

Senior News Hickman County High School

2016-2017 IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Focusing on Seniors

- Try to visit several colleges this fall, and be sure to attend your school's college fair.
- Take and retake the ACT/SAT, and talk with college admissions counselors about the score you will need for admission and financial aid at the college you choose.
- Apply to several colleges. PAY CLOSE ATTENTIONS TO APPLICATION DEADLINES!!! Applying before November 1st is a great idea, but you want to be sure to apply before Christmas break.
- Be sure to apply for Tennessee Promise, which must be completed before November 1st.
- Beginning in October, you may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit fafsa.gov to submit the application. You will want to complete the FAFSA as early as possible to begin receiving financial aid.
- 6. Throughout the year, check the announcements, library TV, and guidance office for scholarships that become available. Be sure to apply for all scholarships that you are eligible to receive. Pay attention to scholarship deadlines!!!

- 7. Check with colleges you are considering and be sure to apply for their scholarships. They should be listed on the website and may have a deadline as early as February 1st so be sure to start checking now! If you cannot find them, call an admissions counselor or check with the guidance office for help.
- When you apply for colleges, be sure to send in all supporting materials, such as shot records and transcripts. Fill out a transcript request form in guidance, and we will send your transcript to the colleges you select.
- Remember, if you have any questions, stop by the guidance office and ask. We are here to help you!





Senior Timeline

A timeline for what needs to be completed each month is listed in the following pages. Months September through May are included in the timeline.



FAFSA Process & NCAA Process

Information about completing the FAFSA and what you and your parents need will be included. Also, any student interested in playing NCAA sports in college need to read the NCAA Process information.



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September

- Download the HCHS App to a smart phone or tablet for important data and news.
- Apply for the Tennessee Promisedeadline November 1st.
- Register for the October 22 ACT.
 Deadline is September 16.
- Listen for announcements about Balfour and ordering caps, gowns, invitations, etc.
- Listen for announcements about visits by college representatives.
- Complete applications to schools with early deadlines: UT Knoxville, Tennessee Tech University, Columbia State Community College Nursing Program, and more...
- Visit prospective schools on the weekends. Take your parents along. Look for dates of freshmen preview weekends.
- Register for selective services if you are a young man just turning 18.

October

- Apply for the Tennessee Promise- deadline November
- Attend the Tennessee
 Promise meeting for seniors at
 HCHS at 1:30 on October 20.

- Begin application for FAFSA.
 Complete the application as soon as possible to start receiving financial aid!
 Deadline is January 17.
- Register for the December 10 ACT. Deadline is November 4.
- Listen for announcements about Balfour and ordering caps, gowns, invitations, etc.
- Submit applications to schools that you are interested in attending, especially UT Knoxville, Tennessee Tech University, and Columbia State Nursing Program.
- Check for possible scholarships on the announcements, library TV, and in the guidance office. You can also look at scholarships on www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, mymajors.com, and collegefortn.org. Also, LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU CAN USUALLY FIND THOSE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
- Apply to the college(s) of your choice.
- Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!

November

Check for possible scholarships on the announcements, library TV, and in the guidance office. You can also look at scholarships on www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, mymajors.com, and collegefortn.org. Also, LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU **CAN USUALLY FIND** THOSE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

- Register for the December 10 ACT.
 Deadline is November 4.
 This is the last ACT for seniors planning to apply for academic scholarships.
- FAFSA Frenzy Night November 14!- For students and parents
- Listen for announcements about Balfour and ordering cap, gown, invitations, etc.
- Complete application for college housing.
- Apply to the college(s) of your choice.
- Complete application for FAFSA. Deadline is January 17.
- Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!
- Start completing your Tennessee Promise service hours, which is 8 hours of community service. Deadline to complete and submit is July 1.

December

- Check for possible scholarships on the announcements, library TV, and in the guidance office. You can also look at scholarships on www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, mymajors.com, and collegefortn.org. Also, LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU **CAN USUALLY FIND** THOSE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
- If you are interested in taking the ASVAB, sign

- up for the opportunity when you get the opportunity.
- Begin writing essays for applications that require essays. Make sure they are typed and doublespaced.
- Apply to the college(s) of your choice.
- Complete college housing application.
- Be sure that you have applied to the college(s) of your choice!!!
- Register for selective services if you are a young man just turning
- Complete application for FAFSA. Deadline is January 17.
- Register for the February 11 ACT. Deadline is January 13.
- Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!
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January

- Complete application for FAFSA. Deadline is January 17.
- Be sure if you have any credit recovery that you finish it before senior trip and graduation so you are eligible for both.
- Check for possible scholarships on the announcements, library TV, and in the guidance office. You can also look at scholarships on www.fastweb.com,

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mymajors.com, and collegefortn.org. Also, LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU CAN USUALLY FIND THOSE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

- Register for the February 11 ACT. Deadline is January 13.
- Listen for announcements about Balfour and arrival of senior orders.
- Make the final decision about which school you will attend in the fall.
- Submit all college applications by January 31st!!!
- Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!
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February

- Listen for announcements about Balfour and arrival of senior orders.
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- PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU CAN USUALLY FIND THOSE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
- Register for selective services if you are a young man just turning 18.
- Register for the April 8
 ACT. Deadline is March 3.
- Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!
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March

- Attend the March 1st Tennessee Promise meeting at 5:30 in the HCHS auditorium!
- Register for the April 8
 ACT. Deadline is March 3.

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- scholarships on the announcements, library TV, and in the guidance office. You can also look at scholarships on www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, mymajors.com, and collegefortn.org. Also, LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND- YOU CAN USUALLY FIND
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WEBSITE.

THOSE ON THE SCHOOL

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April

 Notify the guidance office of any scholarship offers so they can recognize at award's day and in the graduation program. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO

SHOW/ TELL US ABOUT YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!! WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!

- Prepare your graduation invitation list.
- Listen for announcements about Balfour and arrival of senior orders.
- Register for the June 10 ACT. Deadline is May 5.
- Complete your Tennessee Promise service hours, which is 8 hours of community service. Deadline to complete and submit is July 1.

May

 Complete your final transcript form for

- guidance at graduation practice.
- Notify schools if you are not planning to attend or accept their scholarship offer.
- Check with the guidance office to make sure you have verified the lotter scholarship.
- Register for the June 10 ACT. Deadline is May 5.
- Enjoy Graduation!!!
 - Complete your
 Tennessee Promise
 service hours, which is 8
 hours of community
 service. Deadline to
 complete and submit is
 July 1.



FAFSA Completion

Go to FAFSA.GOV to create your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and start your FAFSA.

How long will it take?

FSA ID: 20 minutes Initial Application: 30 minutes Renewal Application: 20 minutes FAFSA Corrections: 10 minutes

| What you will need: | | |
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| FSA ID for both the student and the dependent student's parent/stepparent * Must complete first! | Your 2015 federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned. | |
| Records of untaxed income (if applicable) | Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable) | |
| Your Social Security number | If you are a dependent student, you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s). | |

NCAA Certification Process



Students who want to participate in Division 1 or II sports should start the NCAA Certification process early. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the clearinghouse has the following documents for certification.

- 1. A completed and signed Student Release Form and fee
- 2. An official high school transcript from every school attended during high school
- 3. ACT or SAT scores.

***Student release forms with instructions may be obtained online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

If you need assistance or have questions, please see the guidance office!



Tennessee Promise is a last-dollar scholarship that funds tuition and mandatory fees for up to five semesters at a community college or eligible four-year university or eight trimesters at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT).

As a last dollar scholarship, Tennessee Promise covers a student's tuition and mandatory fees not paid by federal or state funds.

Tennessee Promise Checklist!

| Apply to the TN promise program- Nov.1 | Attend 2 nd meeting MANDATORY- Mar. 1 HCHS 5:30 |
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| File the FAFSA- Jan 17 | Apply to an eligible TN Promise Institution |
| Attend first meeting MANDATORY- Oct. 20 | Complete and submit 8 hours of community service |
| Complete financial aid verification- Aug. 1 | www.tnachieves.org |

Guidelines for Requesting Letters of Recommendation:

- 1. Choose someone who knows you well. This someone can be a teacher, club sponsor, coach, minister, employer, etc. Never request a letter from a family member.
- 2. Ask early and politely.
- 3. Provide information about the scholarship. The more a person knows about the scholarship or school you seek to enter, the more easily he/she can tailor the letter toward a specific audience.
- 4. Provide information about yourself. The more a person knows about your past work, your extracurricular interests, and your aspirations, the more specific he/she can be about your talents and motivation.
- 6. Double-check that the letter has arrived by the deadline. Make sure they sent it or that you have it to send.
- 7. Send the writer a thank-you note.

Sample Resume:

Your Name

Street Address * City, State and Zip Code * Email Address * Phone Number

Education

Hickman County High School Senior, graduating May 2017 Act Score:

School, Church, and Community Activities

Make a list of all volunteer and service activities, as well as activities such as theater, etc.

Sports

List all sports/band groups you participate in during the school year or outside of school.

Clubs

List all school and outside clubs you are involved with

Awards

List all awards you received in high school, both in school and out of school

Employment

List any jobs you have had during high school (Jobs can include babysitting)

National Level Scholarships!!! Apply at various websites...

| Multimedia Scholarship | \$1,000 | honorsgradu.com |
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| DAR Scholarships | | http://dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm |
| Scarlett Family Foundation | | scarlettfoundation.org |
| Tennessee Concrete Association | varies | |
| National Merit Scholarship | varies | PSAT selected |
| Abbott & Fenner Scholarship | \$1,000 | www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm |
| AEMP Foundation Legacy Scholarship | \$2,000 | www.aemp.org/about-us/who-we-are/foundation/for-students |
| AT&T Foundation Employee Scholarship | unknown | scholarshipamerica.org/attfoundation |
| Buick Achievers Scholarship | \$2000 to \$25000 | www.buickachievers.com |
| Burger King Scholarship | \$1000 to \$50000 | www.bkmclamorefoundation.org |
| Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee | \$2,500 | www.cmft.org |
| FFA Scholarships | varies | www.ffa.org/programs/grantsandscholarships |
| HOSA Scholarship | varies | hosa.org |
| MG James Ursano Scholarship | \$900 to \$1900 | www.aerhq.org |
| Middle Tennessee Nursery Association Scholarship | \$1,500 | www.mtna.com |
| SAE Engineering Scholarship | unknown | www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm |
| Scholarships for Military Children | varies | www.militaryscholar.org |
| Society of Women Engineers Scholarship | \$1000 to \$10000 | societyofwomenengineers.swe.org |
| Sonic Scholarship | \$1,000 | Must work at Sonic- ask you manager about an application |
| SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes | \$1,000 | www.offtocollege.info |
| US Bank Internet Scholarship Program | \$1,000 | www.usbank.com/studentbanking |
| William R. Snodgrass Scholarship | \$1000-\$2000 | nashvilleaga.org/scholarships.html |
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| Scholarship Databases | | |
| <u>cappex.com</u> | | |
| collegeforTN.org | | |
| college-scholarships.com | | |
| <u>fastweb.com</u> | | |
| <u>finaid.org</u> | | |
| scholarshipguidance.com | | |
| studentscholarships.org | | |
| <u>raise.me</u> | | |
| unigo.com | | |