

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



November 2021



New/Updated Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/23 College Day Program
- 12/4 SAT at MVHS
- 12/22 End of Semester
- 1/6 First Day of Semester II
- 1/17 MLK, Jr. Day (No School)
- 2/12 ACT at MVHS
- 4/2 ACT at MVHS
- 5/7 SAT 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.

Typically the application window opens in early December with application deadlines beginning in early February. You can review last year's scholarships and eligibility criteria at <https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/scholarships/opportunities/>

Applications for most other local scholarships will become available in December or January.

ETFCU Ted Hitch Scholarship



Ten scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors whose parents/guardians have been members of ETFCU for at 18 months by February 25, 2022. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.75/4.0. Applications are available in the Counseling Office and online at the URL shown below. *Amount of Award:* \$5,000. *Deadline:* February 25, 2022. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://etfcu.org/wp-content/uploads/ETFCU-Ted-Hitch-Scholarship-Application-2022.pdf>

Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship



The Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from New Harmony who have exhibited voluntary leadership that models the example of Jane Blaffer Owen in the New Harmony community. Each recipient must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA (grade point average) and be in good standing with the high school attended. Applying students must submit a letter of acceptance from an accredited postsecondary education institution, and a narrative (1-2 pages maximum) describing how the community service impacted her/his life and the community. *Amount of Award:* \$1,000.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2021, through April 15, 2022, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2022. Students and parents will sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID).

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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 “[College Cost Comparison Worksheet](#)” to compare colleges/universities you are considering. Click [here](#) for additional resources for families.

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 [Net Price Calculator](#) supplied by the College Board.

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](#) in the Counseling Office and follow the guidelines regarding attendance.

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 27, 2022)
 - Counselor's email address:

Mrs. McCloud
(mcccloudtr@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

February 12 and April 2

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

SAT at MVHS

December 4 and May 7

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

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, 2022.

College Board Opportunity Scholarship

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Class of 2022 students, complete five of the six actions (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation Scholarship

The ESA Foundation Board of Directors offers more than 200 scholarships a year for deserving United States and International students who meet the criteria of individual endowments. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>. *Deadline:* February 1, 2022.

Hagan Scholarship Foundation

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship for high achieving, self-motivated students from small towns and rural areas graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides up to \$6,000 each semester, for up to eight consecutive semesters, to help recipients graduate college debt free. The application is available on September 1.

Application/Additional Information: <https://www.haganscholarships.org/#>. *Deadline:* December 1, 2021.

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/>

IUPUI George Carver Teaching Initiative



The George W. Carver Teaching Initiative (CTI) is a scholarship and career development program dedicated to the recruitment, retention, and support of high-achieving, underrepresented minority youth in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teaching careers. Among the many benefits, CTI Scholars receive up to \$33,000 in scholarship support; paid summer internships, professional networking and career building opportunities, and support with job placement. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.carverteach.org/cti-program>

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/>

National Honor Society Scholarship

Applications for the National Honor Society Scholarship will open on October 1. This year, the NHS will award \$2 million to a total of 600 scholarship winners. *Application/Additional Information:* <https://www.nhs.us/students/the-nhs-scholarship/>. *Deadline:* December 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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. The application portal will open on November 1.

Application/Additional Information: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> *Deadline:* January 31, 2022.

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.

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. Application will be available beginning October 1. Amount of Award: up to \$7,500/year for four academic years. *Deadline:* January 31, 2022. *Application/Additional Information:*

<https://www.in.gov/che/4680.htm>.

University of Southern Indiana B/MD Scholarship

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. *Additional Information:* <https://www.usi.edu/science/pre-professional/pre-medicine/bmd-program/>