

# FT. RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL

## GUIDANCE/SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2013

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### **GENERAL NEWS:**

1. **Junior and Senior Parents—save the date!** FRHS will host a Financial Aid Night on **Tuesday January 21, 2014 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the HS Commons. This presentation will be very helpful in explaining the financial aid process for college.
2. **Attention parents of college-bound seniors:** If possible, try to file your **2013** tax forms before February 15, **2014**. This is the FAFSA deadline for many Ohio colleges. (If you are unable to file by this date, don't worry—you can estimate your AGI, etc. on the FAFSA and revise those numbers later.)
3. Check out the **high school calendar** on the school website to stay informed of what is happening at FRHS!
4. All FRHS Sophomores attended a **Tri-Star** Orientation on **November 5**. Everyone received a program catalog, information sheet, and field trip form. Tri-Star tours will be **December 12**. **If any parent is interested in chaperoning, contact Amy Kaiser at [kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org).**
5. **Are you making good life decisions for your future?** This is a good question for students to ask themselves as they transition to adulthood. Getting a DUI or being convicted of a crime could prohibit you from becoming hired/certified in the career field of your choice, or from enlisting in the military. Think about what impact your actions and appearance (hairstyle, tattoos, piercings, etc.) will make in getting a job before you do something you may regret later. Listen to your parents—the DO know what they are talking about☺.
6. **Seniors: create (and use) a “normal” email address** (ex: [amy.kaiser@gmail.com](mailto:amy.kaiser@gmail.com)). You are moving into the “real” world, and colleges and employers frown upon unprofessional email addresses.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

7. The **Red Cross High School Leadership Program** is a way to encourage young people to donate blood, both at school and during the summer months. There are incentives for participation (prizes, scholarships, etc.). Learn more at [redcrossblood.org/leader](http://redcrossblood.org/leader) (the website is REALLY good☺).

### **Job Opportunities:**

8. The Mercer County One Stop Office is offering a **youth employment program** for 14-21 year olds for the purpose of preparing for a career that is rewarding and meets personal goals. Applicants must meet income eligibility guidelines (students on an IEP may also be eligible). Call Matt Niekamp at 419-586-6409 for more information.
9. Go to <http://hometownopportunity.com/> for information on **jobs in Mercer/Auglaize Counties!**
10. Any student interested in tutoring (elem/MS/HS) should see Mrs. Kaiser. Tutors are always needed during study halls, after school, evening

### **Miscellaneous:**

11. **All students who plan to go to college should take a college entrance exam.** An ACT (or SAT) test score is a requirement for admission to many colleges and universities. Stop by the guidance office for more information.

**\*\*IEP/504 students requesting extended time must see Mrs. Kaiser two weeks prior to the registration deadline.\*\***

<p><b><u>ACT National Test Dates</u></b> December 14, 2013 February 8, 2014 April 12, 2014 June 14, 2014</p>	<p><b><u>Registration Deadlines</u></b> November 8, 2013 January 10, 2014 March 7, 2014 May 9, 2014</p>
<p>**Students can register for the ACT online at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/start">http://www.actstudent.org/start</a>. Our CEEB code is 362-165.</p>	
<p><b><u>SAT National Test Dates</u></b> December 7, 2013 January 25, 2014 March 8, 2014 May 3, 2014</p>	<p><b><u>Registration Deadlines</u></b> November 8, 2013 December 27, 2013 February 7, 2014 April 4, 2014</p>

**12. FREE Practice tests:**

- Booklets available in the Guidance Office
- [www.actstudent.org/sampletest](http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest), [www.actstudent.org/onlineprep](http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep), or <http://www.actexampracticetests.com>
- <http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/LearningExpress.asp>. (This is a very good website and has practice **AP exams** as well!). Click on "Learning Express Library". You will need to create a user account (username and password can be found on p. 36 in your student handbook).

**13. ACT Prep Courses:**

- **Edison Community College** and **Sylvan Learning Center** offer classes to review math and English skills, test taking and time management tips, test questions and practice problems. The classes usually meet 6 weeks prior to each ACT national test date.

