



New Manchester High School
College and Career Center
Scholarship News, Important Dates / Information
November and December 2017

Ron Brown Scholarship Program

Deadline: Nov. 1, 2017 (postmarked) – Application will be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program **and** forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers.

Deadline: Jan. 9, 2018 (postmarked) – Final Postmarked deadline to be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program only.

20 or more Scholarships will be awarded - \$10,000 per year, for a period of 4 years, to total \$40,000.

Open to Black/African American Seniors, must excel academically, must exhibit exceptional leadership potential, must participate in community service activities, must demonstrate financial need, must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: Nov. 7, 2017

\$1000, and a trip to Washington, D.C. next May, 2017

Open to all grade levels. Be a legal resident of any U.S. states or Washington, D.C. This scholarship is based on Community Service that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of the application. Apply online at: <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

Then, go to the “Certification” page to email or print out instructions for your certifier, to be delivered to him/her by Nov. 7, 2017. NMHS can only nominate one person for state-level judging.

ELKS Most Valuable Student Competition

Applications are online beginning Sept. 1, 2017

Deadline: Nov. 27, 2017

\$4,000 – 60,000/over 4 years

Open to high school seniors, who are U.S. Citizens. Applicants need not be related to any member of the Elks. Male and Female students compete separately. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. <https://aim.applyISTS.net/ElksMVS>

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Deadline: All scholarship materials must be received by November 30, 2017

Awards: \$1,000 annually, non-renewable

Recipients – Last year, more than 1,000 scholarships were awarded to diverse students

Go to: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/comcast-leaders-and-achievers-scholarships>

Education Matters Scholarship – Other Scholarships as well on the page

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Award: \$5,000

Must be 13 years of age or older, legal resident of the (50) United States, or the District of Columbia, must complete profile, write an essay on designated topic (250 words or less).

Apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

43rd Annual Boston University

Trustee Scholarship Competition

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Award: Earn a four-year full-tuition scholarship to Boston University

Each year, Boston University welcomes 25 new Trustee Scholars to the BU community.

These scholars rank at the top of their classes and demonstrate exceptional leadership in their schools and communities. The Trustee Scholarship covers full undergraduate tuition plus orientation and mandatory undergraduate student fees for four years.

For more information: bu.edu/admissions/trustee

Greenhouse Scholars Program

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Award: \$5,000 per year and \$20,000 in total

Applicant must be a high-performing, under-resourced high school senior, who has demonstrated true leadership and outstanding community contributions. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, or permanent resident and a legal resident of Georgia, Colorado, Illinois, or North Carolina. Must have a cumulative, un-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, and must have financial need (annual household income no greater than \$70,000).

For much more information on the Application Process, please go to:

www.greenhousescholars.org

2017 Georgia Colored Rocks Prize Competition

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Award Varies - \$50 to \$3,500 – 15 Awards given

Open to high-achieving male students of color attending a high school in Georgia and graduating with the Class of 2018. Candidates must design and conduct a project which helps develop another male student or students of color who might be struggling in some aspect of their personal, academic or social life. For more information, go to:

<https://www.coloredrocks.org>

2017/2018 Americanism Essay Contest

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Award: Grand Prize \$5,000 plus 18 National Awards and Regional and Local Prizes

Eligibility: Students in Grades 7 thru 12

Requirements: 350 words or less on, "What Patriotism Means to Me"

Internet: www.fra.org/essay

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2017 (APPLY EARLY – only the first 10,000 applicants will be accepted). New Manchester High School represented the State of GA for the Winner of the AXA Scholarship in 2015!

52 Winners at the State level will receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be made to the winner's school.

Must be a U.S. Citizen, and a senior who is driven, ambitious, and has the ability to succeed in college. Applicants will need lots of community service hours.

