

The Senior Scoop

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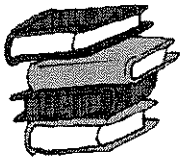
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What Am I Going to Do?



Are you not sure what you will be doing after graduation? Do all of your friends seem to know what they are going to do and you don't? Do you feel lost and need some direction?

First of all, don't panic. There is still plenty of time to make a decision. There are still many options - further education, work, military, travel, community service or a combination of things are all viable options. If you are in this situation, the first thing you should do is to make an appointment to see your counselor. At that time we can discuss options that are available to you as well as help you with an action plan to achieve your goals. In the meantime, here are some options to consider.



Continue your education - There are many colleges and technical schools that are accepting students for the fall 2015 semester. In some cases financial aid is also available to help you pay for school. If you are unsure of what you might want to study, consider enrolling in a course or two at a community college to keep you in the education loop and give you more time to figure out what you want to study. Stop by the Counseling Office to learn how to search for schools still accepting applications.

Employment - Most students have some sort of job, even if continuing their education. However, if you want to work full-time in a decent paying job you may need help finding that perfect job. Mrs. Gouvin is a good person with whom to begin these conversations. However, you will also want to contact FutureWorks, a One-Stop Career Center in Springfield. Career counselors can help you find a meaningful job that also pays the bills. Contact Mrs. Gouvin to get started.

Military - The military is an option for those who want to help protect our country, while earning a salary and money towards future education. There are many options available within the armed services. Seniors who can handle the structured environment, who want some additional training while earning a paycheck or for those who are unsure of their next step should consider the military as an option. Stop by the Counseling Office for recruiter contact information.



Service - There are several programs that allow young people an opportunity to participate in community service or to work in the environment. Organizations like Americorps (www.americorps.org) or Student Conservation Association (www.theSCA.org) provide structured opportunities to either work in special programs or participate in service oriented projects.



Travel - Who wouldn't want to travel? Programs like Global Quest (www.gquest.org) or Outward Bound (www.outwardbound.org) provide students opportunities to travel and gain valuable life and educational experiences. Some travel experiences may cost you big bucks, while others are free in exchange for your volunteer work.

Still stuck? Try looking at websites such as www.wheretheyouheaded.com, www.takingtimeoff.com or www.interimprograms.com can help you discover other options. Procrastinating won't make the decision come any quicker or easier. By accessing good information, you can not only get help to make a decision, but you might also get excited about your future. Take advantage of the help you have now to assist you in this process. Once you leave high school it is much harder to come back. But most of all, good luck in your search.

February Scholarship Listing



Country Bank for Higher Education Scholarship

April 3, 2017

High school graduating seniors from public, private, parochial and charter schools within in the Country Bank market area who plan to attend a two or four year college or university are eligible to apply. Home-schooled students are also eligible to apply by providing documentation of high school equivalency and college eligibility as an incoming freshman in 2017. Applicants must also be a Country Bank customer for at least 6 months. Applications may be downloaded by visiting www.countrybank.com/about-us/community-scholarship-program.

Wace National CO-OP Scholarship Program

February 15, 2017

To qualify for this scholarship, students must: Have a high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or better; Apply and be accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutes. Please see application for participating Colleges & Universities. To obtain an application, please visit www.waceinc.org.

Red Pine Scholarship

February 15, 2017

The Red Pine Scholarship is seeking its next class of students from low- to middle- income families in Massachusetts who have demonstrated academic excellence and are planning to attend competitive colleges as freshmen in the fall of 2016. Please visit <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholarship> to apply.

Yawkey Foundation Scholarship

February 15, 2017

Scholarship opportunity for graduating high school students entering private colleges in Massachusetts in 2017-18. This program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income students from Massachusetts. For more information and application instructions, go to: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>.

Greater Boston PFLAG Elsie Frank Scholarship

February 17, 2017

Offered to graduating high school students who will enroll in a 2- or 4- Year College or technical/vocational school in the 2017-2018 academic year. Application and more information available at: www.gbpfllag.org.

Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts

February 24, 2017

Western Massachusetts seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or technical school to study advertising, communications, marketing or graphic arts and will be attending in September 2017 are encouraged to apply. Information and an application is available online at www.adclubwm.org. Click on the student link.

