

# FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE OCTOBER 2011

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Welcome back Seniors! We, your counselors, hope your senior year will be an exciting and rewarding year. To keep you informed on scholarship information, test dates, and financial aid, the Scholarship Update will be available to Seniors the last week of September, October, November, January, February and March.

If you meet the criteria for any of the scholarships listed, talk with your counselor. In most cases your counselor will provide you with the application. However, occasionally you may need to write for one or go on-line.

Be aware of the scholarship **deadlines**. It is your responsibility to obtain the application, complete it, and mail it in on time. Letters of recommendation are almost always a necessity when applying for scholarships. Allow enough time for your counselor or teacher to prepare one before the deadline.

The counselors are always willing to discuss scholarships or other forms of financial aid with you.

### **SOME IMPORTANT TEST DATES** \*

<b><u>Test</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
<b>ACT</b>	10-22-11	Late registration after 9-16
	12-10-11	11-4-11
	2-11-12	1-13-12
	4-14-12	3-9-12
	6-9-12	5-4-12
<b>SAT</b>	11-5-11	10-7-11
	12-3-11	11-8-11
	1-28-12	12-30-11
	3-10-12	2-10-12
	5-5-12	4-6-12
	6-2-12	5-8-12

It is not possible to take the SAT I and SAT Subject tests on the same day.

\* Students with disabilities seeking accommodations on the SAT or ACT should speak with their counselor at least 8 weeks prior to an exam in order to make sure all paperwork is completed.

### COLLEGE FAIRS

Wednesday, October 5, 2011	College Fair for Students with Learning Disabilities Gahanna Lincoln High School	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Sunday, October 2, 2011	National College Fair Cincinnati Duke Energy Convention Center	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 4, 2011	College Fair Miami University Hamilton Over 100 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and provide information. <a href="http://www.ham.muohio.edu/collegefair">www.ham.muohio.edu/collegefair</a>	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 11, 2011	Performing & Visual Arts College Fair University of Cincinnati Tangeman University Center Visit <a href="http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/">www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/</a>	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, November 2, 2011	Greater Dayton Area College Night University of Dayton Arena 1-800-837-7433	6:30 - 8:30 pm

### VISITS FROM COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Colleges will visit our school during the lunch times. Visits are scheduled based on availability of the college admissions staff. Please feel free to stop by and pick up literature from the colleges when you see them. As of the print date, we have the following colleges scheduled:

September 22	Gardner Webb College	October 4	University of Akron
September 26	Thomas More College		Ohio Wesleyan University
September 27	Oberlin College	October 5	Cincinnati State
September 28	Bowling Green State Univ	October 10	Urbana University
September 30	Indiana Wesleyan Univ	October 12	Ohio University
	Univ of West Virginia	October 19	University of Cincinnati
October 3	Mt. Vernon Nazarene Univ	October 20	Morehead State University
	Northern Michigan Univ	October 31	Otterbein College

Check out [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com) to learn about virtual tours of various universities. October 5, 2011 is named "Ohio Day".

### CAMPUS VISITS

Most colleges and universities have special days planned for prospective students. Call the admissions office at the school of your choice. If you wish to visit a college during a school day, obtain a College Visit form from the Guidance Secretary one week in advance of your visit. Juniors and Seniors may use up to three excused visits during the school year **by following the procedure detailed on the form.**

## COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES

**Duke University** - October 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Kingsgate Marriott, 151 Goodman Drive, Cincinnati. Register at [www.admissions.duke.edu](http://www.admissions.duke.edu).

**Northern Kentucky University** - Black & Gold Day October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required two weeks in advance by contacting [visit.nku.edu](http://visit.nku.edu) or calling (859) 572-1400.

**Purdue University** - September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 at Proctor & Gamble in Mason. Registration is required. See guidance counselor for details.

**Tulane University** - October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash. See guidance counselor for details. Register at [www.tulaneinfo.org/events](http://www.tulaneinfo.org/events).

**University of Akron:** Oct. 1: Colleges of Engineering and Nursing; Oct. 28: Colleges of Business, Education and Summit College; November 2: Arts and Sciences, Creative and Professional Arts, Health and Human Services. Register at [www.uakron.edu/visitUA](http://www.uakron.edu/visitUA).

**University of Dayton** - September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. See guidance counselor for details. Register at [www.admission.udayton.edu/openhouse](http://www.admission.udayton.edu/openhouse).

**University of Pennsylvania** - October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00. See guidance counselor for details.

**University of Toledo** - October 12<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. RSVP at [www.utoledo.edu/admission/preview/](http://www.utoledo.edu/admission/preview/).

**Washington University in St. Louis** - October 4<sup>th</sup> in Blue Ash. See guidance counselor for details.

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

What are the five strongest majors at your college?

When must I declare a major at your college?

What types of internships/co-op experiences are available?

What type of high school background are you looking for in a student?

What types of extracurricular activities are offered?

What scholarships might be available to me?

Are there programs for study abroad?

What are the deadlines for applications for admissions/financial aid?

Do you accept Advanced Placement credit? What score is required?

What percentage of your typical freshman class will graduate from your college?

## COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

October is a key month to obtain applications and information regarding special visits, dates, scholarships, etc. Do not procrastinate with your application. Several college and university deadlines are in early November and December.

- The school mails an official copy of the transcript, school profile, and, if applicable, the Secondary School Report/College Prep Form.
- Copies of recommendation letters can be sent upon request.
- Only unofficial copies of ACT/SAT scores are sent upon request; official reports of standardized test scores must always be sent by the testing agency.

### Online Applications (preferred)

1. Complete and submit application
2. Print Secondary School Report/College Prep form, if applicable.
3. Address an envelope for the school that you are applying to.
4. Bring any attachments, and bring all information to your counselor.

### Mailed Applications

1. Complete the application.
2. Address an envelope for the school that you are applying to.
3. Bring all documents to your counselor including a check or money order for the application fee.

- Remember: if any of these steps are not completed, it could delay or prevent the college/university from reviewing your application for admission!

## PREPARING FOR COLLEGE IF YOU ARE A FAMILY FIRST

If you're the first in your family to go to college, you don't have to do it alone. ACT has information that can help you and your parents figure out how best to prepare for college and a career. Here are some things you can do to prepare for college, and the sooner the better:

- Develop your reading, writing and thinking skills.
- Listen to music with positive messages.
- Read, read, read.
- Sign up for college outreach programs.
- Talk to college students.
- Join groups at church, at school and in your community that focus on positive values and support for each member.
- You can download brochures for first-generation college students and their parents at [www.act.org/path/parent/college/firstgeneration.html](http://www.act.org/path/parent/college/firstgeneration.html). For college planning resources in Spanish, visit [www.act.org/path/spanish](http://www.act.org/path/spanish).
- Limit your TV time.
- Join clubs in debate, science or writing.
- Ask questions.
- Visit colleges.
- Identify people to help you in/out of school.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Check the monthly scholarship updates available at [www.fairfieldcityschools.com](http://www.fairfieldcityschools.com). Read these updates to determine scholarship criteria. (A small number of paper copies of the updates are available in the Guidance Office.) Obtain forms and applications from the Guidance Office Secretary.

The preferred method for filing the FAFSA is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Some paper forms will be available from the Guidance Office in December. You cannot send information before January 1, 2012. File the FAFSA as soon as possible in January in order to meet a college deadline. You can go online for your personal identification number (PIN) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

Use the free scholarship and informational sites on the Internet:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com)

[www.cedarville.edu/webinars](http://www.cedarville.edu/webinars)

[www.scholarshipsaz.org](http://www.scholarshipsaz.org) (scholarships for documented and undocumented students and minorities)

## **HELPFUL TIDBIT**

Be sure to complete the college financial aid application and/or scholarship application, if available, when you complete your college application. Many colleges/universities give scholarships. Remind your parents to check with their employers for possible scholarships.

## **GRADUATION**

Graduation ceremony is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Xavier University Cintas Center. Mandatory graduation practice will be announced. The practice is at the high school and is required for participation in the graduation ceremony.

## **BEWARE**

The Wall Street Journal (9/18/08) reports that some college admission personnel are checking Facebook and MySpace pages. You may want to consider what you have posted and check into privacy settings for "invited guests" only.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Obtain the application form from your counselor or the Guidance Secretary.

### Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship

Amount: Fifty @ \$20,000.  
Two hundred @ \$10,000.

Criteria: US citizen, attend U. S. college/university, based on leadership in school, civic and extra curricular activities, academic achievement and motivation to serve and succeed in all endeavors. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Student may NOT be the child/grandchild of an employee of Coca Cola or its subsidiaries. Extremely competitive!

Apply on line: [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

Deadline: Received by October 31, 2011.

### ROTC Scholarship - Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine

Amount: Tuition, fees, books and monthly stipend.

Criteria: Varies by branch or service.

Deadline: Usually by late fall. Go to branch or service website for details.

### Eastern Michigan Presidential Scholarship

Amount: Varies up to a full scholarship.

Criteria: Apply to EMU, meet the scaled criteria of G.P.A. and test score combinations, take a competitive exam either December 4th or 11th. Call 1-800-GO-TO-EMU or apply online at [www.emich.edu/admissions/undergrad/first\\_year/scholarships](http://www.emich.edu/admissions/undergrad/first_year/scholarships).

Deadline: Received by November 19, 2011.

### Ohio State University Morrill Scholars Program

Amount: Varies up to all expenses paid

Criteria: Attend O.S.U., minority student, rank in top 20%, G.P.A. = 3.3 or better, ACT/SAT = 23/1070 or better. Contact the Office of Minority Affairs at O.S.U. (1-614-292-0964) [www.oma.osu.edu](http://www.oma.osu.edu).

Deadline: Received by December 1, 2011.

### Ohio Northern University

Amount: \$5,000 - \$25,000.

Criteria: Attend Ohio Northern, various G.P.A. and ACT or SAT combinations. Academic merit and talent awards available. Go to [www.onu.edu](http://www.onu.edu), click on *Admissions*, then *Financial Aid*, and then *Scholarships*.

