

College and Financial Aid Newsletter Mandarin High School Guidance March 2011

This newsletter is intended to provide you with basic information, important dates, suggestions, and resources. The best way to access current information about college, financial aid, and scholarships is to check for the newsletter and scholarship postings on the MHS guidance web site at: <http://www.duvalschools.org/mhs/guidance>
Paper copies will be available through your senior classes as well as the guidance office.

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES **Application Opening Date: December 1, 2010**

Be aware of your Bright Futures GPA by accessing your eligibility information at www.FACTS.org.

- Click the High School Students tab along the top.
- Click the red “ePEP and High School Evaluations” button on the right-hand side.
- Sign in- you do have a user name and password. If you don’t remember it, click on “forgot username and/or password”
- Click the “HS Evaluations” tab along the top.
- Once on your academic record, click the “Bright Futures Scholarship Eligibility” tab.
- Scroll down for eligibility at each level of Bright Futures.

Register online for college entrance exams: SAT or ACT (if you haven’t already).

Request your scores be sent to Mandarin HS (CEEB Code # 100769) and the colleges to which you are applying. Your scores MUST be sent to MHS to become part of your transcript and be considered for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.

SAT	Test date	Register by:	Late registration	ACT	Test date	Register by:	Late registration
SAT	May 7	Apr. 8	Apr. 22	ACT and optional writing test	Apr. 8	Mar. 4	Mar. 18
SAT	June 4	May 6	Apr. 22	ACT and optional writing test	June 11	May 6	May 20

January 1, 2011—the first date seniors may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as FAFSA, on the www.fafsa.ed.gov website. The FAFSA is required by all financial aid offices to determine the amount of money a student will need.

Useful web sites:

Sites providing a starting point and efficient ways to gain information for college planning are:

www.FACTS.org - compares your transcript with Bright Futures Academic requirements

www.finaidfacts.org - Free scholarship and financial aid information

www.offtocollege.com/calendar - Financial aid tips and college planning guide

www.fastweb.com – Scholarship search engine and college planning guide

www.scholaraid.com – Scholarship search engine

www.pellgrantsonline.ed.gov

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org - The website to apply for your Bright Futures Scholarship after December 1, 2010 and before your graduation date.

<http://www.duvalschools.org/mhs/guidance> - Guidance page updates scholarship information monthly.

www.duvalschools.org - Duval County Public Schools Guidance link scholarship information booklet.

www.fscj.edu – Florida State College of Jacksonville (FSCJ) Scholarship directory

SCHOLARSHIPS:

All applications located in guidance (or on-line) - see Mrs. Smith for details

2011 Student-View Scholarship Program- \$500-\$4,000

Eligibility: Complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area.

Application: Log on to www.student-view.com. **Deadline: April 22, 2011**

2011-2012 Board (Meal Plan) Scholarship Application

Eligibility: High school seniors planning to attend one of the Historically Black Colleges listed on the application who also have maintained a 2.5 GPA and submit the 500 word scholarship essay.

Application: Available in guidance submit to Sarah Murphy, Chartwells Thompson Dining Services, 2924 Knights Lane East Building 5, Jacksonville, FL 32216 or e-mail to sara.murphy@compass-usa.com. **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

2011 Hamilton Award- \$500 and leadership training in Seattle (2012) and Guatemala (2013)

Eligibility: High School juniors

Application: Available on-line at www.hamiltonfriends.org. **Deadline: April 15, 2011**

2011 ICBC Scholarship- \$1,000

Eligibility: Ages 17-21 that are residents of the US or Canada.

Application: http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9839/icbc_scholarship_scholarship.php **Deadline: June 15**

Accepting the Challenge of Excellence (ACE) Award- \$500.00

Eligibility: A student who has overcome significant obstacles, yet is continuing to excel in high school studies.

Application: Ask your counselor to nominate you. **Deadline: March 24, 2011**

Adrian & Corena Swanier Scholarship Application- \$1,000

Eligibility: Complete the application- they will be looking for academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community service, and a two page essay about your experiences as a "military brat."

