8, 2019
American Legion Brewer's Scholarship (\$500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Michigan who are a son, daughter, or grandchild of a veteran planning to attend any recognized college or university 2.5 GPA, financial need, parents military service record, students academic goals and intentions http://michiganlegion.org/assets/brewer2018.pdf 	January 8, 2019
National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a senior in high school and a member of NWTf (go online to become a member if not already) http://www.nwtf.org/ 2- \$500 scholarships Must be involved in school activities 	January 1, 2019
Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship (20 \$5,000 awards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to students enrolled in an institution in US www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8850/Stephen_j_brady_stop_hunger_scholarships_scholarship.php 	December 5, 2018
You Deserve It Scholarship (\$1,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a resident of one of the 50 states Must be 16 or older Must be enrolled in high school https://www.studentscholarships.org/2014scholarships.php? 	February 15, 2019
10 Words or Less Scholarship (\$500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between ages of 14-25 on January 25, 2018 Available to high school and college students Applications available at https://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10258/10_words_or_less_scholarship_scholarship.php 	January 29, 2019
Create a Greeting Card Scholarship (\$10,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit photo, artwork or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card Designs should be appropriate for business and consumer use. http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm 	February 25, 2019



Keep applying for Scholarships

Set yourself a goal and stick to it! Many of you who do not have dual enrollment classes for a month due to winter break, so you need to take that time to apply for scholarships. You will thank yourself next semester when you have them completed.

The more you apply for, the better the chance you will get more FREE money! Be sure to look at your individual school's scholarships and start applying!

Dual Enrollment Students

Check your Portal to make sure you are registered for all courses you desire. Purchase your textbooks so you have them for classes that start on Monday, January 7th.

Need Assistance?

You can always stop in and see Mrs. Hessling for help with FAFSA, scholarships, classes, letters of recommendation, etc.