Deadline: Varies by scholarship. Usually late fall. See Ohio Northern University website for details.

### SAE Engineering Scholarships

Amount: Varies (\$1,000 - \$10,000).  
Criteria: Major in engineering or a related science, meet various G.P.A. and ACT/SAT scores as per each individual scholarship. Go to: <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/hsseniors.htm> for information and application.  
Deadline: January 15, 2011.

### Anycollege.com Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.  
Criteria: Simply register online at [www.anycollege.com/scholarship](http://www.anycollege.com/scholarship).  
Deadline: Various deadlines. See website.

### Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Amount: \$1,000.  
Criteria: Performed volunteer work over the past year. Go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> or call 1-877-525-8491 if you need a paper application.  
Deadline: Return to your counselor by November 1, 2011.

### MeritAid.com

Amount: Varies.  
Criteria: Go to [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com) for details, applications and deadlines.

### Jenny Evans Memorial/Fairfield Community Foundation Scholarship

Amount: Varies.  
Criteria: Be a senior member of the Fairfield High School boys or girls cross country team. Application available in the guidance office.  
Deadline: To your guidance counselor by October 28, 2011.

### Indiana University Scholarships

Amount: \$2,000 - \$9,000.  
Criteria: Attend I.U.; go to [www.scholarships.indiana.edu](http://www.scholarships.indiana.edu).  
Deadline: Priority date for admission and scholarship considerations is: received by November 1, 2011.

### Christian Connector Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500.  
Criteria: Log on to [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com) to search for free Christian college information.

### Indiana State University Networks Scholarship

Amount: Full 4 year in-state tuition and more.  
Criteria: Attend I.S.U.; pursue a major or minor in college of Business; pursue a career in financial services; G.P.A. = 3.25 or better (unweighted); ACT = 21 or better OR Sat = 1000 or better (C.R. & Math). Go to [www.isunetworks.org](http://www.isunetworks.org).  
Deadline: Received by December 1, 2011.

#### University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000 - \$20,000 per year.  
Criteria: Complete the application for admission and submit a high school transcript and official test scores directly from the testing agency; minimum G.P.A. = 3.2 unweighted.  
Deadline: Received by December 1, 2011.

#### Louie F. Cox Memorial/AK Steel Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$5000 annually.  
Criteria: African American students who plan to enter an accredited college or university; outstanding high school academic and non-academic achievements; must have taken an ACT or SAT prior to application deadline. Applications are available in the guidance office or online at [www.mcfoundation.org](http://www.mcfoundation.org).  
Deadline: Postmarked before December 31, 2011.

#### Ohio State University Scholarships

Amount: Varies.  
Criteria: Apply for admission by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Students who qualify typically rank in the top 10% and have ACT composite scores of 30 or higher or combined SAT Reading/Math scores of 1340 or higher.  
Deadline: Students who qualify will automatically be considered when they apply for admission by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Otterbein College

Amount: Various.  
Criteria: Based on need and academic merit. Apply online at [www.otterbein.edu](http://www.otterbein.edu).  
Deadline: Received by January 15, 2012.

#### Art Institute of Cincinnati

Amount: Up to full tuition to an Art Institute School.  
Criteria: For details, visit [www.artinstitutes.edu](http://www.artinstitutes.edu).

#### Iowa State University

Amount: Varies up to \$7000 per year.  
Criteria: Varies for different scholarships; go to [www.financialaid.iastate.edu](http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu).  
Deadline: Varies depending on scholarship.

#### Horatio Alger Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500 to \$20,000 per year  
Criteria: Critical financial need; adjusted gross income less than \$50,000; 2.0 minimum GPA; go to [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships).  
Deadline: October 30, 2011.

#### Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Amount: \$500 - \$10,000  
Criteria: High School Student Grades 9-12; go to [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).  
Deadline: January 7, 2012.

#### QuestBridge National College Match Program

Amount: Full tuition and possibly room & board.  
Criteria: Academic excellence in the face of economic challenges.  
Deadline: September 30, 2011. Apply online [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org).

#### Elks National Foundation, 2012 Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Amount: Varies \$4,000 - \$60,000  
Criteria: US citizen; scholarship; leadership; financial need. Apply at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/).  
Deadline: December 2, 2011

#### Gates Millenium Scholars (GMS) Program

Amount: 4 year scholarship, school of choice  
Criteria: Minority student; US citizen, 3.3 minimum GPA; demonstrated leadership; community service; meet Pell Grant eligibility. Go to: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) for application.  
Deadline: January 11, 2012

#### Indiana University Automatic/Selective Scholarships

Amount: \$4,000 and \$9,000 per year  
Criteria: SAT 1220 or above; ACT 27 or above; GPA 3.7 and above.  
Deadline: November 1, 2011

#### AES Engineers Scholarship

Amount: \$500  
Criteria: Essay on one of two topics. Go to <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> for essay topics  
Deadline: October 7, 2011

#### The Ohio State University Merit Schoolarships

Amount: Varies with Scholarships  
Criteria: Competitive scholarships GPA; SAT/ACT test scores; rank are considered in all scholarships.  
Deadline: December 1 or 15 2011, depending on scholarship. Apply by then!