

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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Make sure to check page 2 & 3 for available scholarships!

College Visits

Students are allowed two college visits during their senior year. This is where students can go to a campus for a tour. For the absence to be excused, students must have a guardian call the absence in as a college visit. Upon returning to school, the student must bring in a signed statement from the college that says the student attended a visit on the date of their absence for the missed day to be considered excused. The front office has a form available for the college representative to sign.

College visits are a great way for a student to make sure that the university in question is a good fit for them. Students should ask to tour the campus, meet current students, and possibly sit in on classes and meet professors. Meetings with financial aid and admission representatives are also helpful.

College representatives also visit Western Boone to meet students at certain dates and times. Check the "Upcoming Events" section for information.

College Fairs are very informative. Consider attending the Lebanon High School College and Career Fair on October 7th from 6:30-8 to meet potential college personnel or employers for helpful information.

It is still appropriate to visit a college at this point in the school year. However, we would advise to not let application deadlines pass because the student is awaiting a college visit. Getting applications materials in on time is more important. If after a visit is made a student decides they don't like the school, then only the application fee was money spent. Missing out on potential financial aid deadlines could cost thousands!

Scholarship Information

The scholarship season is beginning as most scholarships become available beginning in the fall through spring break. The guidance office is a great first stop when looking for scholarship resources. Frequently check scholarship availability to ensure deadlines do not pass you by. Scholarships are announced and require submissions fairly quickly.

College Applications

Western Boone College Application Process:

Fill out an online application and submit it to the college/university.

Log into www.parchment.com and request to send your high school transcript to the colleges to which you applied. Accounts were created by students last year. Try the "Forgot Password" link if you do not remember your information.

We will then release your official transcript to the college/university.

You can track the process through Parchment to know when your transcript has been downloaded by the colleges.

It should take 4-6 weeks once the college receives all of your application materials to hear back from the college with your admission status

Please make sure that, if your college requires official test scores come from the College Board or ACT Inc, you have scores sent directly from the testing center or your application will not be reviewed.

***We encourage all students to apply to colleges before the end of fall break!**

Please do not hesitate to contact your counselor with questions. We are happy to help!

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Upcoming Events:

- 10/3—Fall Play @ 7pm
- 10/5—Saint Mary of the Woods @ 2:05pm
- 10/6—Ball State @ 1:15pm
- 10/7—College Fair @ Lebanon High School 6:30-8pm
- 10/8—Indiana Tech @ 8:55am
- 10/8—St. Mary's College @ 1:15pm
- 10/9—Saint Joseph's College @ 10:50am
- 10/15—IUPUI @ 8:55am
- 10/20—University of Southern Indiana @ 10am
- 10/21—Ivy Tech @ 9am
- 10/22—ISU @ 1:15

Special Points:

- Never pay for anything related to scholarships!

Scholarships

AES Engineers Scholarship

October 7, 2015

Open to students who submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the question, "When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What people, things and accomplishments do you need?" Scholarship is valued at \$500.00. More information is available at www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

Horatio Alger Scholarship

October 25, 2015

Open to seniors who plan on completing a bachelor's degree upon graduation (can start out at a 2 year school), have critical financial need, involvement in community service activities, minimum GPA of 2.0, U.S. citizenship, and have overcome adversity. Scholarships range from \$5,000-20,000. Applications are available at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholarships (multiple scholarships available)

October 31, 2015

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit their website for more information at www.coca-colascholars.org/

IU Academic Scholarships

November 1, 2015

Open to seniors who have applied to and have all of their materials received by IU by November 1st. For more information, visit scholarships.indiana.edu

Purdue Freshmen Scholarships

November 1, 2015

To maximize scholarship consideration from Purdue University, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by Purdue by November 1st.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program

November 3, 2015

Open to students in grades 5-12 who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. Applicants should complete applications online at www.nassp.org/spirit and then submit their information to Mr. Ramey. One middle school student and one high school student will be selected. Winners can advance to the state and national levels. Local winners receive recognition. State winners win \$1,000 and receive a free trip to Washington D.C.

IUPUI Honors College Scholarships

November 15, 2015

To maximize scholarship consideration from IUPUI, students need to apply and have all academic materials received by IUPUI by November 15th. This includes the Bepko Scholarship, which pay full tuition, fees, two years of housing, and a study abroad stipend at IUPUI. An additional application is required for the Bepko, Plater, and other competitive scholarships. Application is available at honorscollege.iupui.edu

Indiana State University Freshmen Scholarships

November 15, 2015

Seniors who wish to be considered for freshmen scholarships at Indiana State must be admitted by December 1st to be considered.

The Secure Optimal Yield Scholarship

November 23, 2015

Open to seniors who have a 3.0 GPA and will pursue a degree in agriculture at an accredited college. Applicants must be a child or grandchild of ASA member. Scholarship totals \$5,000 and will be paid in two installments. For more information and to apply, visit <http://soygrowers.com/award-programs/soy-scholarship/>

Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award

November 29, 2015

Open to seniors who have over the past two years completed a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work and maintained a minimum of a 3.5 GPA. An essay is required and can be found on the application page at www.usbbgcommunications.com Scholarship is valued at \$500.

