



Shelby Senior High School
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GUIDANCE UPDATE (November 16, 2007)

Seniors: *You will note that every item on this update applies to you. Kindly read this update carefully and share it with your parents/guardians. As always, see me for questions or issues.—Mr. Grady*

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS (12)

As of Tuesday, I have sent 74 mailings containing your application credentials to various colleges and universities. That is a very good number, indicating that many of you are not procrastinating. However, many of you have yet to send any application materials. Perhaps the Thanksgiving break will be a good opportunity for you to complete an application on-line or on-paper.

I remind you to let me know when you apply on-line so that I may send the proper supporting documents. I note when a document is sent and you should check with me to verify that it has indeed been sent.

In general, I do not recommend committing to a school before you are aware of the financial aid you may be awarded, but your situation may dictate otherwise. Be aware that any acceptance fee or deposit needs to be fully refundable from the college/university up until May 1, 2008. See me if you have questions.

I appreciate knowing when you have decisions from colleges/universities.

Finally, be aware of deadlines. December 1 is a deadline for some university scholarship opportunities. Check the university website or see me.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (12)

Recall from our meeting in September and the handout you received at that time, the local scholarship program will be administered in two phases this year. The first phase will begin on Friday, December 14. Information will be presented at the financial aid meeting on that day.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING PART 1 (12)

I will meet with seniors at the beginning of 2nd block on Friday, December 14 to discuss information regarding financial aid and local scholarships.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING PART 2 (12)

Mr. Lawrence Matthews from the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (www.oasfaa.org) and Director of Financial Aid at Bluffton University will present a financial aid information session on Wednesday, January 16 (not 17 as erroneously indicated in your September handout) at 6:30 in the Dave Jones Little Theater. This program is for STUDENTS along with your parents. Mr. Matthews does a superior job of presenting information to you and your parents. Since YOU are the individual receiving the financial aid (rather than your parents), I encourage YOU to plan on attending. Since your parents/guardians have a vital interest in this information also, please encourage them to attend.

FAFSA AND PIN NUMBERS (12)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your gateway to need-based college financial aid. I will go into more detail at our December 14 meeting and Mr. Matthews will give further and better information at the January 16 meeting. I recommend that you complete the FAFSA on the web. In order to "sign" the form, you and a parent will need to have a PIN. Apply for a PIN at <http://www.pin.ed>. This link and others are on the guidance home page: <http://www.shelby12.org/shs/Guidance>.



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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (12)

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SAE Engineering Scholarships are available to high school seniors who intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science (math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, and computer science). Students must meet minimum requirements with regard to grade point average, SAT or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. Additional information and applications are available at: <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm>. Deadline is December 1, 2007.

BIG 33 SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship opportunity is open to any high school senior in Ohio or Pennsylvania who has attained a 2.0 GPA for the previous two academic years (grades 10 and 11). Applicants are evaluated on academics, service, need, leadership, obstacles overcome, special talents and unique endeavors. Scholarship information is available at <http://www.big33.org/>. Deadline is February 1, 2008

OHIO NEWSPAPERS FOUNDATION MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio Newspapers Foundation will award three \$1,500 scholarships, one each to a minority high school senior who plans to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Applications and information are available at <http://www.ohionews.org/>. Deadline is March 31, 2008.

CLARA ABBOTT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you have a parent who works for Abbott? If so, you may be eligible for a scholarship from The Clara Abbott Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based solely on financial need. Call 1-866-754-1333 or visit <http://clara.abbott.com/us/providingfor/scholarship/> for more information. Deadline is March 15, 2008.

ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks National Foundation awards more than two million dollars annually in college scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide, through the Most Valuable Student contests. The largest award is \$60,000. Recipients are at or near the top of their class; active in school and community activities; recognized as leaders by their peers; and need financial assistance to attend college. Applications are available at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/>. Deadline is January 12, 2008.