Application: Available in guidance. Contact ketia4kidz@yahoo.com **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

Allstate Foundation Scholarships- \$2,000

Eligibility: High School students

Application: www.allstate.com/foundation/keep-the-drive/HSJ.aspx **Deadline: March 1, 2011**

ANS Incoming Freshman Scholarship- \$1,000

Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors who have enrolled in college courses to pursue a degree in nuclear engineering

Application: www.ans.org/honors/scholarships/ **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

Asian American High School Seniors Scholarship Application

Eligibility: Senior at a local high school in good academic standing

Application: Available in guidance to be mailed to MAAAB- City of Jacksonville, 11605 Bayou Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32246. **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

B Davis Scholarship- \$1,000

Application: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>. Questions? Contact awards@studentawardsearch.com. **Deadline: May 27, 2011**

BBG Communications Scholarship- \$1,000

Eligibility: Between the ages of 16 and 21 who will be attending an institution of higher education in the fall of 2011.

Application: www.breylancommunications.com **Deadline: June 30, 2011**

Big Dig Scholarship- \$3,000

Eligibility: Students currently in high school or in their first two years of college or university.

Application: http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8864/big_dig_scholarships_scholarship.php
Deadline June 1, 2011

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program- Up to \$25,000 annually

Eligibility: Enrolling as a first time freshman at a 4 year college or university, plans to major in science, technology, engineering, math, business administration, finance, marketing, or design, and interested in a career in the automotive or related industry.

Application: www.buickachievers.com, **Deadline March 31, 2011.**

Chartwells Thompson School Dining Services Scholarship Application- \$1,000

Eligibility: Enrolled in a Duval County Public High School with a 2.5 or higher GPA who plans to continue to post-secondary education

Applications: Available in guidance and should be mailed to Sara Murphy, Chartwells Thompson School Dining Services, 2924 Knights Lane East, Building 5, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Questions- contact Sara.murphy@compass-usa.com.

Deadline: April 1, 2011.

Cooperative Living Organization, Inc.

Provides low cost housing for incoming UF and Santa Fe students. To apply, go to www.cloliving.org.

Dial My Dentist Scholarship Program- \$1,000

Eligibility: Students age 16-21 who will be attending college full time in September of 2011.

Application: <http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarshipprograms.php>. **Deadline: May 6, 2011**

Distinguished Young Gentleman of American, Inc.- Summer Academy June 12-25, 2011 at FAMU

Eligibility: 6-12th grade African American students with 3.0 GPA or higher

Application: **Deadline: March 26, 2011**

Douglas Anderson Alumni Association- \$1,000

Eligibility: Must be a relative of a graduate of Douglas Anderson High School prior to 1969 with a 3.5 weighted or 3.0 unweighted with an SAT of 1000 or ACT of 22.

Application: Can be picked up in guidance and should be mailed to Douglas Anderson High School Alumni Association, Inc., Attention Delores McMillon, PO Box 5583, Jacksonville, Florida 32247. **Deadline: April 4, 2011**

Duval Association of Educational Office Professionals

Eligibility: Graduating high school senior with plans to pursue higher education.

Applications: Available in guidance. **Deadline: April 15, 2011**

Duval County Council or PTA/PTSA- \$599.00

Eligibility: All students

Application: Mail to: Duval County Council of PTA/PTSA, 1841 Raley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225, Attn: Scholarship Committee. Applications available in guidance. Questions- Contact Shelley Gill Cain at 642-8737. **Deadline: April 2**

Exxon Mobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships- \$5,000

Eligibility: African American and Hispanic students currently completing their senior year of high school, accepted to a four year university, and pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Minimum 3.0 GPA

Application: Available in guidance. For questions, visit www.cgcs.org or call 202-393-2427. **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

FAPSC Scholarship Program

Eligibility- High school senior with minimum 2.0 GPA and graduating in 2011, accepted and plan to enroll in a participating FAPSC member schools.

Application- www.fapsc.org, **Deadline- March 11, 2011**

Florida Society: Colonial Dames XVII Century- Neva Mitchell-Mildred Lecrone ROTC Scholarship- \$500.00

Eligibility: Florida high school senior who will be attending an accredited 4-year Florida college or university or a 2-year accredited Florida community college. The student must show financial need and have a 3.0 GPA. The student must be enrolled in the high school ROTC program.

Applications: Available in guidance should be mailed to Marjorie Ramseur, Chapter Chairman, Hannah Dustin Chapter, Colonial Dames, 17th Century, 3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32217. Questions- 904-737-0590 or riverhall37@surfbest.net **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

Florida Society: Colonial Dames XVII Century- Anne Massey General Scholarship- \$750.00

Eligibility: Florida high school senior who will be attending a four year college or accredited community college. The student must show financial need and have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Applications: Available in guidance should be mailed to Chapter Chairman, Anne Massey General Scholarship, Marjorie M. Ramseur, Chapter Scholarship Chairman, Hannah Dustin Chapter, 3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32217. Questions- riverhall37@surfbest.com or 904-737-0590. **Deadline: April 1, 2011**

Florida State University Young Scholars Program

Eligibility: Students who have completed the 11th grade and earned a minimum of a B in all academic courses and a 90th percentile or better score on the SAT or PSAT.

