

Guidance Newsletter

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Quote of the Month

“An education isn’t how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It’s being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don’t.”

Anatole France



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Don't forget to check the wall calendar in the Guidance Office for upcoming college visits!!

Scholarship Information

November



Arthur Dorman —is sponsoring their 2010 scholarship. Award: \$5,000. Criteria: Minority high school senior, who demonstrates a commitment to improving the health of the environment and the Chesapeake Bay and, as a student of color, exhibits leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in his/her school and broader community. For more information visit: <https://www.kintera.org/site/apps/ka/rg/register.asp?c=en|IKQNoFiG&b=5520689&en=lgLJJOMAlbIEIXPAL5LELZMFkklZJ3PyF8LJKZNGIhIRL5N|luH> **Deadline: November 20.**

Beat the Odds-The Children's Defense Fund will be selecting five high school seniors in the D.C. area who have overcome tremendous odds to become personally and academically successful. The selected students will each be awarded \$5,000. Students must be nominated. Applications are available online: http://www.cdf-mn.org/BeatOdds09/BTO_09_Application.pdf

For more information, contact Jon Rybka at (202) 662-3522. **Deadline: November 26.**

McKelvey Foundation—offers an entrepreneurial scholarship. Criteria: must own your own business for one year, have at least 1 paid employee, graduate high school in 2009, plan to attend any 4-year college or university within the 50 states. Award: \$10K/year. For more information call 1-877-625-3583.

National Security Agency is offering the Stokes Educational Scholarship—Criteria: U.S. Citizen, SAT 1600 (min), 3.0 GPA or higher, eligible to be granted a security clearance. Award: Tuition and fees, reimbursement for textbooks up to \$1,500/yr, housing and summer employment, year-round salary while attending college, and employment after graduation. For more information visit: www.NSA.gov/Careers. **Deadline: November 30.**

Park Scholarship-NC State University will award 50 scholarships totaling 3.6 million to incoming first-year students. Students must be taking the most challenging courses available at their high school, displaying academic excellence, demonstrating leadership qualities, actively engaged in their community and sets a positive

example for others. **Nominations are due by October 1st and Applications are due by November 1st.** For more information visit: www.ncsu.edu/park_scholarships

Walmart offers the Sam Walton Community Scholarship which is a non-renewable \$1,000 award for the student's first year of undergraduate study at an approved accredited college or university. To qualify, the student must be a graduating high school senior and may NOT be a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. or SAM's Club Associate, or the child or legal dependent of a Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. or SAM's CLUB Associate. For more information and to apply visit www.walmartfoundation.org. Check in November for applications.

William & Mary is seeking exceptional people to take part in an exceptional experience—the Murray Scholars Program. For more information visit: wm.edu/murrayscholars.

Scholarship Information

December

Alvin Cox Memorial Scholarship— offers 12 individual scholarships for high school seniors worth \$750. For more information email: scholarship@alvincoxmemorial.com

American Architectural Foundation—offers the AIA/AAF minority Disadvantage Scholarship to graduating seniors who are entering a professional degree program leading to a Bachelor's degree; however, the school must be accredited by the national Architectural Accrediting board. For more information visit www.naab.org. **Deadline: December 2009.**

American Express Scholarship Program—Amount: \$500 to \$2,000. For more information contact: 1-800-344-3320

Anne Ford & Allegra Ford Scholarship—offers a general scholarship hosted by the National Center for Learning Disabilities, Inc. Criteria: 3.0 GPA or higher, show financial need, and submit current documentation of an identified learning disability. For more information visit: www.LD.org. **Deadline: December 31st.**

AXA Foundation—offers \$10,000 scholarships to 52 students (one in each state, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico). For more information visit www.axa-achievement.com. **Deadline: December 15.**

Boston University—offers the Trustee, Alexander Graham Bell, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., scholarship and other merit based scholarships. For more information visit www.vu.edu/admissions/scholarships.

Discover—offers scholarships to diverse high school **juniors** on their exemplary achievements in leadership, community service while overcoming an obstacle. For more information visit www.discoverfinancial.com/community.

Duke University—offers a new financial aid policy for parents whose incomes total \$60,000 or less no longer have to contribute financially to the cost of their child's education at Duke. For more information visit <http://dukefinancialaid.duke.edu/newsupport>.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund—are accepting applications are looking for Latino high school seniors to apply for this \$2,500 opportunity and the many others HSF has available. For more information visit www.hsf.net.

