

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



September 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/16 National Guard at MVHS
- 9/3 Labor Day
- 9/6 University of Louisville at MVHS
- 9/7 Lilly Scholarship Deadline
- 9/10 Wabash College at MVHS
- 9/20 IU at MVHS
- 9/24 College Go Week
- 9/25 UE at MVHS
- 9/28 Purdue University at MVHS
- 9/30 Greater Evansville College Fair, 1:30-3:00 pm, USI
- 10/1 2019-20 FAFSA submission begins
- 10/1 Wells Scholarship nomination deadline
- 10/3 Indiana Tech at MVHS
- 10/10 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/12 End of first grading period
- 10/23 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm, Media Center
- 10/27 ACT at MVHS
- 11/1 IU priority admission application deadline
- 11/8 Junior Parent Night, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- 11/20 College Day Program
- 12/1 SAT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

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 15, 2018. Additional information is also available in the Counseling Office.

See the last page of the newsletter for additional scholarship opportunities.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

[\(Apply Online\)](#)

Applications are now open for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, honoring students for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. If you have volunteered over the past year, you are eligible to apply at <https://spirit.prudential.com/>. Additional information is available in the Counseling Office.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Web Sites

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

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, 2018, through April 15, 2019, 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](#). **MVHS will host a Financial Aid Night on October 23, at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.** A representative from USI will present information and answer questions to help students and parents complete the 2019-20 FAFSA.

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.

Free College Applications!



The month of September has been designated as College Go! Month. College Go! Week is September 24-28, and College Application Day is September 28. The Indiana college/universities listed below are offering application fee waivers during this time. The complete list can be found at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/educators/k-12-counselors-and-teachers/classroom-materials/college-application-fees-and-waivers/>.

Earlham College	College Application Day
Huntington University	College Application Day
Indiana State University	College Go! Month
Indiana Wesleyan	College Application Day
IU Southeast	College Application Day
USI	College Go! Week
Vincennes University	College Go! Month
Wabash College	College Go! Week

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 24, 2019)
 - Counselor's email address:

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

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

Greater Evansville College Fair 2018

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Greater Evansville College Fair in the PAC Arena on Sunday, September 30, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. Students can register at <http://gotocollegefairs.com/> and provide their basic information and interests. This process will generate a personalized barcode that students print out or display on their phone and bring to the fair. This will eliminate the need to fill out information cards at every table.



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 \$80 (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 at Khan Academy](#)

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

[Free ACT Practice at https://academy.act.org/](https://academy.act.org/)

MVHS Testing Registration Deadlines

October 27 ACT – September 28

December 1 SAT – November 2

SAT at MVHS

December 1 and May 4

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

ACT at MVHS

*October 27, February 9, and
April 13*

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Youth in Action

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders who are 4-H members or alumni between the ages of 16-19 in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living & STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni and recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar. For more information and details, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Amount of Award: up to \$5,000

Deadline: October 22, 2018

Additional Information: <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>

AES Engineering Scholarship

Students submit an essay of 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 relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?"

Amount of Award: \$500

Deadline: October 6, 2018

Submit essay to scholarship@aesengineers.com. Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year.

National FFA Scholarships

In 2018, the National FFA Organization awarded \$2.5 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. The selection process takes into account the whole student – FFA involvement, work experience, supervised agricultural experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills and academics. More than 1,800 scholarships were available.

Amount of Award: Varies

Deadline: February, 2019

Additional Information: <https://www.ffa.org/localengagement/scholarships/>