



Senior Newsletter

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Graduation

Seniors, your hard work is about to pay off! Graduation will be here before you know it and the time you have spent in high school earning your credits will be rewarded. Most of you seniors have made plans for your future and are working through steps like filling out applications, looking for scholarships, exploring options through the military, and/or researching job opportunities.

Scholarships

A list of scholarships can be found on the Counselor's Corner on the high school webpage. This list is updated periodically and provides a comprehensive list of many local scholarships along with a few national opportunities. The links to the right provide even more national scholarship opportunities.

- Scholarships are only available to students who have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year college or vocational school.
- Only students should fill out scholarship applications. **Parents should not fill out the applications for their child.** Scholarship committees disregard applications filled out by anyone other than the student.
- Use specific wording in the scholarship essays.
- Use an email address other than your Gainesville school email because the scholarship committees will need an accurate email after graduation.

College Visits

Each senior can use two college days to check out universities of interest. Remember to come to the guidance office to get your college day form for teachers to sign at least **one week** before you plan on being absent to take your college day.

FAFSA

The deadline for priority consideration is February 1, 2022. Applications are accepted until April 1, 2022. The earlier you file, the more grant money you are likely to receive. Filing early also helps to ensure you don't miss FAFSA deadlines for state and college aid, which may differ from the federal deadline.

Selective Service

Young men are required to register for the Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. The process takes only about 45 seconds to do online at <https://www.sss.gov/>.

Resources

Counselor Website
<https://mo02207039.schoolwires.net/Domain/62> I am working to update and add information to the Counselor's Corner on the school website.

Coca-Cola Foundation
<https://www.coca-colascholarfoundation.org/apply/>
This website has links to many different resources, search engines, and scholarships.

DHEWD
<https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/>
The Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development for Missouri has a lot of tips for planning and paying for college.

Scholarship Central Missouri
www.myscholarshipcentral.org Scholarship Central Missouri is a resource for finding scholarships.

Journey to College
Journeytocollege.mo.gov
Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, Journey to College provides information about college options.