

October 2019

HCAM COUNSELOR'S CORNER for Seniors – Class of 2020!!



Our school CEEB code is 341-812. This code is requested on college applications, ACT, and SAT registration.

Students planning on attending a four year college or university should definitely plan on taking the SAT or ACT as early as possible. **Fee waivers are available in Ms Kummer's office.** If you are planning on attending a two- year school, you also have the option of skipping these standardized tests and taking an admission test offered through the community college.

SAT Testing Schedule 2019-2020

www.collegeboard.org to register

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Nov. 2	Oct. 3	Oct 22
Dec. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 26
March 14	Feb. 14	March 3
May 2	April 13	April 21
June 6	May 8	May 27

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ACT Testing Schedule 2019-2020

www.actstudent.org to register

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Dec. 14	Nov. 8	Nov. 25
Feb. 8	Jan. 10	Jan. 17
Apr 4	Feb. 29	March 16
Jun 13	May 8	May 25

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Senior News:

HCAM Seniors: You can work with Ms. Kummer or on your own to apply for colleges and universities next week, October 21-25 through College Foundation of North Carolina. **Remember to claim or create your CFNC Account and get a Pin# by completing the RDS (see below for more information) at www.ncresidency.org before you complete your applications.**

RDS – All North Carolina students are required to complete the Residency Determination Services to determine in-state tuition if planning on attending a college in North Carolina. You should do this before applying to North Carolina colleges. Go to www.ncresidency.org to complete this. You will need your parent/guardian to help you complete this.

Financial Aid Workshop: All seniors and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the HCAM cafeteria. There will be a representative from CFNC to assist you with information on how to pay for college and the FAFSA.gov forms required for financial aid.

To apply for Financial Aid in college, you will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The website is now open. Go to www.fafsa.gov to apply.

FAFSA Day for Spanish Speakers will be held on Saturday, November 2 at CVCC East Campus in the Computer Lab 946. The address is 2760 US Hwy 70 SE in Hickory. This will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students and parents you will need to bring: your social security number, your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a US citizen), your 2018 Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned, bank statements and records of investments (if applicable), records of untaxed income (if applicable, and a FSA ID to sign electronically. The links to everything you need to know about the FSA ID in Spanish is <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/es/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>. Parents who have an ITIN number should not attempt to create the FSA ID. The ITIN number always begins with the number 9.

Seniors, some of you will be receiving scholarship notices from colleges or universities as you apply. Please bring Ms. Kummer a copy of any scholarships you receive (whether you choose to accept this or not) so we can recognize your achievements during Senior Awards in the spring.

The counseling office does not encourage or recommend that you pay for assistance with scholarship searches. One of the best sources of scholarship and financial aid information is the Financial Aid Office and Scholarship Office at the college to which you are applying. Be sure to visit each college's website and follow that individual school's instructions regarding required forms and deadlines.

Student Transcripts: Many colleges and universities are now requesting that transcripts are sent electronically. If you are planning on attending a school in North Carolina, transcripts should be sent through CFNC even if you do not apply to your school through CFNC. This automatically allows a transcript to be sent. It is important that you know the correct spelling of your counselor's name and their e-mail address. If you are requesting that a transcript be mailed, there is a Transcript Request form in the counseling office that you need to complete. You can bring stamps for your transcript or pick them up to mail yourself. Please see Ms. England in the Counseling Office and plan on at least a two day turnaround.

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Scholarship 411:

Some free search areas for scholarships and financial aid are:
www.fastweb.com www.cfnc.org www.collegefortn.org
www.actsstudents.org
www.collegeboard.org www.cappex.com www.Scholarships.com

****Individual scholarship information is also available in the Counseling Office on the "Scholarship Wall" on new and previously announced applications. Each scholarship gives details on scholarship criteria and how to apply.**



New Scholarships:

Criminal Justice Fellows Program (CJFP) is a forgivable educational loan program for high school seniors in eligible counties that want to go into the criminal justice field in a certified position. This fellowship will fund an Associates degree from any North Carolina community college. Students who receive the educational loan would have 5 years to repay, though it would be forgiven if they enter and remain in a criminal justice profession within North Carolina for 4 years in an eligible county. For more information, visit NCDOJ's Criminal Justice Fellows Program web site.

North Carolina Scholarship Program for Children of War Veterans – Contact the Catawba County Veterans Office at (828) 465-8255 or District Office, NC Division of Veterans Affairs, 306 4th St. SW, Hickory, NC 28602.

North Carolina Hispanic College Fund – Scholarship recipients are seniors and recent graduates who are of Hispanic/Latino background. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better is required along with demonstrated commitment to public service and enrollment in a degree program at a community college or 4 year college/university. Go to: <http://www.thencshp.org/> for information.

WACE National Co-op Scholarship Program – Must have a high school GPA of 3.5 or better. Go to <https://waceinc.org/scholarship/scholonlineapp.html>.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Catherine Tucker Scholarship: Applicants must be an African American female; have a minimum GPA of 3.0, have been accepted for Fall enrollment into a 4 year college or university and submit that letter to the Sorority by June 5, agree to attend the Dove Awards Ceremony, and agree to participate in limited media activities. Please see Ms. Kummer for an application or apply on-line at www.zphibnaz.org by January 3, 2020.

Previously Announced Scholarships:

Air Force ROTC Scholarships

CFWNC

Coca Cola Scholars

CVCC

Elks Most Valuable Student Competition

Foundation for the Carolinas

Horatio Alger Scholarship

North Carolina Teaching Fellows

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: October 31

Deadline: November 15

Deadline: October 25

Deadline: January 25

Deadline: November 5



Seniors are allowed two college visits during their senior year if proof from the admission office from the college is brought back to school. Listed below are some colleges/universities that have contacted us about specific dates: