

# **JUNIOR GUIDANCE BULLETIN**

**South Christian High School**

**Class of 2021**



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans  
to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope  
and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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# What's Your Career Path?

## work

You may be one of the millions of high school graduates who choose not to pursue a college degree. If so, the key to job satisfaction and financial stability is attaining marketable job skills. In order to achieve competency in an activity needed in the work world, you often need additional training after high school. Two options are:

**a. On-The-Job Training:** Training which one acquires by participating on a daily basis on a specific career. The person is paid for this participation and receives experience in the career. **Examples:** bank teller, farm worker, receptionist, wait staff, or factory worker



**b. Apprenticeship:** A form of vocational-technical training in which an individual who wishes to learn a trade participates as a worker under the supervision of a skilled worker in that trade. This is a good way to get training and earn a regular wage at the same time. In most programs a minimum of 144 hours per year is spent in classes. In Grand Rapids, these classes are often taken at GRCC, meeting one night per week. The length of an apprenticeship is based on how many years it takes to master a trade, usually 3-4 years.

**Examples** of training:

Construction	Industrial Trades	
Bricklaying	Die Designer	Millwright
Plumbing	Machine Builder	Die Maker-Mold
Carpenter	Model Maker-Metal	Machine Repair
Sheet Metal	Die Maker-Stamping	Tool Hardener
Electrician	Model Maker-Wood	Machinist
HVAC	Die Welder	Pattern Maker
Pipe fitting	Tool Maker	Pipe fitter

## armed forces

The military offers jobs, education, training, travel, good pay, job security, fringe benefits, and early retirement. Life in the military may include strict discipline, constant moving, and personal danger in the event of war. About 3 of 4 military jobs relate to a similar job in civilian life. The 4<sup>th</sup> is specifically combat related. You can contact a local recruiting center for more information and/or pick up brochures in the Guidance office.

**Military Information:** – lunch-time meetings



## further education

**vocational and technical school:** a one or two-year institution which offers terminal occupational programs intended to prepare students for immediate employment in certain fields.

**training examples:** auto mechanics, cosmetology, medical assistant, dental assistant, electronic technician

**examples of schools:** Excel Academy of Cosmetology, GRCC Technology Programs, Ferris State University Tech programs, Dordt College, Davenport University, Baker College

## 2 year colleges (community college)

**terminal course:** academic program is complete in itself--may be a 1 or 2 year course of study

**transfer course:** academic program is designed to lead into a 4-year course at another college or university

**training examples:** see list on following page

**examples of schools:** Grand Rapids Community College

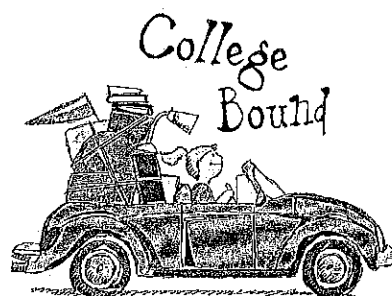
**4 year colleges (college or university):** an institution that offers educational instruction beyond high school level in a 4-year program. Some 2 year programs may also be available, but not often

**examples of schools** Calvin University, Hope College, Grand Valley State University, Davenport University, Cornerstone University, Baker College, Ferris State University

## college exploration

- **online resources**

- [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) - you've done Matchmaker Interest Inventory. You can re-take Matchmaker, check out their college search, or look at their Scholarship search. User name:southchristian, password:kentwood
- [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [www.myblueprintstory.com](http://www.myblueprintstory.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)



## Attend college fairs

- **Holland Area College Night at Hope College**
  - Thursday, September 19, 6:00-7:30pm
- **Christian College Fair at Cornerstone University**
  - Monday, September 30, 6:30-8:30pm
- **GR Area College Night at Aquinas College**
  - Tuesday, October 15, 12:00-2:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm

## College visits

There is no better way to “try on” a college than by visiting when school is in session.

College visits are counted as excused absences. Colleges often have special visitation days or will make arrangements for your visit through their admissions office. You can set up a college visit with a phone call to the Admissions Office or on the college website. It is recommended that a parent go with you. If you are considering living on the college’s campus, you should include an overnight stay.

At least **several days** before your scheduled visit:

1. Pick up a College Visit form from Guidance Office
2. You will need to get signatures from your parents, teachers and a counselor
3. Turn in you slip to the main office at least 2 days before your scheduled visit

## Meet with college representatives

Throughout the school year, but especially in the fall, representatives from colleges, trade and technical schools, and the armed services visit South to meet with interested students. They talk about their schools and answer questions. You must follow this procedure to attend a session:

1. **pay attention to announcements** of school representative visits in the announcements and check the senior hall bulletin board.
2. **sign up in the Guidance office** for a pass by the day before the representative visits, show your pass to the teacher whose class you will miss.



## Grand Rapids Community College Academic Programs

### Applied Technology

- Electrical Controls Engineering Technology, A.A.A.S
- Electrical Controls/Mechatronics Certificate
- Electronics Engineering Technology Certificate
- Electronics Engineering Technology, A.A.A.S
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technology, A.A.A.S.
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technology Certificate
- Industrial Maintenance Certificate
- Industrial Maintenance Technology, A.A.A.S.

### Automotive

- Automotive Servicing Certificate
- Automotive Technology, A.A.A.S.

### Biological Sciences

#### Business

- Accounting, A.B.
- Business Administration, A.B.
- Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Interior Decorating and Design, A.A.A.S.
- Management and Supervision, A.B.
- Marketing Certificate
- Marketing, A.B.
- Office Administration, A.B.
- Pre-Business Administration, A.A. (Western Michigan University)
- Pre-Business, A.A. (Cornerstone University)
- Pre-Business, A.A. (General Transfer)

### College Learning Studies

#### Computer Information Systems

- Computer Programming, A.A.A.S.
- Computer Support Specialist, A.A.A.S.
- Graphics/Web Development, A.A.A.S.
- Network Administration, A.A.A.S.
- Pre-Computer Information Systems, A.A. (General Transfer)
- Pre-Computer Science, A.S. (General Transfer)
- Pre-Information Security, A.A. (General Transfer)

#### Criminal Justice

- Addiction Studies Certificate
- Corrections, A.A.A.S.
- Juvenile Services, A.A.A.S.
- Law Enforcement, A.A.A.S.
- Police Academy Certificate

#### Culinary-SICE

- Baking and Pastry Arts Advanced Certificate
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- Culinary Arts Advanced Certificate
- Culinary Arts Certificate
- Culinary Arts, A.A.A.S.
- Hospitality Management Advanced Certificate
- Personal Chef Advanced Certificate
- Personal/Private Chef Business Certificate
- Restaurant Management, A.A.A.S.

#### Dental Auxiliaries

- Dental Assisting Certificate
- Dental Assisting, A.A.A.S.
- Dental Hygiene, A.A.A.S.

#### Education

- Child Development (MTA), A.A.A.S.
- Child Development, A.A.A.S.
- Infant and Toddler CDA Formal Training Hours Certificate
- Paraprofessional Education (MTA), A.A.A.S.
- Preschool CDA Formal Training Hours Certificate

#### English

#### Exercise Science

- Pre-Exercise Science, A.A. (Cornerstone University)
- Pre-Exercise Science, A.A. (Grand Valley State University-Clinical Exercise Science)
- Pre-Exercise Science, A.A. (Grand Valley State University-Health Fitness Instruction)

### Job Training

- Automotive Technician, Certificate of Completion
- Computer Support Technician, Certificate of Completion
- Green Construction Remodeling, Certificate of Completion
- Introduction to Construction, Certificate of Completion
- Machinist/CNC Technician, Certificate of Completion
- Residential Construction, Certificate of Completion
- Welding/Fabrication Technician, Certificate of Completion

### Language & Thought

- Pre-Journalism, A.A. (General Transfer)

### Liberal Arts & Sciences

- Associate of Arts, A.A.
- Associate of Science, A.S.
- General Studies, A.G.S.

### Manufacturing

- Apprenticeship Option, A.A.A.S.
- Industrial Technology Certificate
- Manufacturing Apprenticeship Certificate
- Plastics-Polymer Engineering Technology Certificate
- Plastics-Polymer Engineering Technology, A.A.A.S (Ferris State University-Manufacturing Engineering Technology)
- Plastics-Polymer Engineering Technology, A.A.A.S (Ferris State University-Plastics Engineering Technology)
- Plastics-Polymer Engineering Technology, A.A.A.S.
- Quality Science Certificate
- Quality Science, A.A.A.S.
- Technology Option, A.A.A.S.
- Tooling and Manufacturing Technology Certificate
- Tooling and Manufacturing Technology, A.A.A.S.
- Welding Certificate
- Welding Technology, A.A.A.S.

### Mathematics

#### Mechanical & Architectural Design

- Architectural Technology, A.A.A.S (Ferris State University-Facility Management)
- Architectural Technology, A.A.A.S.
- Mechanical Design Certificate
- Mechanical Design, A.A.A.S.
- Pre-Master of Architecture, A.A. (Lawrence Technological Univ)

#### Music

- Associate of Music, A.M.
- Digital Audio Specialist Certificate
- Music Merchandising, A.M.
- Music, A.M. (Grand Valley State University)
- Music, A.M. (Western Michigan University)
- Recording Technology, A.M.

#### Nursing

- Nursing, A.D.N.
- Practical Nursing Certificate

#### Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Occupational Therapy Assistant, A.A.A.S.

#### Physical Sciences

- Chemical Technology, A.A.A.S.
- Pre-Chemistry, A.S. (General Transfer)
- Pre-General Science/Chiropractic, A.S. (Palmer College of Chiropractic)

#### Psychology

- Gerontology Certificate
- Pre-Psychology, A.A. (General Transfer)

#### Radiologic Technology

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Radiologic Technology, A.A.A.S.

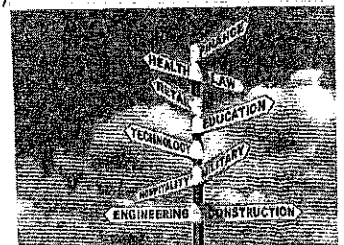
#### Social Sciences

#### Sustainability

#### Theater

#### Visual Arts

- Fine Arts, A.F.A.
- Photography, A.F.A.
- Pre-Art, A.A. (General Transfer)
- Pre-Photography, A.A. (General Transfer)



# College applications

Most applications to colleges take place in the fall of the senior year. The exception is Military Academies, which require earlier than normal application. Ask your counselor for more information.

## Beyond general admissions

When researching colleges students may want to look into specific opportunities, services, or programs that would meet their own unique needs.

**High Achievers:** Many universities offer options that students may wish to explore such as Honors Colleges or Residential Colleges within the college or university.

**Transfer Students:** Students who plan to begin at a local community college and transfer to a four year college or university.

**Out of State Options:** Students wishing to go to college out of state, but at in state tuition, should check out the Midwest Student Exchange program at [www.msep.mhcc.org](http://www.msep.mhcc.org)

**Students with Special Needs:** Students who have required additional services while students in high school may wish to look into any programs or support services which colleges may offer.

**Highly Selective/Ivy League Schools:** Students choosing to apply to the most competitive schools should begin researching the admissions process early. Admissions procedures, testing, and deadlines will vary by school. Be sure to let your counselor know about your interest in specific colleges or universities. Examples: U of M, Notre Dame, Northwestern – IL.

## Volunteer opportunities for future healthcare related

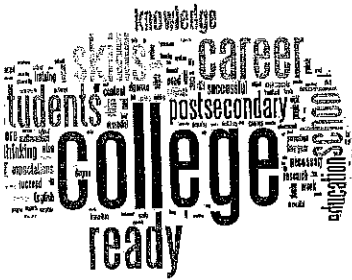
**careers** - Students planning to go into health related careers, including veterinary, need to get work or volunteer experience.

### Medical

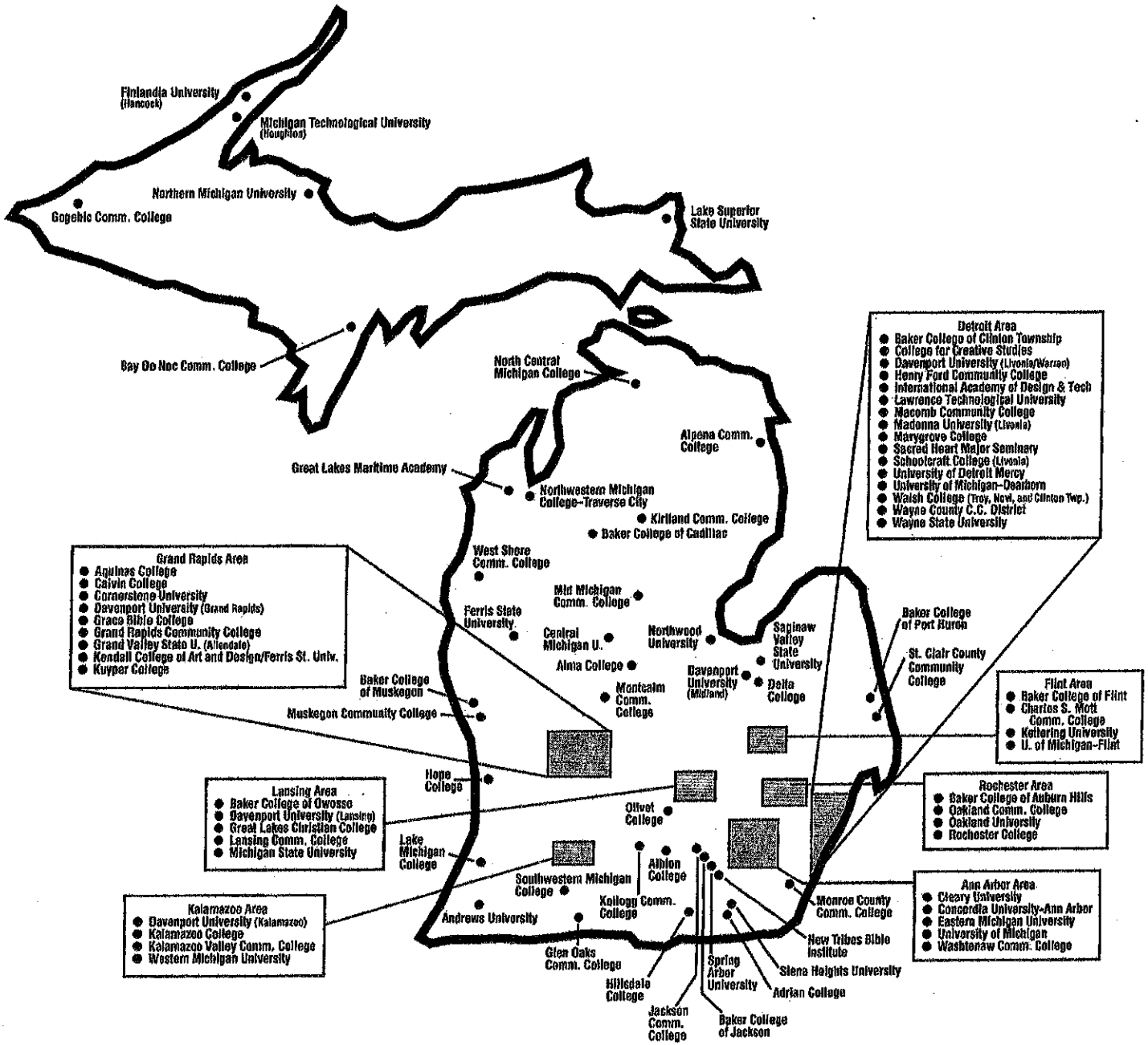
- Spectrum Health: [www.spectrumhealth.org](http://www.spectrumhealth.org)
- St. Mary's Healthcare: [www.mercyhealth.com](http://www.mercyhealth.com)
- Metro Health: [metrohealth.net/careers/volunteers](http://metrohealth.net/careers/volunteers)
- Mary Free Bed: [maryfreebed.com](http://maryfreebed.com)
- Holland Home: [hollandhome.org](http://hollandhome.org)
- Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods: [www.faithhospicecare.org](http://www.faithhospicecare.org)

