

# SENIOR NEWSLETTER – January/February 2016



## The Financial Aid Edition!

### Important Dates & Announcements

- Jan. 1 – FAFSA becomes available on-line  
Feb. 6 – ACT  
Feb. 11 – ACT WorkKeys  
Feb. 15 – No School (Weather Day)  
Feb. 16 – CACC Scholarship Apps Due  
Feb. 20 – USA Day Spring Preview Day  
Feb. 20 – Shelton State Preview Day  
[www.sheltonstate.edu/previewday](http://www.sheltonstate.edu/previewday)  
Feb. 26 – Auburn University Engineering Day  
8:00-1:00 – register at  
[www.eng.auburn.edu/eday](http://www.eng.auburn.edu/eday)



***Give Mrs. Miller a copy of any scholarship award letters you receive!!***

### College Scholarships...There's Still Time!

Visit college websites to get specific information on their admissions scholarships. Apply now!

<u>College</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Min. Requirement</u>
U of West AL	April 15	2.0/19 ACT
JSU	March 1	2.5/20 ACT
Troy U	March 1	3.0/23 ACT
Faulkner U	Feb/March	22 ACT
AL State U	-	3.0/20 ACT
Jeff State CC	March 1	3.0/22 ACT
Central AL CC	Feb 16	2.5 /no ACT
Lawson State CC	April 15	3.0/no ACT
AL A&M U	March 1	3.25/23 ACT
Shelton SCC	March 3	3.0/20 ACT
AUM	March 1	3.5/20 ACT

**“Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
Willing is not enough; we must do.”**

-Johann von Goethe

### **NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA?**

**Here are some options to help you with this process:**

1. See Mrs. Miller to set up an appointment for individualized help completing the FAFSA. Here is what you and your parent should bring:
  - ❖ Social Security Number
  - ❖ Alien Registration Number (if not a U.S. citizen)
  - ❖ Drivers' License
  - ❖ 2014 Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2 forms, and records of other income (bring 2013 if 2014 are not complete)
  - ❖ Records of other untaxed income for 2014 (social security, SNAP, welfare, temporary assistance, veterans' benefits)
  - ❖ Current bank statements
  - ❖ Current business and investment records
  - ❖ A Federal Student Aid PIN (If you do not already have one, visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))
2. Use the attached FAFSA Directions.
3. Visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out> for extensive information on this process.
4. Visit #AskFAFSA Office Hours on Twitter the last Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. for a live Q&A session where you can get your questions answered by the experts.

## MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Central AL Community College**

-scholarship applications are now available. The deadline is **February 16** and scholarships cover tuition and fees for 2 years. See Mrs. Miller for an application.

Academic - 3.0 GPA min required

Ambassador - 2.5 GPA min and interview

Performing Arts - 3.0 GPA and audition

Technical - 2.5 GPA

### **Jefferson State Community College :**

#### **JSCC Ambassador Scholarship**

-JSCC is seeking self-motivated, academically inclined, student leaders to serve as student ambassadors. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for 2 years. The deadline is March 6. Visit:

<http://faculty.jeffstateonline.com/ambassadors/>

#### **JSCC Academic Scholarship**

Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and 22 on the ACT. Go to [www.jeffstateonline.com](http://www.jeffstateonline.com) to apply. Deadline is March 1.

#### **JSCC Counselor Scholarship**

To be considered for the Counselor Scholarship you must hold a 3.0 GPA and submit a two-page essay stating the reasons why you want to attend Jeff State to Mrs. Miller by Feb. 29.

### **Tailhook Educational Foundation Scholarship**

-for high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of individuals who formerly served as US Navy Aviators, Naval Flight Officers, or Naval Aircrewmen. visit: [www.tailhook.org](http://www.tailhook.org) for more info

### **Auburn Univ. Dept. of Chemical Engineering**

-offers renewable scholarships for freshmen who specify Pre-Chemical Engineering as their major on their application. Complete app by Feb. 10. <http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/ausom/>

### **Alabama Homebuilders Foundation Scholarship**

-must be an AL resident who is pursuing a construction-related degree at a 2-year, 4-year, or technical school in AL. The deadline is March 15. Get application at [www.ahbfoundation.org](http://www.ahbfoundation.org)

### **Athnet Sports Recruiting Scholarship**

Available to high school seniors who were athletes at the high school level. You do not need to be an athlete at the college level. Application Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> and award amount is \$1,000. For application Instructions: See website

at <http://www.athleticscholarships.net/scholarship-contest.htm>)

### **Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest**

Regions will award a \$5,000 scholarship to 16 high school seniors who will attend college in the fall of 2016. Deadline is February 25. To enter, visit [www.regions.com/ridingforward](http://www.regions.com/ridingforward).

### **American Association of Blacks in Energy Scholarship**

-for minority students planning to major in engineering, technology, math, or physical science fields. Must demonstrate financial need and have an overall 3.0 GPA. deadline is March 4 . See Mrs. Miller for an application package.

