

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



October/November 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/26 ACT at MVHS
- 10/28 Brescia University & UE at MVHS
- 11/1 IU priority admission application deadline
- 11/5 UE at MVHS
- 11/6 Vincennes University at MVHS
- 11/8 Maryville University at MVHS
- 11/12 Bellarmine University at MVHS
- 11/18 University of St. Francis at MVHS
- 11/20 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11/26 College Day Program
- 12/7 SAT at MVHS
- 12/18 Final Exams
- 12/19 Final Exams
- 12/19 End of Semester 1
- 1/6 First Day of Semester 2
- 2/8 ACT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Posey County Community Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

The PCCF awards a number of scholarships each year to graduating seniors at Mt. Vernon High School. Last year, the application window will open in early December with application deadlines beginning on February 6. You can review last year's scholarships and eligibility criteria at

<https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/scholarships>.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship (Apply Online)

Each year, the Elks National Foundation awards over \$2 million in Most Valuable Student scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide. Applications will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Apply online at enf.elks.org/mvs by November 5, 2019.


University of Southern Indiana B/MD Scholarship (Additional Information and Application)


The purpose of the B/MD program at USI is to increase the number of physicians providing medical services to residents of southwestern and southern Indiana and to increase opportunities for residents in the

southwestern and southern portions of Indiana, to obtain education and training at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Students eligible to apply must have an SAT score of 1280 on a single test or an ACT composite of 27 and a cumulative high school GPA of at least a 3.5/4.0. The application deadline is December 1.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2019, through April 15, 2020, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2020. Students and parents will sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID).


Applications for most local scholarships will become available in December or January. See the last two pages of this newsletter for other scholarship opportunities.


Ivy Tech will be hosting FAFSA sessions on November 3 and February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

SELECTING AND APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Parchment Accounts

All seniors must create a [Parchment](#) account to request transcripts be sent to the college(s) of their choice. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on ordering your official transcript.

Questions to Consider When Choosing a College

- What are class sizes?
- Is there a freshman orientation or transition to college program?
- What is the graduation rate?
- What percentage of students graduate in two/four years, depending on the program?
- What kind of student activities or organizations are on campus?
- What do students like best about this college?
- What academic or other support is offered such as free tutoring, a writing lab, counseling
- Other factors: small campus, large university, community college, living at home

Use the “[My College Choice](#)” worksheet to compare colleges/universities you are considering.

College Visits

Seniors have two days to visit college campuses. The deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1. Students need to pick up a [college visit form](#) from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding attendance.

College Cost Calculators

Each college and university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices and fees for colleges. Use this tool to determine the cost of the schools you are considering. Many use the [college cost calculator](#) supplied by the College Board.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit online or paper application to the college/university.
2. Request a transcript be sent to the college/university using your [Parchment](#) account. (See instructions to the left.)
3. Request that ACT and/or SAT scores be sent to the college/university when registering for the exam.
4. Things to have on hand when you apply:
 - GPA and class rank
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Social Security Number
 - Email address
 - Parents’ information (workplace, address, phone, etc.)
 - Dual credit (CAP) information (course number and dates enrolled)
 - AP course information, if applicable
 - Graduation date (May 22, 2020)
 - Counselor’s email address:

A-R: Mrs. McCloud
(mccloudtr@mvschool.org)

S-Z: Ms. Walker
(walkerkn@mvschool.org)

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

The NCAA has implemented [online registration](#) for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. Use your [Parchment](#) account to request that your transcript be sent to the NCAA. The cost is \$90 (waivers are available for those who qualify). You must have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly from ACT or the College Board to the clearinghouse if you are going to play Division I or Division II athletics. Academic requirements include the following:

- Complete 16 core courses, including 10 before your senior year
- Minimum GPA in core courses must be a 2.3
- Seven of ten core courses must be in English, math, and science.

SAT AND ACT TESTS

These exams are designed to assess what you learned in high school and what you need to be successful in college. When deciding which test to take, be sure to check with the college/university you are planning to attend to see which test is required or recommended. Many colleges/universities will accept both the SAT and ACT. Be sure when you register for the SAT or ACT that you indicate the colleges/universities to which you would like for your scores to be sent.

The SAT and ACT are both given at MVHS (See dates to the right). Both exams can also be taken in Evansville on additional dates. On test day you must bring your calculator, admission ticket, and picture ID.

SAT Features

- Top score is 1600
- Four sections: reading, writing and language, math, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 3 hours (3 hours 50 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for wrong answers

Free SAT practice tests and other tools are available at the [Khan Academy](#) web site.

ACT Features

- Top score is 36
- Five sections: English, math, reading, science, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 2 hours 55 minutes (3 hours 35 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for guessing
- Has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests and career options

[Free ACT Practice \(https://academy.act.org/\)](https://academy.act.org/)

ACT at MVHS

*October 26, February 8, and
April 4*

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

SAT at MVHS

December 7 and May 2

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

December 7 SAT – November 8

February 8 ACT – January 10

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Army ROTC Scholarships Army

ROTC information is available at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>.

Association of School Psychologists Scholarship

Each year the Indiana Association of School Psychologists awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Indiana high school senior planning to pursue studies in psychology or a related field. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://iaosp.wildapricot.org/page-1862824>. *Deadline:* March 1, 2020.**Coca Cola Scholars**

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding 150 deserving students with a \$20,000 scholarship.

Application/Additional Information: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ccsf>. *Deadline:* October 31, 2019.

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship for high achieving, self-motivated students. The scholarship provides up to \$6,000 each semester, for up to eight consecutive semesters, to help recipients graduate college debt free. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.haganscholarships.org/#>. *Deadline:* November 15, 2019.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs

These scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Amounts of Awards and deadlines vary. *Application/ Additional Information:* <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

Knights of Pythias Educational Assistance



Applications are available online at <http://indianapythias.org/2019-kop-scholarship-forms/>. Applications must be postmarked by January 20, 2020 and no handwritten applications will be accepted. Students must have a GPA of a B (3.0) or above, submit transcript including SAT and/or ACT scores, and be registered in an accredited college or university with proof of registration prior to disbursement of funds. *Amount of Award:* \$1,000. *Deadline:* January 20, 2019

Marine Officer ROTC Program

For more information about the Marine Officer ROTC Program, the Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship, and the General Pedro Del Valle Leadership Scholarship, visit <https://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/officer.html>

National FFA Scholarships

Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Both FFA and non-FFA members are eligible.

Application/Additional Information: <https://www.ffa.org/localengagement/scholarships/>

Naval ROTC Scholarships

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship is available to students who are U.S. citizens, physically qualified by Navy standards and meet a minimum SAT or ACT score requirement. *Additional Information:*

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/> or call 1-800-NAV-ROTC.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

The NSDAR awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> *Deadline:* February 15, 2020.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides 200 high-achieving high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$7,500 each year for four academic years. In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship. *Amount of Award:* up to \$7,500/year for four academic years.

Deadline: November 30, 2019. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm>.

Rogers Academy of Hair Design



Rogers Academy is offering a \$1,000 Good Attendance Scholarship and a possible \$3,500 in additional scholarships.

Additional Information and Application: <http://rogershair.com/financial-aid-scholarships/>

The Salon Professional Academy Scholarships



TSPA Evansville beauty school programs are designed to develop the entire salon professional with great technical ability, business & marketing training, and the guest handling skills that are in high demand by top salons and spas.

Additional Information: <http://www.tspaevansville.com/contact-us/scholarships>