**14. Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!**COLLEGE AND CAREER INFO:****General Info:****15. Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**

- **TOP PICK!! Ohio Career Information System:** <http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us> (username and password can be found on p. 36 of your student handbook). To find colleges with your desired major, click on Education tab, then school sort > undergraduate and follow the prompts.
- **The Occupational Outlook Handbook**, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/a-z-index.htm> offers a wealth of information on today's jobs, wages, duties, and employment trends. This is an outstanding site!
- Check out <http://www.collegeboard.com/> Click on "Students" to begin.
- Sinclair Community College has a "**career coach**" link on their website <http://www.sinclair.edu/explore/careercoach/> that is really good! It gives up-to-date statistics about occupations, wages, and how many people are employed in that profession.
- Another good website is [www.voluntarysystem.org](http://www.voluntarysystem.org) It gives you statistics about many colleges across the nation. These are great websites to help you narrow down your choices!
- <http://www.college.gov/wps/portal> was designed by students for students, and features first-person accounts of students who have overcome challenges such as peer pressure, lack of family support, and financial barriers, to go to college.

**16. Job Corps** is a federal program that provides career-technical training for your people looking for an alternative to college, or who may be at risk for not completing high school. For more information, see [www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov](http://www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov) or call 800-733-JOBS.**17. Students interested in job shadowing at Mercer Health** should contact Betsy Schoenleben at 419-678-5119 or [bschoenleb@mercer-health.com](mailto:bschoenleb@mercer-health.com) to request a job-shadowing packet. Be specific about the area(s) you are interested in (you can list more than one).**18. Interested in an allied health career?** See Mrs. Kaiser for an informational pamphlet that features programs offered through the Northwest Ohio Allied Health Education Consortium. (Rhodes State, Urbana, and more).**19. Edison Community College, Piqua** is holding a conference for **girls interested in IT, Science and Engineering** on Friday, November 15, 2013. For more information, call 937.778.7885.**20. Attention Juniors:** Many **allied health programs** (nursing, dental hygiene, radiology, etc.), have pre-admission requirements (i.e. observation hours, specific coursework) and waiting lists. Make an appointment with a college advisor to learn more about the admission process and ask if you should apply in the spring of your junior year.**21. Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the appropriate clearinghouse. Both eligibility centers require that test scores (i.e. ACT) be sent directly from the testing agency. See Mrs. Kaiser if you need to register with either of these athletic clearinghouses because I need to mail your transcript to them! Cost is approximately \$65.

- **NCAA Clearinghouse:** [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). The website provides important information and key steps for high school student-athletes and parents as they begin the initial-eligibility process.
- **NAIA:** [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org).

**Vocational:****22. Edison Community College** is now offering a degree program in **Mobile Powered Equipment**. Call 937-778-7887 for more information.

- 23. Interested in earning a CDL?** Clark State Community College offers several programs for CDL drivers (as well as other specialty areas). Call 866.CDL.4185 or visit [www.clarkstate.edu/truck\\_driving.php](http://www.clarkstate.edu/truck_driving.php).
- 24. Apollo Career Center** (Lima) offers many adult-education classes and certification programs in **skilled trades**. Call Doug Durliat at 419.995.8353 if you would like more information.
- 25. Hocking College** offers unique educational opportunities, providing active learning in a hands-on setting. They are the only 2-year college that offers a residential program. They have several exploration days coming soon. To register, e-mail us at [admissions@hocking.edu](mailto:admissions@hocking.edu) or call 877.HOCKING, ext. 7050.
- Natural Resources Showcase, November 5
  - **Explore Hocking**, November 7
  - Public Safety Services Showcase, November 8
  - Culinary and Hospitality, November 13
  - Business & Computer Information Technology, November 13
  - Arts & Sciences Engineering, November 13
  - Nursing and Allied Health, November 19
- 26.** See the scholarship info from “The Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools” near the end of this newsletter. **Scholarships are available for several certifications at vocational schools.**
- 27.** There is a need for **skilled labor positions** (construction, pipe fitting, sheet metal, electricians, ironworkers, HVAC, heavy equipment operators/engineers, cement and masonry, etc.). See Mrs. Kaiser for more information on Apprenticeship Programs and how to earn a Journeyman’s Card.