**Alabama G.I. Dependents Scholarship** – parents must have had military experience. Visit <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

### **Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship**

-based on academics, school and community involvement, and financial need. visit [www.jimmyranefoundation.org](http://www.jimmyranefoundation.org). Deadline is Feb. 4

### **Alabama College Counts Scholarship**

-for students entering a 2-year or 4-year college who exhibit financial need and have a minimum 2.75 GPA and ACT of **26 or below**. Award ranges from \$2000-\$4000. Deadline is April 22. visit [www.collegecountsalabama.com](http://www.collegecountsalabama.com)

**For Hispanic Students!** – Deadlines vary <http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/>

**eCo Credit Union A.L. Bratcher Scholarship** – must have an eCo account or become an account holder by March 18 and plan to enroll in a 2-year, 4-year, or technical school. Deadline is March 18 – Visit [www.ecocu.org](http://www.ecocu.org) or see Mrs. Miller for a paper copy.

### **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program**

Awards up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) Scholarship

Deadline - **June 10, 2016**

Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> Full details are available on the web site.

### **State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship**

Must be a high school senior who plans to attend college, technical, or vocation school, has a GPA of 2.5-3.20, and demonstrates financial need. Deadline is **March 2** and **only the first 700 applications** will be accepted. For more information, visit <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>

**Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union** – will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school credit union members. Application can be downloaded at [www.CoosaPinesFCU.org](http://www.CoosaPinesFCU.org) – the deadline is April 9.

### **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program**

High school seniors who plan to enroll full time at a four-year school and plan to major in engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry should apply for this scholarship by February 29. For more information, visit [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com).

### **Alabama Association of School Office Personnel (AASOP) Scholarship**

High school seniors who desire to pursue a degree in business or education at an accredited Alabama school, college or university are eligible for this \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline is March 1. See Mrs. Miller for an application.

**United Methodist Children's Home Knabe Scholarship Program** – Seniors must have a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate good moral character and leadership skills, and be accepted to a higher education institution in Tuscaloosa or Florence prior to applying. For more information and to apply, visit: <http://umch.net/scholarship-program.html>

### **Alabama Center for Architecture Scholarship**

Students must be entering or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate architecture program that is accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board. Scholarship application is

available at [www.alcfa.org](http://www.alcfa.org) or a paper copy is available from Mrs. Miller. Deadline is April 8.

### **National FFA Scholarship**

Seniors who are current FFA members and plan to attend post-secondary school as a full-time student. Deadline is Feb. 1. Visit [FFA.org/scholarships](http://FFA.org/scholarships) for more information.

### **Additional scholarship opportunities can be found at the following websites:**

- Coupons.com Scholarship Fund (3 \$5,000 scholarships available); Deadline- Multiple <http://www.coupons.com/thegoodstuff/scholarship/>
- Sunoco Rewards Scholarships (TWO \$1,000 opportunities available); Deadline- 5/31/2016 <https://www.sunoco.com/contests-and-sweepstakes/sunoco-rewards-scholarship/>
- Big Fish Online Games Scholarship (\$2,500 Scholarship); Deadline- 5/31/2016 <http://www.bigfishgames.com/daily/big-fish-online-games-scholarship/>
- Bay Alarm Medical Scholarship (Scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 & \$500 awarded); Deadline- 4/22/2016 <http://www.bayalarmmedical.com/scholarship>
- AED Superstore College Scholarship; Deadline- 5/31/2016 <http://www.aedsuperstore.com/scholarship.html>
- Griswold Home Care Bi-annual Scholarship; Deadline- Ongoing/Biannual <http://www.griswoldhomecare.com/scholarship/>
- Waterlogic's Clean Water Scholarship; Deadline- 4/30/2016 <http://www.waterlogic.com/en-us/clean-water-scholarship/>
- Corporation Service Company Scholarship; Deadline- 5/31/2016 <https://www.cscglobal.com/global/web/csc/csc-scholarship.html>
- eMaint Service on 11 Scholarship; Deadline- 4/30/2016 <http://www.emaint.com/scholarship>
- PicMonkey \$1000 Scholarship; Deadline- 5/31/2016 <http://www.picmonkey.com/blog/1000-picmonkey-college-scholarship/>
- The Company Corporation's Quarterly Business Plan Contest; Deadline- Ongoing/Quarterly [https://www.incorporate.com/business\\_plan\\_contest.html](https://www.incorporate.com/business_plan_contest.html)
- Oz Moving & Storage Scholarship; Deadline- 4/30/2016 <https://www.ozmoving.com/Scholarship>
- Crown & Caliber Entrepreneur's Scholarship; Deadline- 5/31/2016 <http://www.crownandcaliber.com/crown-caliber-entrepreneurs-scholarship/>