

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



December 2017

 New/Updated Information

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/2 SAT at MVHS
- 12/19 Final Exams
- 12/20 Final Exams, End of Semester 1
- 1/4 First day of Semester 2
- 1/9 Posey County Community Foundation Representative visit, 11:000-1:00
- 1/12 Registration deadline for Southern Indiana Career & Technical School
- 1/12 Registration deadline for 2/10 ACT at MVHS
- 2/9 Application deadline for Posey County Community Foundation Scholarships
- 2/10 ACT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Posey County Community Foundation

Scholarship opportunities are now available through the Posey County Community Foundation. The application deadline is February 9, 2018. See the complete list of scholarships available beginning on page 4 of this newsletter. Apply at <https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/scholarships/opportunities>

Scholarship and Financial Aid Web Sites

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

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

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.

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

May 5

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

February 10 ACT – January 12

April 14 ACT – March 9

May 5 SAT – April 6

ACT at MVHS

*October 28, February 10, and
April 14*

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Posey County Community Foundation Scholarships



Deadline: February 9, 2018

Additional Information and Application: <https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/scholarships/opportunities>

	Criteria	Amount
Ben Dickhaut Memorial 4-H and FFA Scholarship	Resident of Posey County planning to attend a two- or four-year accredited institution of higher education or technical school. Applicants must have participated as a member of 4-H for five years and/or FFA for two years.	\$1,600
Bobby Rogge Memorial Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any Posey County high school planning to attend a two- or four-year institution or accredited technical school.	\$200
Cash Family Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) planning to pursue a healthcare degree (e.g. medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy) at any accredited college or university	\$500
CountryMark Technical Trade Scholarship	Residents of Posey County who are graduating seniors of an accredited high school and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (4.0 scale). Must be planning to pursue a degree in electrical maintenance, electronics and computer technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at the Evansville campus of either Ivy Tech or ITT Technical Institute.	Up to \$4,500
Gillenwater Scholarship (College Scholarship Award)	Graduating high school senior of any Posey County high school enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at an accredited four-year degree granting institution. Applicants must be in the upper third of their high school senior class.	\$1,000
Gillenwater Scholarship (Junior College or State-Supported Technical College Scholarship Award)	Graduating high school senior of any Posey County high school enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a two-year degree or certificate at an accredited junior college or state-supported technical college.	\$500
Greater Evansville USBCA Scholarship	Applicants must have been members of the Greater Evansville USBCA for two of the past four years, or their children, who have a minimum 2.0 Cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) and attend high school in Posey, Vanderburgh, or Warrick counties.	\$1,000

	Criteria	Amount
Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any Posey County high school pursuing post-secondary education in music (vocal or instrumental), music education, or the performing arts. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale).	\$1,000
James W. Moore Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS pursuing post-secondary education in industrial arts.	\$200
Jay Lampton Memorial Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any high school served by the Community Foundation Alliance (which includes high schools located in the Indiana counties of Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick) with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) and who have been enrolled in technology courses during his or her high school education. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be planning to pursue post-secondary education at the Lincoln College of Technology (formerly Nashville Auto Diesel College) or another institution of higher education seeking a degree in auto mechanics.	\$400
Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS who have been members of the Mt. Vernon High School Key Club for a minimum of one year and who are pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or technical school. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in academic achievement, initiative, dependability, leadership, and service to the MVHS Key Club and to the community	\$1,000
Mac McCutchan Memorial Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any Posey County high school enrolled in a two- or four-year degree program in agriculture and/or family and consumer services. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) and must have participated as a member of 4-H for five years and/or FFA for three years.	\$600
Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any Posey County high school planning to pursue a major in post-secondary music or music education.	\$500
Oscar and Helen Uebelhack Agriculture Scholarship	Graduating seniors of Mt. Vernon High School pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture or animal sciences. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) or above.	\$500
Posey County Co-Op Scholarship	Graduating high school seniors who are residents of Posey County with a minimum GPA of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants must be planning to pursue post-secondary education in agriculture, electrical maintenance, electronics and computer technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at any accredited college, university or technical/vocational school.	\$1,500
Project Associates Engineering Scholarship	Qualified applicants must be a graduating senior of a high school located in Gibson, Henderson, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh, or Warrick County who has been accepted at the University of Evansville or the University of Southern Indiana and has enrolled in a course of study leading to a four-year engineering degree. Previous recipients of the scholarship may re-apply for consideration and evaluation.	\$1,000
Riedford Health Professions Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS with a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) pursuing a two- or four-year degree at any accredited college or university in Indiana, Western Kentucky (which offers in-state tuition to Indiana residents) or Wabash Valley College in Southeastern Illinois. Applicants must be planning to pursue a major course of study in healthcare including, but not limited to, nursing, pre-medicine, occupational/physical therapy, respiratory therapy, or pre-optometry.	\$500

	Criteria	Amount
SABIC Innovative Plastics Scholarship	Graduating seniors of any high school located in the US who are the natural or adopted children or legal dependents of active employees of the SABIC Innovative Plastic facility located in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Applicants must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) and be planning post-secondary education at any accredited US college, university, or vocational/technical school.	\$1,000
Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association Scholarship	Graduating seniors or graduates of any high school located in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, or Warrick counties who are planning full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university. Applicants must have a minimum 2.65 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) or equivalent and be planning to major in horticulture, botany, or landscape architecture or a major that has primary focus in horticulture, botany, or landscape architecture. Past recipients of the scholarship may reapply; however, renewal awards are not guaranteed.	\$2,000
Whitney Wehr Memorial Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS pursuing a degree at any accredited educational institution, with preference given to applicants pursuing a degree in education.	\$2,000
William H. Keck Leadership Scholarship	Graduating seniors of MVHS planning full-time enrollment in a four-year program at IU-Bloomington.	\$1,500

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union Ted Hitch Scholarship

Ten scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors whose parents/guardians have been members of ETFCU for at least one year by March 2, 2018. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.75/4.0. Applications are available in the Counseling Office and online at the URL shown below.

Amount of Award: \$5,000

Deadline: March 2, 2018

Additional Information: <https://etfcu.org/wp-content/uploads/ETFCU-Ted-Hitch-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

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

Nancy Jaynes Memorial Scholarship Award



This scholarship is awarded to an Indiana high school senior whose parent is battling breast cancer or who has lost a parent to breast cancer.

Amount of Award: \$1,500

Deadline: February 2, 2018

Additional Information: <https://www.breastcancerplate.org/scholarships/>



Right to Life of Southwest Indiana Oratory and Art Scholarship Contest

This year's theme is "I Was Born To . . ." and should address the specific issues of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research.

Amount of Award: \$1,000 first place; \$500 second place

Deadline: February 15, 2018

Additional Information: <http://www.rtlswin.org/2018-oratory-and-art-scholarship-contest-february-22-2018/>

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.