The Burger King Scholars Program

Deadline: December 15, 2017

Award: \$1,000 to \$50,000

High School seniors, Burger King employees, their dependent children, spouses or domestic partners in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico may apply. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be eligible. For more information and to apply:

www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarshProgram

FREE SPEECH ESSAY CONTEST

Deadline: Entries Due by December 31, 2017

Award: One \$10,000 scholarship first prize, one \$5,000 second prize, and three \$1,000 runner-up prizes will be awarded for the best essays. Four \$500 winners will be chosen from the remaining entrants in a drawing.

This scholarship is offered to high school juniors and seniors for the 2017-18 school year. To enter, students must submit an essay between 800 and 1,000 words on the provided topic.

TO ENTER, VISIT: THEFIRE.ORG/CONTEST

Admission Counselors' Visits for November

- **Thursday, Nov. 2 – Shorter University (Rome, GA)**
- **Friday, Nov. 3 – 2nd Career Forum – “Career in Fire Fighting / EMT**
- **Friday, Nov. 10 – University of Georgia (Athens, GA)**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15 – “Georgia Apply to College Day” – See Mrs. Morris to sign-up**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Life University**

Any senior or junior who is interested in speaking with Admission Counselors from any of the Colleges should first sign- up with Mrs. Morris in the Career Center, and then pick up a permission form from the wall pockets right outside the Career Center.

“Georgia Apply to College Week” (GAC) for Seniors

November 13 – 17

This is a special time for those seniors, who have not yet applied to any colleges/universities, to come into the Career Center for a two-hour session (9:00 – 11:00 a.m., OR 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.), for any help needed to submit an Application for Admission. Seniors must be prepared, which includes:

- **Sign-up with Mrs. Morris, in the Career Center, for the session he/she plans to attend.**
- **Pick-up the mandatory “Student Prep Sheet”, complete it, and return it to Mrs. Morris prior to attending the session.**
- **Prior to attending the session, seniors should go ahead and print off Application Fee Waivers from the same accounts used to sign-up for the SAT, if they plan to pay application fees this way.**
- **Students should read the letter attached to the “Student Prep Sheet”, so that he/she brings all of the information listed in the letter, which will be used when applying.**

Georgia Apply to College Day is a great day! Seniors have a lot of fun, and can also get a lot accomplished in a two-hour session, if they come prepared. In the past, some of our seniors were able to apply to every college they had planned to during GAC. All of the counselors will be present in the Career Center with Mrs. Morris for both sessions, so there will be plenty of help for all students, who sign-up to participate.

To put more emphasis on “Georgia Apply to College Day”, we will be participating in Georgia Apply to College Week!

- **Monday, Nov. 13** – Teachers will be promoting the colleges they attended in their classrooms.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 14** – Dress for Success or Career Day
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15** – Georgia Apply to College Day – held in the Career Center
- **Thursday, Nov. 16** – Fraternity/Sorority Day
- **Friday, Nov. 17** – School Spirit Day – Dress in NMHS spirit wear, or in your favorite college spirit wear

ALSO: Parents, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5:00 – 7:00, the counselling team will host Financial Aid Night in the PLC (located in the very back of the Main Office). There will be an emphasis on FAFSA, and netbooks will be available, should anyone choose to bring their information, and sign-up for FAFSA during that time.

Just a Friendly Reminder: Did you know that some colleges will not even consider a student, who has been accepted to their school for any other financial awards, until they have access to the student's FAFSA Report first! I promise, It Is True!

Important: Ordering Official Transcripts – Deadlines

Students planning to order an official transcript(s) to be mailed to a college(s) before the Thanksgiving break will need to order and pay for the transcript no later than **Monday, Nov. 13**. Official Transcript orders that need to be mailed to a college(s) before we leave for winter break will need to be ordered and paid for no later than **Monday, Dec. 11**. Official Transcripts are \$3.00.

CCI (College and Career Institute) through Dual Enrollment

What is the CCI? The College and Career Institute, located on the West Georgia Technical College Campus, provides high school and dual enrollment programs, for students from all Douglas County High Schools.

Recruitment for next school year (2018-2019) will begin at NMHS in October, 2017, with Classroom Visits from a CCI representative, who will inform students about the program, the requirements to get in, the benefits of CCI, etc.

Apply to CCI Nights have been scheduled, and the dates and times are given below. Students and Parent(s) are strongly encouraged to attend one of the Apply Nights, where they can tour the school, ask questions about the programs offered, and also take care of required paperwork while they are there. CCI is located on the West Georgia Technical College Campus at 4600 Timber Ridge Drive, Douglasville, GA 30135. Contact Tiffany Smith at 770-947-7690, or Tiffany.smith@douglas.k12.ga.us. The contact person at NMHS is Mrs. Morris in the Career Center (D1113).

Apply to College and Career Institute (CCI) Nights Schedule:

- October 24, 2017 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- November 14, 2017 - 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- December 5, 2017 - 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- January 23, 2018 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- February 15, 2018 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- March 15, 2018 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

An Important GOAL!

Get a higher education for as little money as you can!

For a student who plans to start off at a 4-year college or university, and plans to live on campus, the following costs will be incurred:

- Tuition – this is the cost per credit hour for classes a student will take
- Room/Board – this is the cost for a student to live on campus, in a dorm
- Meal Plan – this is the cost for a student to eat, while living on campus, and it is mandatory.
- Student Fees – this is a mandatory fee for students at any college
- Books
- Extra living expenses that a student might have

For a student who plans to attend a community college, such as Georgia Highlands College, the following costs will be incurred:

- Tuition – this is the cost per credit hour for classes a student will take
- Student Fees – this is a mandatory fee for student at any college
- Books
- Gas to drive back and forth to class

Every student and parent should think on these things, while making the decision for the best fit for the student.

Lastly, even if a student does not begin college with HOPE Scholarship, it can be applied for after 30 credit hours (typically 2 semesters), and a GPA of 3.0

[IMPORTANT RESOURCES](#)

[GA College 411.org](#) – Learn about federal and Georgia-specific financial aid programs, find school profiles and explore various career paths.

[Studentaid.gov](#) – Find a wealth of information to help get ready for college or technical school, learn about federal student aid and how to apply using the FAFSA.

External Scholarships: These are scholarships awarded by employers, individuals, companies, religious groups, etc. Criteria for External Scholarships vary greatly from scholarship to scholarship, but generally include academic performance, financial need, religious affiliation, minority status, heritage, community affiliations, or other unique criteria. Parents should definitely check with their Employers on behalf of their students.

Fastweb.com: One of the largest and widely known scholarship search engines in the U.S., Fastweb offers advice on how to apply for scholarships, completing the FASFA, and search for scholarships for all types of students.

Blackexcel.org: A great resource for students of color, women, first generation college students, and a list of over 200 scholarships with a variety of opportunities.

Scholarships.com: Provides several scholarships in an easy to use format where opportunities are ranked based on a personal profile.

CollegeScholarships.org: Allows students to browse scholarships based on minority status, degree level, academic interest, geography, student type, or athletic ability. CollegeScholarship.org also has several scholarships by sponsor.

Additional Websites for Scholarship Searching

www.collegeboard.com , www.act.org , www.finaid.org , www.collegenet.com ,
www.fastweb.com , www.gacollege411.org , www.blackexcel.com ,
www.minorityprofessionalnetwork.com , www.uncf.org, www.myscholly.com,
www.latino.college.dollars.org, www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net, simpletuition.com,
fedmoney.org

- ✓ **TIP:** Give yourself plenty of time to devote to searching and applying for scholarships. It may seem like a lot work when you don't have much time to spare, but in the end, it's worth it to secure college money that does not have to be repaid!
- ✓ **Reminder:** Many organizations check social media when reviewing your scholarship applications!

