

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



November 2017

 New/Updated Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/21 College Day Program
- 11/27 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Deadline
- 11/29 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 12/2 SAT at MVHS
- 12/19 Final Exams
- 12/20 Final Exams, End of Semester 1
- 1/4 First day of Semester 2
- 1/12 Registration deadline for Southern Indiana Career & Technical School
- 1/12 Registration deadline for 2/10 ACT at MVHS
- 2/10 ACT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship

The Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from New Harmony who have exhibited voluntary leadership that models the example of Jane Blaffer Owen in the New Harmony community. Each recipient must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA (grade point average) and be in good standing with the high school attended. Applying students must submit a letter of acceptance from an accredited postsecondary education institution, and a narrative (1-2 pages maximum) describing how the community service impacted her/his life and the community. Additional information is available in the Counseling Office. *Amount: \$1,000*

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. Apply online at enf.elks.org/mvs by November 27, 2017. Additional information is also available in the Counseling Office.

Tropicana Evansville Project 21 Scholarship

Project 21 is an educational program designed to communicate the consequences associated with under aged gambling. Students may submit a poster, essay, or video/DVD addressing the subject of deterring under aged gambling.

Amount: \$2,000 (3 awarded)

Deadline: April 6, 2018

- Essays must be published in a school publication
- Posters must be displayed at the school for at least one week
- Videos must be between 60 seconds and 2 minutes and played for at least 50 students

Stop by the Counseling Office for additional information

Applications for other local scholarships will become available in January 2018.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Web Sites

- [Indiana College Costs Estimator](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Sallie Mae Bank](#)
- [FinAid](#)
- [GoodCall](#)
- [Scholarship Hunter](#)
- [Fastweb](#)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2017, through March 10, 2018, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2018. Students and parents will sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). A step-by-step guide for creating your FSA ID can be found at the [INvested Indiana web site](#).

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.

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 "[My College Choice](#)" worksheet to compare colleges/universities you are considering.

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 [college cost 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](#) from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit during the spring semester with the same approved guidelines.

Church or religious affiliated organizations, minority serving organizations, credit unions, trade unions, and parents' employers may also offer scholarships.

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 25, 2018)
 - Counselor's email address:

A-R: Mrs. McCloud
(mccloudtr@mvschool.org)

S-Z: Ms. Walker
(walkerkn@mvschool.org)

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 \$75 (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.

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 questions](#)

SAT at MVHS

December 2 and May 5

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

MVHS Testing

Registration Deadlines

December 2 SAT – November 2

February 10 ACT – January 12

ACT at MVHS

*October 28, February 10, and
April 14*

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Logan Allen Brown 2018 Memorial Scholarship

The Logan Allen Brown Memorial Scholarship awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors based on demonstrated academic achievement, and to those who express interest in fighting against Drinking and Driving.

The students eligible for Scholarship must be a graduating full-time high school senior who attend Vanderburgh County, Warrick County, Posey County or Gibson County schools in the State of Indiana or Henderson County in the State of Kentucky. Applicants must be planning to enter an accredited college or university no later than the fall following graduation. Applicants must have a strong commitment to not “drinking & driving” and knowledge of Logan’s Promise. Other requirements:

- Involvement in the community, active volunteer and/or charity work
- Demonstrate academic achievement with a minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Three references
- Attend interview
- 20 hours minimum Logan’s Promise volunteer hours

Deadline: March 31, 2018

Additional Information: <http://loganspromise.org/logan-a-brown-scholarship/> or cmason@loganspromise.org

Applicants are expected to complete 15 hours minimum of Logan’s Promise volunteer time in the year 2017 /2018 and attend one of the counties specified.

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards program was established to raise awareness among the nation’s youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America. The awards are open to any graduating high school senior entering their freshman year at an accredited (not for profit) two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute. Applicants **must** be running their own small business in order to be considered for an award.

Amount of Award: \$2,000 - \$15,000

Deadline: December 15, 2017

Additional Information: <http://www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/yef-programs/young-entrepreneur-awards/>

Rogers Academy of Hair Design

Rogers Academy is offering a \$1,000 Good Attendance Scholarship and a possible \$3,500 in additional scholarships. Applications for Rogers Academy and scholarships are available in the Counseling Office.