### Veterinary

- Kent County Animal Shelter: [www.accesskent.com](http://www.accesskent.com)  
616-632-7300
- Kent County Humane Society: [hswestmi.org](http://hswestmi.org)
- Vicky's Pet Connection: [vickypetconnection.com](http://vickypetconnection.com)



# Michigan Colleges and Universities












































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# Colleges in Michigan

## GPA & ACT/SAT Tiers

Community Colleges: No minimum GPA & ACT/SAT requirements	GPA: 2.5-2.8 Avg. ACT: 16-19 Avg. SAT: 860-1010	GPA: 2.8-3.2 Avg. ACT: 18-22 Avg. SAT: 940-1120	GPA: 3.3-3.5 Avg. ACT: 21-25 Avg. SAT: 1130-1380	GPA: 3.5-3.8 Avg. ACT: 23-29 Avg. SAT: 1130-1380	GPA: 3.8-4.0 Avg. ACT: 29-36 Avg. SAT: 1350-1600
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpena CC</li> <li>• Bay College</li> <li>• Delta College</li> <li>• Glen Oaks CC</li> <li>• Gogebic CC</li> <li>• Grand Rapids CC</li> <li>• Henry Ford CC</li> <li>• Jackson CC</li> <li>• Kalamazoo Valley CC</li> <li>• Kellogg CC</li> <li>• Kirtland CC</li> <li>• Lake Michigan College</li> <li>• Lansing CC</li> <li>• Macomb CC</li> <li>• Mid-Michigan CC</li> <li>• Monroe County CC</li> <li>• Mott CC</li> <li>• Muskegon CC</li> <li>• North Central Michigan College</li> <li>• Northwestern Michigan College</li> <li>• Oakland CC</li> <li>• Schoolcraft College</li> <li>• Southwestern Michigan College</li> <li>• St. Clair County CC</li> <li>• Washtenaw CC</li> <li>• Wayne County CC</li> <li>• West Shore CC</li> </ul>	      	           	           	     	   

GPA & ACT/SAT are based on the Michigan Post-Secondary Handbook. Contact the admissions office for most up to date information.



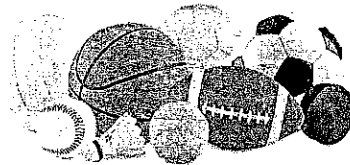
## Job Shadows

- GREAT way to explore careers that interest you
- research careers at [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (username: southchristian; password: kentwood)
  - detailed information on website
  - interviews with people currently in the career
- Mrs. DeWeerd sets up job shadows
  - Mrs. DeWeerd is in the Guidance office Monday - Friday
  - fill out purple request form
  - Mrs. DeWeerd has contacts with many people in wide variety of jobs
- set up own job shadow
  - you can set up your own if you know someone willing
  - let Mrs. DeWeerd know your plans (she needs some information before you are given permission to visit during school hours)
- Kent ISD – talk & tour, Groundhog Shadow Day



## NCAA/NAIA requirements for sports

If you want to participate in Division I or II sports in college, you should be aware of specific requirements, including required high school courses and possible registration. You can visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) or [playnaia.org](http://playnaia.org) for more information. Please see your counselor who will help you with this process.



## Junior Interviews

Every junior will come into Guidance Office this year to check into career and/or post secondary school ideas. We will put a pass on your locker to notify you of your appointment. The Junior Interview Information Sheet will help us to know what you are interested in checking out.

# Standardized Testing

Standardized test scores are required for admission to college. You may choose to have your test scores sent to colleges when you register for the test. Your scores will also be on the official transcript we send to colleges. Some important details:

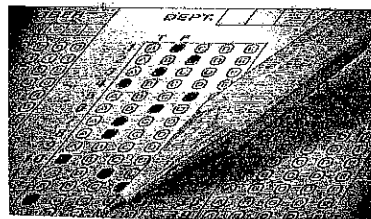
- **The registration code for South Christian High School is 231-745.**
- It is wise to take the ACT or SAT at least twice. If you do worse on a re-take, don't worry. Your best score is used by the colleges.
- ACT & SAT scores are used to determine admission to college and, in many cases, scholarships. These scores, along with grades, class rank, school activities and volunteer experiences are very important.
- Both tests offer a writing portion. The writing portion is not required by all colleges and universities. You may want to check with the college(s) your child is considering to see if they require the writing. Most students take the writing portion only once.
- Apps to use are: Daily practice for the New SAT, Ready 4 SAT, Khan Academy, Prep 4 ACT, ACT Practice, Prep, Flashcards, ACT Up.
- [testive.com](http://testive.com) is another site that offers free test prep for both ACT and SAT.
- Test prep books for both ACT & SAT are available in the counseling office.

