

## **Finance Your Future**

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This financial aid newsletter is printed monthly throughout the school year and then presented to all seniors. In addition, it is posted on the R2 website under Scholarship Newsletters. The R2 web address is www.rockyfordk12.org. Cindy Abert is the current College & Scholarship Liaison for the school district. Please feel free to contact her with questions, concerns or help.

> "My advice is to never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time." Charles Dickens

- You need to be completing/submitting your FAFSA. If you need help, contact the guidance office.
- How many colleges have you applied to as of now? Remember, you don't want to limit yourself to just one choice. *Your goal is to apply to at least three colleges by December*.
- If you are interested in going into the military, have you contacted the recruiter yet? Did you pay attention to your ASVAB score and what you need to get into the branch you are interested in joining? You might need to take that test again if your score is too low!
- Have you and your parents looked around at the websites on page two of this newsletter? There are too many opportunities to be listed here, so you need to start browsing now.
- Have you gone into the resource room in the guidance office to look through the notebooks? It's not too early to start working on local scholarships that aren't due until the spring. Work on them as you have free time and make sure they are worthy of being a recipient. If you procrastinate you won't be putting your best foot forward.
- Do your parents/grandparents belong to or work for organizations that offer scholarships to their family members? You should check with those organizations/businesses now. (Elks, credit unions, sororities, unions, etc.)
- Have you created/perfected a personal resume?
- Have you obtained at least two letters of recommendation?

Upcoming Random Scholarship Deadlines:

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** – National: If you can demonstrate that you possess ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family and community; and an ability to succeed in college you should take advantage of this application. Deadline is December 15, 2017 or first 10,000 applications, whichever comes first. Visit this website - us.axa.com

**United States JCI Senate Foundation** – National: Due date is January 5, 2018. Check out the website at www.usjcisenate.org under the scholarship section.

**Burger King Scholars** – National: Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time, involved in community service, demonstrate financial need. Due date is December 15. Check out the website at www.bk.com/scholars

**Daniels Scholarship Program** – National: Due date is November 30. Gave a flier to seniors whose SAT scores fit the criteria.

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship and/or Legacy Scholarship** – National: Due date is November 27. Gave a flier to seniors whose scores fit the criteria and who have served the local Elks in some manner.

Latin American Educational Foundation – National: Due date is November 20. Hispanic heritage, minimum 3.0 GPA. Check out the website at www.laef.org/scholarship

SITES TO CHECK OUT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANT INFORMATION/APPLICATIONS – Some of these sites will enter you in a lottery drawing for scholarships just for enrolling. Most sites require you to register with them before you start your search. If you don't have time to look at all of these, begin with the bolded sites.

www.anycollege.com www.cappex.com www.ChristianConnector.com www.collegeincolorado.org www.collegeProwler.com www.collegescholarships.com www.college-scholarships.org www.Collegescholarshipsandgrants.com www.colegetoolkit.com www.collegexpress.com www.disaboom.com (students with disabilities) www.easyaid.com www.EducationGrant.com www.education.org www.FastWeb.com www.finaid.org www.FreeCollegeScholarships.net

www.hsf.net (Hispanic Scholarship Fund) www.Immediate-Scholarships.com www.latinocollegedollars.org www.lulac.org (Hispanic students) www.Meritaid.com www.nextstep.com www.scholarship.net www.scholarshippoints.com www.scholarshipinsider.com www.Scholarships.com www.scholarshipsandgrants.us www.scholarships4students.com www.schoolsoup.com www.studentscholarships.org www.studentscholarshipsearch.com www.zinch.com www.fastweb.com

This website provides information about getting loans to attend college – The Student Loan Report