



The Senior Lowdown November 2018

Important Dates to Remember

November 6th – Teacher Workday- No school

November 12th – No School- Veterans Day

November 19th – Late deadline for 12-8 ACT

November 20th – Late deadline for 12-1 SAT

November 22nd–November 25th
Thanksgiving Break

December 7th–Interim Reports Distributed

December 21st–2 hour early dismissal for
Christmas break

January 3rd–Return from Christmas break



Follow your school counselors @ERStServices on Twitter to get news and information on scholarships, senior dates and deadlines, ACT and SAT, Financial AID, and student leadership opportunities.

FAFSA and RDS- Seniors if you have not already filled out your FAFSA and RDS please see Ms. Hockett, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller if you need help submitting this. You must fill this out in order to get financial aid and in state tuition for college.

Scholarships

NC Promise Tuition Plan:

Officially active beginning in fall 2018, NC Promise sets the rate of undergraduate in-state tuition at \$500 per semester at three UNC System institutions—Elizabeth City State University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University. See Mr. Brown, Ms. Hockett, or Mrs. Miller for more info!

Golden Leaf Scholarship Program:

The Golden LEAF Scholarship Program is designed to assist current high school seniors and North Carolina community college transfer students. Recipients must be from certain rural counties, demonstrate both financial need and merit, and plan to attend participating North Carolina colleges and universities. The scholarship is funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation through a grant to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority. The number of years of scholarship support depends on the degree sought and the number of credits transferred. \$12,000 scholarship due March 1st.

NCHSAA Endowed Fund Scholarships: The NCHSAA Endowed Fund offers several scholarships to eligible student-athletes of NCHSAA member schools. Applicants and their parents/legal custodians will have to supply their counselor with the FERPA form. Various student-athlete scholarships are available. Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-scholarships> for more information and to apply.

Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Scholarship: Since 1967 we have awarded \$3,000,000 in scholarships to youth pursuing a future in the agriculture industry. We believe assisting our industry's future leaders in obtaining higher education is an investment in the future, and is an integral part of fulfilling our Farm Bureau mission. We urge every county Farm Bureau to recruit eligible youth to participate in our scholarship program. The R. Flake Shaw Scholarship program awards: Six individual university level scholarships for a four year period at \$4,000 per year (\$16,000 total per student). Four individual community college scholarships for a two year period at \$1,000 per year (\$2,000 total per student). Information will be available in December on their website.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship: Must be a high school senior and a U.S. Citizen. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Scholarship amounts are 4-50K. Apply online at <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>. Deadline: Nov. 15th.

Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships – Sodexo Foundation: \$5000- Applicants must have demonstrated on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States at least within the last 12 months. Apply at: http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp
Deadline Dec. 5th, 2018.

Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship: If you are a Randolph Communications customer you are eligible to apply for this national scholarship. If we have a winner from our county they will receive a \$1500-\$7000 scholarship. See Mr. Brown in guidance for an application. Applications are due to Randolph Telephone by **February 22nd 2019. See Mr. Brown if you plan to apply.**

Randolph Community College Presidential Scholars Program:
Seniors must plan to attend RCC in the fall of 2018, have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have participated in extracurricular/community activities. RCC Presidential Scholars are strongly encouraged to participate in the Student Leadership Academy. This is a two year full tuition scholarship!
Visit <http://www.randolphccfoundation.org/scholarpacket.html> for additional information.
Deadline to submit application packet is **3 p.m. on February 22, 2019.**
See Mr. Brown if you plan to apply.

UNCG Guarantee: Full scholarship to UNCG. In order to be eligible for the UNCG Guarantee, the student must meet all of the following criteria: North Carolina resident for tuition purposes, Received a combined SAT score of a 1000 or above on the Critical Reading and Mathematics sections or an ACT composite score of 21 or above, Pursue a first undergraduate degree, Graduated from high school within the past eight months of your first enrollment at UNCG, Enroll full-time during the regular academic year, Have a family income that does not exceed [100% of poverty](#), Qualify for federal student financial aid, Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Apply at <https://guarantee.uncg.edu/apply-for-guarantee>

Beacon Scholarship for Rural America: Two \$1,000 scholarships for the fall semester of 2019, and one \$1,000 scholarship for the spring semester of 2019. Go to CFNC.org/scholarships to find out more information.

UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Scholarship and Enrichment Program:

Recipients are awarded up to a \$20,000 scholarship distributed over a four-year period. Also given opportunities such as internships, networking, leadership development, and international experience. Eligibility requirements: (1) North Carolina resident; (2) a 3.80 weighted GPA or higher; (3) a minimum SAT score of 1100 (verbal and math) or ACT composite score of 24; and (4) Select one of the UNCG majors that lead to N.C. teaching licensure. Visit <http://utlc.uncg.edu/teacher-education-fellows> for more information and to apply.

Lenoir-Rhyne University Teaching Scholars Program: LR Teaching Scholars are awarded \$5,500 per year for four years. Prospective students are encouraged to apply immediately as space is limited. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their potential for academic excellence as a university student and a desire to serve others through a career in teaching. Visit <https://www.lr.edu/academics/opportunities-for-exceptional-students/teaching-scholars> to apply online.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Criteria for selection: (1) demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship within the school, workplace, and community; (2) 3.0 or higher grade point average; (3) U.S. Citizen; (4) high school graduate in spring 2016; and (5) plan to enroll full-time in the fall 2016 at an accredited four-year college/university in the United States. Individuals selected as semifinalists will be required to receive a nomination from an eligible community leader and must provide proof of academic performance and financial need. Visit <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx> to complete the online application. Application deadline is **January 4, 2019 or until 25,000 applications are submitted, whichever comes first.**

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship: Open to all high school seniors who are U.S. Citizens and are planning a career in local, state, or federal government. Visit www.gwcf.org for more information about submitting an application. **Applications will be accepted only at P. O. Box 503, Levittown, PA 19058-0503**

AXA Achievement Scholarship: Recipients are selected based on ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family, and community; ability to succeed in college. Winners in every state nationwide receive scholarships of \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$2,000. Focus is on students' personal accomplishments. For more information, visit www.axa-achievement. Deadline for applying for 2018 is Dec. 14th or until they get 10,000 applications. Check website in September for updates.

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship: Seniors can register to win a \$500 scholarship for 1st year expenses at an accredited college or career school. Registration begins Sept. 12. From Oct 28 - May 12th a student winner will be drawn every two weeks. First drawing will be held on Oct. 30th. Students can register 1 time for each drawing and after that drawing he/she may register for next. To register visit offtocollege.info or suntrusteducation.com

NCSHP's 2018-2019 NC Hispanic College Fund: The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals established this charitable fund at Triangle Community Foundation to benefit Hispanic students in North Carolina. The North Carolina Hispanic College Fund awards annual scholarships worth between \$500 and \$2,500. Recipients of a NC Hispanic College Fund scholarship must enroll in a degree program at a community college or a 2 or 4 year college/university and be committed to public service and community development. **Selection Criteria:** Graduate of a NC high school within the past 2 years, a four-year cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, 2 letters of recommendation from a high school teacher, principal, pastor, employer, or other community leader, an official high school transcript, personal statement (500 words)

Other useful scholarship websites:

www.fastweb.com

<http://go.salliemae.com/scholarship>

www.finaid.org

www.CFNC.org

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>