## ACT details

- Cost for the ACT is \$52. ACT plus writing is \$68
- Register for the ACT at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

### ACT Test Dates for 2019-20 are:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020



## SAT details

- Cost for the SAT is \$49.50. SAT with Essay is \$64.50
- Register for the SAT at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)
- [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org) is a great resource to help you prepare for the SAT

### SAT Test Dates for 2019-20 are:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

## Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships - gift, usually not need-based
- Grants - gift, often need-based, based on merit
- Loans - must be repaid
- Work Study - guaranteed work on campus for wages

## Sources of Financial Aid - largest to smallest

- Federal Government
- College Resources
- Tax Relief
- State Government
- Employer-Paid Tuition
- Private Sources
- Veteran's Administration



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Finding scholarships takes hard work and time. Although some are awarded automatically when colleges look at students' applications, many require separate application and searching.

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA** - College and private scholarship committees are often looking for students with particular qualifications such as:

- extraordinary talent (art, music, writing, sports, science, etc.)
- a certain nationality or race
- good grades
- high ACT or SAT scores
- extra-curricular activities participation
- leadership
- character
- volunteer community service and activity in community organizations
- career plans
- parents who are veterans or belong to certain organizations, unions, clubs, etc., or are employed by certain companies

## **ADDITIONAL ADVICE**

- Visit colleges and talk to financial aid people. Call or email them anytime you want information.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT (as many times as you wish).
- Submit a financial aid form (FAFSA) October of senior year at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and fill out a separate financial aid application if colleges require them.
- Apply to more than 1 college so you can compare financial aid packages.
- Attend SCHS financial aid night in September.

***JUNIOR INTERVIEW INFORMATION SHEET***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

1. After high school graduation, what are your plans? Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ more school

\_\_\_\_\_ work full time

\_\_\_\_\_ military

\_\_\_\_\_ don't know yet

2. Name career/jobs you think you might enjoy:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What areas would you like to explore at the Junior Interview with an ECO volunteer? Please check at least one area of interest.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Career assessment (discover how your interests & abilities match different careers).

b. \_\_\_\_\_ College/vocational school searches (narrow down choices based on what you are looking for)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ College websites

d. \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship opportunities (where to find scholarships)

e. \_\_\_\_\_ Career information (explore different careers: education needed, career description, money earned, etc.)

***How would you like us to contact you?***

\_\_\_\_ Note on locker

\_\_\_\_ School email



## COLLEGE VISITS

- 1) Pick up a College Visit Permission slip from Guidance (green)
- 2) Obtain parent's signature
- 3) Obtain signature(s) from teachers whose classes you will miss
- 4) Obtain signature from your counselor
- 5) Turn into the main office when completed

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### COLLEGE VISIT PERMISSION SLIP

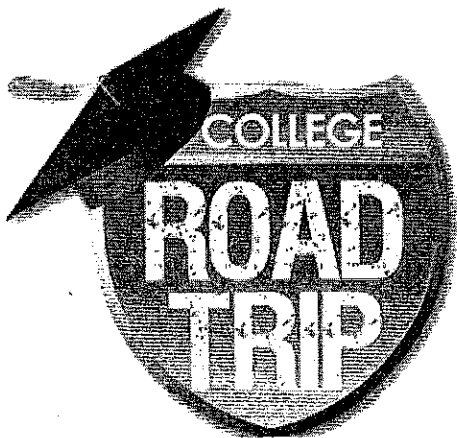
\_\_\_\_\_ (*Senior/Junior*) (circle correct choice) has my  
Student's name

permission to go on a college visit to \_\_\_\_\_ College/University

on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Date

Teacher's signatures are needed before the day of your college visit. Classes to be missed are indicated. **Students are responsible for all work missed.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

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Counselor's Signature