Indiana State University Rural Health Program

December 1, 2015

The Rural Health program offers students an opportunity to earn a bachelors degree with admission to medical school following completion of undergraduate studies. Applicants must be seniors and have a GPA of 3.5 and SAT score of 1200 (between math and reading) or ACT Composite of 27. The program is specifically designed to prepare students from rural Indiana to return to their hometowns as primary care physicians. Visit <http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/rural.htm> for more information and to apply.

Gongaware Center Scholarship at Indiana State University

December 3, 2015

Open to seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.5, exhibit significant leadership and potential, are in the top 10% of their class, and a combined SAT score of 1500/2400. Scholarship pays full tuition at ISU, and \$3,000 for professional development. Applications and more information are available at <http://www.indstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/gongaware.htm>

Lebanon Elks Lodge Scholarship

December 4, 2015

Open to seniors who are US Citizens. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Male and female applicants are judged in separate categories. \$3,000 will be given to local schools. Applications are available at <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm> Children or grandchildren of Elks members are eligible for the legacy scholarships. That application can be found at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm> All applications are due to the local Elks lodge by 5pm at Elks Lodge 635, 215 Lafayette Avenue, Lebanon, IN 46052

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

January 8, 2016

Open to students seniors, beginning on October 12th, who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and will attend a 4 year college or university to earn a baccalaureate degree. Applicants must have financial need and have excellent community service experience. Applicants will be judged on their leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Applications are available at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx> Scholarships are valued at \$10,000. Only the first 25,000 applications will be accepted.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships

January 20, 2016

Open to seniors who will graduate in the class of 2016. Multiple scholarships are available, but students may only apply for one. Please visit <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships> for more information.

Boone County Solid Waste Management Scholarship

January 29, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who are Boone County residents and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must major in Environmental Science OR applicants must have implemented or facilitated an environmental program within the community that falls with the district's goals (recycling programs, utilizing reclaimed materials, etc). Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications are available on the guidance website under the "How do I pay for college" section or in the guidance office.

Scholarships

SportsQuest "Playing With Purpose" Scholarship

February 1, 2016

Open to students in grades 10-12. The SportQuest Playing With Purpose Scholarship Program is a national program that honors and encourages high school student athletes who excel athletically, academically and have committed their life to following Christ. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the "General Scholarship Application" available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

Kenneth G. & Irene Schaaf Walker Memorial Scholarship

February 21, 2016

Open to graduating seniors who have been accepted and intend to enroll at Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Students must be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Please complete the "General Scholarship Application" available on the Western Boone website in the guidance section or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

Thorntown Businessmen Education Foundation Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Ivy Tech is considered acceptable in this group. Students must complete the "General Application", and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states 1) acceptance status to school 2) name and location of school 3) program of study 4) future goals 5) statement about why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Scholarship amounts vary, but traditionally the scholarships have been over \$2,000 each.

Joey Strong Memorial Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on studying law enforcement after graduation. Applications are available in the guidance office or students can use the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship

March 11, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on furthering their education in the areas of art, music, literature, writing, or speech and hearing. The "General Application" from the Western Boone guidance website can be used. The complete application must also include at least 3 letters of reference, official transcript, future goal statement, and a brief essay of 500 words or less describing educational and occupational goals. Applications are available in the guidance office and due back by the deadline above. Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Jacob Shockley & Richard Penny Memorial Scholarship presented by Big O Tires of Lebanon

March 18, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on attending a technical or trade school to pursue training in a vocational/trade career. Ivy Tech and Vincennes are considered acceptable in this group as long as a vocational career is being pursued. Students must complete the "General Application", and supply 2 reference letters with one completed by a teacher. Applicants must also attach an additional sheet that states 1) acceptance status to school 2) name and location of school 3) program of study 4) future goals 5) statement about why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Scholarship amount will be officially determined later, but will be over \$500.

Elizabeth Siddall Memorial Scholarship

March 18, 2016

Open to seniors attending a vocational or 2 year program (Ivy Tech/Vincennes is included). A statement describing yourself and why you feel qualified for the scholarship needs to be attached to the General Application that is available in the guidance office and on the guidance website. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Applications should be turned into Ms. Query in the guidance office by the deadline above.

Boone County MIBOR Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to students who plan on pursuing a vocational career at a two year, trade, or technical school. Scholarship is valued at \$500. Please apply using the "General Scholarship Application" from the guidance website or pick up a copy in the guidance office.

Max & Dennis Lough Memorial Scholarship

March 25, 2016

This scholarship is open to Western Boone seniors who will be pursuing a medical career. Applicants should include a statement as to why a career in the medical field is sought. The "General Application" will be used. That application is available on the guidance website and in the guidance office. The scholarship is valued at \$500.

Sugar Creek Arts Center Scholarship

March 25, 2016

Open to seniors who plan on pursuing a program of study in an art related career. Students should complete the "General Application" available on the guidance website or in the guidance office. Applicants may attach recommendation letters or supplemental materials such as an essay or photographs/copies of art work. Scholarship is valued at \$400.

Review scholarships through popular national search engines!

FastWeb	www.fastweb.com
Scholarships.Com	www.scholarships.com
College Board Scholarship Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search	http://careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/
Scholarship America	http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php

We highly recommend not paying for a scholarship search service.