**College:**

- 28. Seniors planning to attend a 4-year college should apply by the end of November.**
- ASK if there is a separate financial aid / scholarship application (You should try to get as many scholarships and grants as possible)
  - COMPLETE applications online, in ink, or type. Do not use pencil—appearance is important.
  - IF AN ESSAY IS REQUIRED, please do your best. *The essay makes a big difference in admission and scholarship decisions.*
  - GIVE DETAILS
    - don’t just say you’re a member of a club, tell what you do in that club
    - give the number of hours you have contributed
    - explain what challenges you have had, and what you’ve done to overcome obstacles
    - if the application doesn’t allow you to give details, mail a letter requesting it be added to your file
  - SUBMIT 1-2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION **if** the admission process is competitive
  - OBEY DEADLINES!
  - Let Mrs. Kaiser know when you have completed/submitted your application so she can mail your transcript to the university.
- 29. College Essays:** Many colleges require an essay for admission and/or scholarship consideration. Here is some helpful advice:
- Ask the admissions representative HOW the essays are used (and judged). Will your essay be used for placement into an English course? Used holistically in the admission decision?
  - Write about something personal: a challenge you have faced, someone or something that has had an impact on your life, etc.
  - Have someone proofread and critique your essay.
  - Keep in mind that the people reviewing your essay read thousands of them. Make sure yours is interesting and will be unique!
- 30.** The University of Cincinnati now offers students to earn a **Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction** along with their **Bachelor of Science in the College of Engineering & Applied Science** program of their choice. Call Becky Tudor at 513-556-5417 for more information.
- 31.** The University of Dayton is offering an **Explore Engineering** event on Saturday, November 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 937-229-3296 to register.
- 32. Catalogs are available in the guidance office that highlight ALL of Ohio’s 2-Year, Private and Public Colleges.** These books are excellent resources for students to make comparisons between schools....they let you know enrollment, tuition rates, admission policies and fees, locations, and much, much more! These catalogs can also be accessed online:
- **Ohio’s Public Universities:** <http://www.OPUAC.org>
  - **Ohio’s Private Colleges and Universities:** <http://www.aicuo.edu> (click on “resources”, then “2013-14 Counselor’s Guide”)
  - **Ohio’s Two-Year Colleges:** <http://www.ohiocommunitycolleges.org/> (click on “resources”, “publications”, then scroll down to “A Guide to Ohio’s Two-Year colleges”)

- You can also find information **on non-Ohio** colleges via [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or OCIS (<http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us>, username and password are on p. 36 of your student planner).
- 33. Notes about a few of Ohio's public universities:**
- Students planning to attend **UC** must apply by **December 1** to be eligible for their full-range of scholarships.
  - UC, OSU and Miami do not accept test scores on student transcripts; **scores must be received directly from the testing company** (i.e. ACT).
  - The **writing** portion of the ACT/SAT is required for admission to UC, OSU and Toledo. WSU uses it for placement.
- 34. Public or Private College?** Keep all of your options open, and don't rule out Private Colleges based on the cost! In many cases, you can afford the tuition... apply for the scholarships and grants available to you. Sometimes, you can attend a private school for the same price as a public one! Studies show that students who attend private colleges often graduate 1-2 years earlier than those who attend public colleges.
- 35. Ohio Northern** is pledging to lower tuition rates by 20-25% and help students graduate in 4 years. More info can be found at [onu.edu/promise](http://onu.edu/promise).
- 36. John Jay Center for Learning** (affiliated with Ivy Tech State College and Indiana Wesleyan) in **Portland, IN** offers beginning-level college courses at a very reasonable cost Call 260-729-5525.
- 37. Several Colleges offer FREE (or reduced) tuition** for students who meet low income qualifications. Here are a few examples:
- **Miami University Access Initiative:** Miami University will provide tuition and fees for all new first-year students from Ohio entering the Oxford campus that has family incomes of less than \$35,000. The program will continue to provide tuition and fees for eligible students for up to four years.
  - **Harvard University** (and others) has similar programs. Be sure to ask if you are eligible!
- YOU need to ASK the college (or check their financial aid site) if they have such a program. Don't be afraid to apply to your dream school!
- 38. Rhodes State** is now using a selective admissions application for **Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy Assistant and Radiographic Imaging**. Students interested in these programs are encouraged to apply ASAP.
- 39. College Open Houses:** most colleges have special visit days—many on Saturdays. See Mrs. Kaiser for details. Here is a very short list of what I've received in the mail...
- **Wright State Lake Campus:** November 7, 4-7 p.m.
  - **Youngstown State:** November 22
  - **Rhodes State (Lima)** ([www.rhodesstate.edu/PreviewRhodes](http://www.rhodesstate.edu/PreviewRhodes) or call 419-995-8320)
    - November 5: Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Business/Public Services, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Admissions and Financial Aid
    - November 6: Allied Health, Nursing, Associates and Arts and Sciences, Admissions and Financial Aid
  - Ohio State (Lima): To register, visit [Lima.OSU.edu/RSVP](http://Lima.OSU.edu/RSVP) and enter the (access code) below
    - Theater: November 4 (THEATRE13)
    - Business: November 6 (BUS13)
    - History: November 12 (HISTORY13)
    - Health Sciences: November 13 (HEALTH13)
    - English: November 14 (ENGLISH13)
    - Education: November 19 (EDUCATION13)
    - Social Work/Psychology: November 20 (SWKPSY13)