KFC Colonel's Scholars—would like to change a student's life to a graduating senior. Award: \$5,000/year for tuition, fees, books, and

room and board. Applications available online at www.kfcscholars.org.

National Security Agency (NSA)—is a world leader in protecting U.S. government information systems and producing foreign signals intelligence information for our Nation's key decision makers. NSA offers scholarships for their Stokes Educational Scholarship in various computer fields. For more information visit www.NSA.gov/Careers.

NFIB—Young Entrepreneur Foundation—offers a scholarship. Criteria: high school senior, demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, participation in FBLA, DECA. Award: \$1,000-\$10,000 (range). For more information, visit: www.NFIB.comYEA. **Deadline: December 31.**

SAE Engineering Scholarship Program—all applicants must be a senior; intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science; be a citizen of the United States at the time of application; and meet minimum requirements with GPA, SAT I Reasoning Test and/or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. Applications available at: <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm>. **Deadline: December 1, 2008.**

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (Sammy) 2009—offers a scholarship to senior student athletes by helping offset some cost associated with tuition. For more information visit www.sammy.bodybymilk.com.

Skidmore College—offers various scholarships—Skidmore (Science & Math Scholarships) and the Porter Scholars Program. For more information visit <http://cms.skidmore.edu/science>.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

ACT Practice Questions—check out site for practice questions www.actexampracticetests.com.

Free SAT & ACT Test Prep—visit:

www.number2.com

www.studentedge.com

www.ineedapencil.com

African-American Students Are Not Applying for Scholarships—for a list of resources see Mrs. Wright in the Guidance Office.

Financial Aid Information for Maryland Residents: Visit

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

www.mhec.state.md.us

Get EDUcated—this company offers common black college application to 33 historically black institutions all over the nation. For more information and to see all participating colleges visit www.eduinonline.com

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership is a leadership program that is offered to sophomores to attend an exemplary leadership seminar. If interested visit their website www.hoby.org/students.

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) is a non-profit organization that is committed to nurturing the leadership potential of exceptional students (**11th graders**) who are under-represented in college. LEDA prepares students with the knowledge and confidence that allows them to dream big and go for their dreams, for example, college guidance, college visit, writing instruction, and standardized test preparation. For more information contact Mellisa Thompson at 212-234-1384 or email mthompson@leadascholars.org. For more information visit www.LEDAscholars.org.

MeritAid is a free resource dedicated to help students find merit-based scholarship opportunities from colleges before they apply. For more information visit www.meritaid.com.

College Fairs

Baltimore National College Fair - Monday & Tuesday, September 21-22, 2009 @ Baltimore Convention Center , Baltimore , MD. , Sept. 21= 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sept. 22 = 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Greater Washington, DC National College Fair - Tuesday, September 29, 2009 @ Washington Convention Center, Washington DC from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., & 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

College Expos Fair – Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ Discovery Sports Center , Gaithersburg , MD 9:45-12:45 and 6:30-8:30 pm. Valuable evening workshops offered on financial aid, athletic recruiting, and the importance of early college awareness. Parents of sophomores, juniors & seniors are encouraged to attend this fair with their student during the **evening hours!**

Washington DC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair - Sunday, October 25, 2009 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Helpful College TIPS

Corner

Surviving the Test

Top Ten Tips for Surviving the Test

(Summit Educational Group)

With the October PSAT and SAT right around the corner, here are a few things to remember.

1. **Get Some practice well in advance of the real PSAT or SAT.** Taking a practice test under simulated test conditions will allow you to learn about your strengths and weaknesses.
2. **Explore your preparation options...**there are many to choose from. Text books, computer software, tutoring and classes are all available to help you feel confident as you go into the test.
3. **Take it easy the night before.** If you don't already know the information, you're wasting your time to "cram" in the last moment.
4. **Give yourself plenty of time the morning of the test.** If you have been running around trying to find your keys while drinking a cup of coffee, only to realize non of your pencils have been sharpened, you won't be in the right mindset.
5. **ID please...don't forget this.** Just don't. You may be able to find a pencil, but you don't want to go home for your ID.
6. **Eat well and often.** A light breakfast and then several snacks during the breaks should give you enough energy to keep going the whole day.
7. **Don't spend too much time on any one question.** Remember, there is no penalties leaving an answer blank. Focus on your strengths.
8. **Eliminate bad answers.** If you're having trouble with a question, get rid of the answers that are just not possible. Narrow it down from there.
9. **Check yourself.** Review your answers for any silly mistakes, but **ONLY** if you have the end of the test.
10. **Stay positive.** Most colleges look at your highest scores in each section, so don't worry if you don't think you did your best on one particular test. And remember, there are other colleges to look at.

