

GUIDANCE UPDATE FOR SENIORS (October 10, 2008)

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Now is the time, seniors. You should be narrowing your list of potential colleges and completing applications now. If you have not taken the time to see me regarding your individual circumstances and questions, you should do so. I remind you again that you are responsible for knowing deadlines. I can be a resource for you in determining the deadlines that apply to your situation, but ultimately you must meet them.

SPEAKING OF DEADLINES

December 1 is a deadline for many college/university scholarship opportunities and specific programs. For example, Ohio University's regular application deadline is February 1, 2009, but the application deadline for the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University is December 1, 2008. Ohio State's regular application deadline is February 2, 2009, but December 1, 2008 is the deadline for full consideration for scholarships.

There are earlier deadlines in some cases. Ohio Northern University's deadline for application for their pharmacy program is November 1, 2008. This is not the time for procrastination.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

It is in your interest to make sure your credentials (academic and other) justify applying for a specific national scholarship. You may also want to utilize OCIS. Under "Education and Training" click on "Financial Aid Sort"

BURGER KING SCHOLARSCHOLARS PROGRAM—Burger King offers several \$1,000 scholarships to eligible applicants. Applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, be actively involved in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Log on at www.bk.com/scholars to apply. Deadline is February 2, 2009.

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, 2009.

AXA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS—Applicants must demonstrate ambition, determination, respect and an ability to succeed in college. Instructions and an application can be downloaded from www.axa-achievement.com. Deadline is December 15, 2008.