#### Military:

#### **40. Interested in joining the military after graduation?**

- There is information in the guidance office on all branches of the military and each service academy.
- **You need to take the ASVAB test to be considered for enlistment.**
- Military recruiters visit FRHS (and homes) throughout the year. For additional information about a career in the military, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/careers>.
- NROTC (full-tuition) scholarships are available.
- Attention Juniors: Thinking about attending a Military Academy after graduation? You might want to attend a Summer Seminar to see what life as a cadet is all about. Go to the website of the academy of your choice and look under "Admissions" for more information.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:**

These are in order by due date. See Mrs. Kaiser for additional information.

- 41. Financial Aid: Seniors need to get a PIN** at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) This is one of the things you will need in order to apply for federal financial aid for college—so keep it in a safe place. You will need 2 PINs total: 1 student PIN and 1 parent PIN (parents use the same PIN for all children). Tell your parents to make their tax appointments for January (if possible). This information is necessary to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in February.
- 42. Imagine America Scholarship for 2013 graduates:** FRHS can select up to three students to receive this \$1000 scholarship—FRHS will award this to the first 3 eligible students who apply each year. Only recent high school graduates who are qualified applicants and who meet the following recommended guidelines should apply: Likelihood of successful completion of postsecondary education, high school grade point average of 2.5 or greater, financial need, and demonstrated voluntary community service during the senior year **High school graduates of 2014** can start applying on January 1, 2014. Students must plan to attend a **“career college” (such as Lincoln Tech or Kaplan)** to be eligible. Students should visit the website for more information and a list of participating schools. Apply online at [www.imagine-america.org](http://www.imagine-america.org).
- 43. Sussle Scholarship** (\$5000): Sussle is an encyclopedia of the things YOU care about. This is not your usual scholarship. There is no application or essay, and it's actually fun. By participating, you will be posting your knowledge for the benefit of others, and in return, the best contributor will win the scholarship. Eligibility: Full-time undergraduate or graduate students as of Fall 2013 at an accredited college or university in the United States, US citizen or legal permanent resident. See <http://sussle.org/scholarship> to enter. Deadlines: June 30 and December 31 each year.
- 44. 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Scholarship:** students who have taken part in community service activities can apply online for this \$1,000 award at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Submission deadline is November 5.
- 45. Jack Kent Cooke** scholarships are available to seniors with a 3.5 GPA, 26 ACT and demonstrate financial need (Pell Grant eligible?). See <http://info.jkcf.org/newcollegescholarship> for more information. Deadline to apply is November 5.
- 46. Rhodes State Scholarship Opportunities:**
- “Rhodes State Foundation” Scholarship application can be found at [www.RhodesState.edu/scholarships](http://www.RhodesState.edu/scholarships) (click on apply now/STARS online at the bottom of the page). Required personal statement: Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development. In addition, how will receiving a scholarship help you meet your educational and career goals? Applications due December 4.
  - “Rhodes to Success” Achievement Scholarship application is available in the guidance office. Requirements include a 3.5 GPA and/or 24 ACT composite. Priority deadline is May 1.
  - “Associate of Arts and Sciences/Transfer Degree Scholarship” is available for students who plan to attend Rhodes and then transfer to another college or university for their bachelor’s degree. Requirements include a 2.8 GPA. Applications accepted through August 1, 2014.
  - “Tech Prep” (Tri-Star, Ag) graduates are also eligible for a \$1000 Tech Prep Scholarship. High School GPA of 2.0 or higher is required. Deadline is May 1.
  - STEM Scholarship for current college students pursuing a degree in Information Technology or Engineering Technology: deadline was July 12 (for fall semester) and December 6, 2013 (for spring semester).
  - STEM Scholarship for seniors planning to pursue a degree in Information Technology or Engineering Technology: deadline is ??? (for fall semester 2014).
- 47. Mercer County Elks is offering several scholarships.** Visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more information.
- Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship: senior applicants must exhibit scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Awards range from \$4,000-\$50,000. Applications need to apply at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm) by **December 6.**
  - Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards: eligible applicants are: any child, grandchild, step-child, step-grandchild or legal ward of a living Elk who joined on or before **April 1, 2011**, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, **2011**. The Elk must be a paid member- up through March **31, 2014**. Great-Grandchildren are not eligible. Scholarship awards are \$4000. Applicants must take the ACT or SAT by December 31. The ENF Legacy Award Application is only available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm) and is due by noon on **January 31.**
  - Emergency Educational Grants are available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Contact Jane Heiby at 419-925-4232 for more information.
- 48. AXA Achievement and Community Scholarships:** AXA is offering \$2,000-\$15,000 in national scholarships. Winners are known as AXA Achievers. They are students who set and reach ambitious goals; demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family and community. . To learn more about the scholarship go to [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). Application deadlines are December 15 and February 1, respectively
- 49. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW):**