Helpful College TIPS



Need help writing your college application on essays? Visit College Board's website at:

www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/

Need Money for College

Check out the 2009-2010 Publication Update for FAFSA

Topics Include:

FAFSA Web Worksheets (assists students and parents on how to complete the FAFSA online).

Free Applications (this is a paper application that is available for those who do not have Internet access).

FAFSA Tips (provides a list of steps for applying for financial aid via FAFSA on the Web. Also included is information on how to get free help online, by phone, or in person).

(These Programs are also offered in Spanish)

Visit www.FSAPubs.org or call 1-800-394-7084.

Senior's Corner

SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
How often is it administered?	Seven times per year	Six times per year
What is the test structure?	Ten -section exam: three Critical Reading, three Math, three Writing, and one Experimental; the Experimental section is masked to look like a regular section.	Five -section exam: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing (optional); the Experimental section is added to tests on certain dates only, and is clearly experimental.
What is the test content?	Math: up to 9th grade basic geometry and Algebra II Critical Reading: sentence completions, short and long critical reading passages, reading comprehension Writing: an essay and questions testing grammar, usage, and word choice	Math: up to trigonometry Science: charts, experiments Reading: four passages, one each of Prose Fiction, Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science English: stresses grammar Writing: an essay
Is there a penalty for wrong answers?	Yes	No
How is the test scored?	200-800 per section, added together for a combined score—a 2400 is the highest possible combined score	1—36 for each subject, averaged together for a composite score—a 36 is the highest possible composite score
Are all scores sent to schools?	Yes. If a student requests a score report b sent to specific colleges, the report will include the scores the student received on every SAT taken.	No. There is a "Score Choice" option. Students can choose which schools will receive their scores AND which scores the schools will see.
Are there other uses for the exams?	Scholarship purposes Certain statewide testing programs	Scholarship purposes Certain statewide testing programs
Best time to register?	At least six weeks before the test date	At least four weeks before the test date
Need more information?	The College Board: www.collegeboard.com	ACT, Inc: (319) 337-1000; www.ACTStudent.org

Senior's Corner

AVOIDING SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS- 10 Scam Warning Signs

1. **Fees-** Scammers use bogus fees such as “application”, “disbursement”, “Redemption”, and “processing fees” as a way to take your money. Scholarships should not require ANY fees.
2. **Credit card or bank account information needed-** Never give credit card or bank account information to receive aid. If you have, call your bank or credit card issuer immediately.
3. **Scholarship guarantee-** No one controls judges’ decisions. Be wary of “high success rates”, which often refer to award matches, not award winners.
4. **No work involved-** Legitimate scholarship applications require time. No one should complete them for you.
5. **No contact information-** Before you apply, confirm the sponsor’s contact information. They should provide a valid email, mailing address and phone number upon request.
6. **Unsolicited scholarships-** If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert. Ask where the sponsor got your contact information.
7. **Pressure tactics-** Never allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking you to pay money up front.
8. **Claims of “exclusive” scholarships-** Legitimate sponsors will not restrict knowledge about their award to a single service.
9. **An official-sounding name or endorsement does not automatically mean legitimacy-** A sponsor may use words like “national”, “education”, or “federal” or have an official-looking seal, but might still be a scammer.
10. **Your questions aren't answered directly-** Proceed with caution if you are not given a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions.

2009-2010

SAT Registration/Test Dates

Registration Dates		Test Dates
Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	2007-2008 SAT Dates
September 9	September 16	October 10
October 1	October 15	November 7
October 31	November 13	December 5
December 15	December 30	January 23
February 4	February 18	March 13
March 25	April 8	May 1
April 29	May 13	June 5

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