Applications: Available on-line at <http://bio.fsu.edu/ysp/index.html>. **Deadline March 15, 2011**

Florida Striders Track Club- \$1,000

Eligibility: Must be a resident of Northeast Florida for the past two years, graduating high school senior, a runner or active in track and field events.

Application: Available in guidance. Submit to: Florida Striders Track Club, Scholarship Applications, P.O. box 413, Orange Park, Florida 32067. **Deadline: March 10, 2011**

GCA Services Group- \$1,000

Eligibility: Seniors enrolled in DCPS with an unweighted GPA of 3.0

Application: Available in guidance to be submitted to Duval County Public Schools, 1701 Prudential Drive- Room 140, Jacksonville, Florida 32207, Attn: GCA Scholarship Program Coordinator. For more information, contact Steve Gritzuk 630-6665, sgritzuk@gcaservices.com. **Deadline: April 5, 2011.**

GE, Reagan Presidential Foundation Launch College Scholarship- \$10,000 a year for four years

Eligibility: Pursuing a bachelor's degree and nominated by a community leader.

Application: Available on-line at <http://www.facebook.com/goreaganscholarships>

Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship- \$5,000

Eligibility: High school students

Application: http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8809/healthy_lifestyles_scholarship_scholarship.php.

Deadline April 30, 2011

Jacksonville Bulldog Alumni Scholarships, Inc.- \$3,000

Eligibility: Attending the University of Georgia, a resident of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, or St. Johns counties.

Application: Available in guidance and must be mailed to Jacksonville Bulldog Alumni Scholarships, Attn: Mary Daniel, Scholarship Chairman, P.O Box 16363, Jacksonville, Florida 32245. Contact Mary Daniel at 904-502-9776 with questions. **Deadline: March 31, 2011.**

Jacksonville Commitment- Full Tuition, Books, and Housing to UNF, JU, EWC OR a Stipend at FSCJ

Eligibility: Students must graduate from a Duval County Public High School and be on Free/Reduced Lunch. Applicants will fill out the FAFSA to determine Pell Grant eligibility which is also required. Students must be accepted to the institution that they plan to use the scholarship at.

Application: http://www.unf.edu/jacksonvillecommitment/How_Can_I_Qualify.aspx.

Jacksonville Plumbers and Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust

Eligibility: 18 years and older, graduate high school in 2011, have a driver's license, be physically able to be a plumber, submit to a substance abuse test.

Application: Must be picked up in person at 489 Stevens Street, Jacksonville, FL 32254. **Deadline: April 8, 2011**

Johnson Scholarship Foundation- Children of UPS Employees or Retirees who live in Florida

Eligibility: Children of UPS employees or retirees

Application: Questions- 507-931-1682 x 422. Download the application at: www.jsf.bz. **Deadline: April 15, 2011**

Johnson Scholarship Foundation- Students with Disabilities who attend/will attend one of the Eleven State Universities

Eligibility: Students with disabilities who attend/will attend one of the eleven state universities.

Application: Available for download at www.jsf.bz. **Deadline: May 15, 2011**

JROTC Cadet of the Year: 1st- \$2,500; 2nd- \$1,500; 3rd- \$1,000; 4th- \$500

Eligibility: Student must be enrolled in Florida High School and member of Air Force, Army, Marine, Navy, or Coast Guard JROTC, parents must be Florida residents, must be in senior year of school, and must be chosen by JROTC commanding officer. Only one application per JROTC unit will be accepted.

Application: By request of JROTC Commanding officer only to Department Headquarters, PO Box 547859, Orlando, Florida 32854-7859; e-mail cpolk@floridalegion.org; phone 407-295-2631 x 222. **Deadline: March 1, 2011**

National Naval Officers Association Memorial Scholarships Ranging from \$250-\$1,000

Eligibility: Seniors planning on attending a 2 or 4 year college or university

Application: Available in guidance. Contact Lieutenant Commander Brian Martin, Medical Service Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve for more information at 904-542-7200 ext 8139 or e-mail brian.k.martin@med.navy.mil Applications should be mailed to: National Naval Officers Association, Jacksonville, FL Chapter, ATTN: Scholarship Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 1344, Orange Park, Florida 32067. **Deadline: May 1, 2011**

NAVY ROTC- \$180,000

Eligibility: US Citizen between the ages of 17 and 23, top 10% of your class.