- **Chapman Scholars Program** awards full tuition, fees, room, board and textbooks for four years. Requirements are an ACT composite of 29 and ranked in the top 5% of class or an ACT composite of 32. You must apply to IPFW by December 15.
  - **Doermer Scholarship:** is for business majors only and also included full tuition, fees, books, room, and board. Apply by December 15.
  - **Chancellor's Merit Award(?):** in-state tuition for students who rank in the top 25% of their class and have an ACT of 24 or above.
50. **2014 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest:** Write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956. More details can be found at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org). Deadline is January 6.
  51. **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship:** for college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Recipients will each receive \$40,000 in college scholarship funds. Additional information can be found at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-scholarship.aspx>. Application deadline is January 9.
  52. **Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships** (\$1000-\$5000) are available for senior interested in history, politics, or military service. Visit <http://gwcf.org> for more information. Deadline is January 15.
  53. **OSU Alumni Scholars Program (Grade 12):** Applicants must be ranked in the top 10% of graduating class, demonstrate involvement in community and school activities, and show a sound interest and positive attitude towards college work to be able to receive a one-time \$600 scholarship (two scholarships will be awarded). Letters of recommendation can be attached to the application and are very important. Application and transcript must be returned by January 18.
  54. **BGSU** is offering scholarships (\$3800-\$5200 per year) to incoming freshman who are considering **teaching either secondary science or math** (ACTION program). Applications can be found at [www.bgsu.edu/action](http://www.bgsu.edu/action). Many other colleges have a similar program. All ACTION scholarship applications are due January 27.
  55. **Playing with Purpose** scholarships are available to current high school students in grades 10-12 with a "C" average or higher. You must be a current varsity athlete in at least 1 sport and be a committed Christian. Apply at [www.playingwithpurpose.org](http://www.playingwithpurpose.org) by February 1.
  56. **National Co-Op Scholarships** are available to students entering a WACE partner college (University of Toledo and Cincinnati are examples) in the 2014-15 academic year. A recent FR graduate did receive one of these scholarships☺. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to apply. Visit [www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org) for more information. Deadline is February 14.
  57. **Western Buckeye Chapter of Credit Unions (Coldwater) Scholarship** will award 5- \$500 scholarships. One of these winners will be eligible to win another \$3000 scholarship at the state level. To qualify, the applicant must be at least a senior in high school and plan to participate in post-secondary studies, including professional, vocational, and academic studies that are not limited to colleges and universities. Applications must be submitted no later than February 28.
  58. **Wright State Lake Campus / Western Ohio Educational Foundation Scholarship Packets** for the **2014-2015** WOEFLake Campus scholarships for new, non-traditional, current, returning, and transfer students are now available online at [www.wright.edu/lake/scholarships](http://www.wright.edu/lake/scholarships). Application deadline is March 1.
  59. **Lincoln College of Technology Scholarships:**
    - **2014 High School Select-** a \$1,000 guaranteed tuition scholarship to a senior from FRHS (Tri-Star also can award a \$1000 scholarship). Applications are due to Mrs. Kaiser by March 13.
