

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



August 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/2 Lilly Scholarship Deadline
- 9/6 Labor Day
- 9/20 College Go Week
- 10/1 FAFSA submission begins
- 10/3 Greater Evansville College Fair at USI
- 10/13 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/14 End of first grading period
- 10/21 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm, Media Center
- 12/4 SAT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Posey County ([Additional Information](#))

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will provide full tuition and required fees at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The online application can be accessed at the link above, and the deadline to apply is September 2, 2021.

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

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. Scholarships will range from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. Apply online at enf.elks.org/mvs by November 15, 2021.

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, 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). **MVHS will host a Financial Aid Night on October 21, at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.** A representative from USI will present information and answer questions to help students and parents complete the FAFSA.

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.

Free College Applications!

College Go Week is September 20-24. Several colleges and universities will waive application fees during this time. The Indiana college/universities listed below offered fee waivers last year during this time.

Indiana State University	College GO! Month
IUPUI – Indianapolis	College Application Week
IU Southeast	College GO! Month
USI	College Application Week
Vincennes University	College GO! Month
Wabash College	College GO! Month

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.

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 27, 2022)
 - Counselor’s email address:

Mrs. McCloud
(mccloudtr@mvschool.org)

Greater Evansville College Fair

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Greater Evansville College Fair on Sunday, October 3. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. Students can register will need to register at <https://app.strivescan.com/students>.

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.

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, 2021.

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/>

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>

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>.

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.