Application: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/application.default.cfm>, More information available at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil>.

New Beginning Scholarship- Ranging from \$250-\$1,000

Eligibility: Students planning to attend a 2 year college or four year university.

Applications: Available in guidance should be mailed to 13565 Ashford Wood Ct E, Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

Deadline: May 1, 2011.

Patriotism in Art: 1st- \$500.00 to the student and \$500.00 to the school art program, \$250 to the student and art program for 2 runners up.

Eligibility: Student must be in his or her senior year and attending a Florida High School, parents must be Florida residents.

Application: Department Headquarters, PO Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854-7859; cpolk@floridalegion.org; 407-295-2631x 222. **Deadline: March 1, 2011**

PHI BETA SIGMA Fraternity, Inc.- \$500.00

Eligibility: High school senior, accepted into an accredited university for upcoming fall semester, and male.

Application: Available in guidance. **Deadline May 14, 2011**

PLAG Scholarship

Eligibility- Age 16 or older and complete high school by June 2011, have a permanent address in Jacksonville, and attend school full time in August 2011. Criteria include academics better than a C average, participation in school and community activities, clarity of goals, personal integrity, maturity as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered person, service to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community, and financial need.

Application- www.pflagjax.org, Questions- pflagjax@aol.com. Mail paper applications to PFLAG of Jacksonville, P.O. Box 2971, Jacksonville, Florida 32203, Att: Frieda Saraga. **Deadline: June 1, 2011**

Raymond A. Vinson Scholarship Fund Application- \$4,000

Eligibility- Be a member of Community First Credit Union with an account in good standing for at least one year. Be an entering college freshman and under the age of 24 at the application deadline, demonstrate leadership ability, and financial need, plan to attend a two or four year public or private Florida university, have an unweighted GPA of at least a 3.0 and minimum ACT score of 24 and SAT score of 1110.

Application: Available in guidance.

Sons of Italy Scholarship- \$1,000

Eligibility: Attend a Duval County Public High School west of the Intercoastal who is of Italian descent.

Applications: Available on-line at www.osiajax.org. Contact Mark Gregorio with questions at MarkG@allstateelectrical.com or gregorio05@comcast.net. **Deadline: March 30, 2011.**

Southern Scholarship Foundation- Save money on Living Expenses!

Eligibility: Acceptance to FAMU, FGCU, FSU, or UF.

Application: www.southern scholarship.org/benefits.html

S.S. Scholarship Program- \$1,000

Eligibility: Any student 21 or under as of June 1, 2011

Application: <http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarshipprograms.php>. **Deadline June 1, 2011**

Stetson University- J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Scholarship- Full undergraduate tuition, fees, on-campus housing, meals, and books for four years.

If you plan to attend Stetson University, please ask your counselor for a nomination for this scholarship.

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program

Eligibility: High school students, particularly minority students, planning to major in computer science or computer/electrical engineering. Students receiving the award will work for at least 12 weeks in the summer at Fort Meade, Maryland in areas related to your course of study. You will acquire real world work experience, receive a year round salary, and a job will be waiting for you when you graduate from college.

Application: www.NSA.gov/Careers

Suntrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes- \$1,000

Eligibility: Anyone

Application: Enter on-line at offtocollege.info, winners will be picked every 2 weeks from October 29-May 13,2011.

Superpower Scholarship

Eligibility: U.S. Student age 13 or older

Application: Respond (250 words) "If you were granted a superpower for just one day, what would it be and how would use it? Application available at <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>. **Deadline: March 31, 2011**

Wise Choice \$2,500 "Find the Right College" Scholarship

Eligibility: US Students graduating from high school in 2011-2014 and who register for wisechoice and respond to the question, "what do you think is important when it comes to finding a college that fits" (200 word max.)

Application: <http://www.wisechoice.com/scholarship?sid=gefx>. **Deadline: May 31, 2011**

Women's Retail Network- \$5,000

Eligibility: Female students interested in automotive retail careers

Applications: Available on-line at www.gmsac.com. **Deadline: April 15, 2011**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.- \$500.00

Applications: Available in guidance should be mailed to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Attn: Beta Alpha Zeta Chapter Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 41302, Jacksonville, Florida 32203. **Deadline: May 11, 2011**