    - Students take a **scholarship test** when they visit Lincoln Tech for additional awards
    - Apply for the **Imagine America** scholarship (see above)
  60. **The Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools** (in conjunction with the Ohio Legislature) is awarding over 400 scholarships to 2014 graduating seniors. These awards range from \$2,000-\$44,000. Applicants must plan to attend one of the specific career-technical (Ohio) colleges listed on the application (Art Institute of Ohio, Brown Mackie ITT, Lincoln Tech, Miami-Jacobs, Kaplan, Virginia-Marti, etc.) to be eligible for these scholarships. All are associate's degree or diploma programs...see poster for degree programs. Deadline is April 11.
  61. **Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program** (\$1000): Open to seniors who: intend to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Visit the website for more information: [www.animationcareerreview.com](http://www.animationcareerreview.com), and search "scholarships". Deadline to apply is June 1.
  62. **Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship Program** (\$1000): Open to high school seniors. Visit <http://www.pharmacytechnicianreview.com/> and click on Pharmacy Technician Review on the right side of the page. Deadline to apply is June 1.
  63. **Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship** (\$1000): for students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. More info can be found at <http://www.fashion-schools.org/> (at the bottom of the page). Deadline June 1.
  64. **The Mercer County Civic Foundation** has a small pool of **student loan funds** available to undergraduate students. These low-interest \$900 college loans are renewable, and the 4% interest rate does not begin to

accrue until 6 months after graduation from college, and are interest-free if repaid within that time. Interested students should call Glenn Hux at 419/586-9950 for an application. Applications are due by June 1.

**65. Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship:** To apply for this \$1,000 scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic found on the website. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school **juniors and seniors** as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution who are between the ages of 16 and 30. More information can be found at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Registration deadline is June 14.

**66. BigSun Scholarship:** The BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a **student athlete**. The successful applicant will be a high school senior participating in a sport OR be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution. Visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. Deadline is June 20.

**67. Looking for more scholarships?**

- Try a Google search (ex. “scholarships for communications majors”)
- Schoolsoup.com
- Fastweb.com (they have links for your specific age (HS, college, adult), and grade!)
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>
- [www.legion.org/needalift](http://www.legion.org/needalift) (sponsored by the American Legion)

\*\*Remember: you should **never** pay to apply for a scholarship.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

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| ○ November 5  | Americanism Test                            |
| ○ November 5  | Tri-Star Presentation for Sophomores        |
| ○ November 5  | Parent Teacher Conferences                  |
| ○ November 14 | Parent Teacher Conferences                  |
| ○ November 19 | PLAN Test (practice ACT) for all Sophomores |
| ○ December 12 | Sophomore Tri-Star Tours                    |

If you have additional questions, please stop by the guidance office or email me at: [kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org)

*-Mrs. Kaiser*