Walter S. Barr Scholarships

March 1, 2017

These awards for undergraduate education are made annually to graduating high school seniors. They must be residents attending public or private secondary schools in Hampden County, MA. The awards are given based on school records, college entrance examinations, general accomplishments, recommendations and financial need. The annual award is \$2,500 for a maximum of four years. **The William R. Rooney Award** is awarded to a graduating high school senior who is currently on and has been on an IEP or a 504 Plan for a minimum of two years. Please visit www.HoraceSmithFund.org to complete and submit an application.

Hood Good Sport Scholarship

March 6, 2017

For high school seniors who participated in a varsity sport and who will be furthering their education by attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university next year. Students must have earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher and performed volunteer work in the community to be eligible. Students must apply online at www.Hood.com/scholarship

The Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts

March 15, 2017

Offers a scholarship of \$500.00 to qualified seniors who plan to further their education by attending two or four year college programs. Please see the Counseling Office to obtain an application.

Professional Women in Construction

March 15, 2017

Awarded to any student (male or female) enrolled in a study leading to an undergraduate degree in Construction, Construction Management, Interior Design, Architecture, or Civil, Mechanical, Structural, or Electrical Engineering. To obtain an application, please visit: www.pwccusa.org\ct.

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs

March 17, 2017

A \$1000 scholarship opportunity to a young woman between the ages of 16 and 20 as of April 1st, and who lives in the Quaboag Valley. This scholarship seeks to recognize a student who demonstrates a commitment to her community, exhibits leadership ability, and shows global awareness. You may download an application at <http://www.zontaqv.org>.



February Scholarships continued.....

Lighthouse Guild Scholarship

March 31, 2017

Annual scholarship program for college-bound high school and graduate students who are legally blind. For more information and an application please visit www.lighthouseguild.org/scholarships.

Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

March 31, 2017

Various criteria. *Encouraged to apply early.* Please apply on-line at www.communityfoundation.org/scholarships/application.html.

Matthews Massachusetts Memorial Fund

March 31, 2017

The scholarship is for deserving **male** graduate(s) of any public high school in Hampden County, Massachusetts (excluding the Town of Longmeadow). Please see the Counseling Office to obtain an application.

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund

April 3, 2017

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, 4-year scholarships to student with financial need who display academic excellence, a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, and strong citizenship and character. **Download the 2017 @ www.phillips-scholarship.org**

New England Association for College Admission Counseling

April 8, 2017

High School juniors and seniors from NEACAC-member high schools in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont are invited to submit a 500-word essay. For the essay topic and more information please visit: <http://www.neacac.org/essay-contest-information-application>.

Massachusetts Broadcasters Association

April 14, 2017

To apply for this scholarship, a student must be a Massachusetts resident, be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited two or four-year school with a major or intention of studying over-the-air broadcasting. The student need not attend school in Massachusetts to be eligible. Applications are available for download at www.MassBroadcasters.org/scholarship_program.

The Ann and Tony Odierna Community Service Award

April 15, 2017

All students from any middle school through high school or Grades 6-12 (public or private) in Hampden County of Western MA are eligible. Information and directions about this scholarship are available at www.tonyahockey.com by clicking on **Community Service Award** (please examine all four headings).

Marine Corp League Scholarship

April 30, 2017

Must have a relative who has served in the United States Marine Corps or as a Navy Corpsman with a Marine Unit for more than 90 days. Please see the Counseling Office to obtain an application.

The William B. Menard Memorial Scholarship Program

May 1, 2017

This scholarship is open to current high school seniors through college juniors entering or continuing at a four-year college or university, with home addresses in the states of MA or CT, who are interested in studying gold management and/or pursuing a career in the golf industry. Please see the Counseling Office to obtain an application.

B. Davis Scholarship

May 22, 2017

This Scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any post-secondary institution. For more information please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>.

Abbot and Fenner Scholarship Program

June 12, 2017

The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. Various scholarships are available. Please visit <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>.

The 2017 Aspiring Nurse Scholarship

June 30, 2017

This scholarship competition is open to all U.S. high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing, including LPN/LVN, AND, and BSN programs. Application and more information is available by going to: <http://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/articles/2017-aspiring-nurse-scholarship>.