



## Counseling Newsletter January 2017



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Jan 13th Registration Deadline for ACT at MVHS 2/11/17</p> <p>Feb 10th Posey County Community Foundation Scholarships Due</p> <p>Feb 11th ACT at MVHS 8 am</p> <p>Feb 27 SIU Carbondale at MVHS Caf� noon</p> <p>March 3 Registration deadline for April 8 ACT at MVHS</p>	<p>March 10 Deadline to submit the FAFSA</p> <p>March 27 Spring Break Begins</p> <p>April 3 Local Scholarship Applications due to Counseling Office</p> <p>April 7 Registration deadline for May 6 SAT at MVHS</p> <p>April 8 ACT at MVHS 8 am</p>
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### FAFSA

Senior students may apply for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from October 1, 2016-March 10, 2017. This is for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2017.

**FSA ID** – Students & parents sign their FAFSA using a Federal Student Aid ID

### Opportunities

- Evansville Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship applications are available starting January 16. Call 812-424-5215 ext 3 or email [jblondin@ua136training.org](mailto:jblondin@ua136training.org)
- Purdue Duke Energy Academy June 18-24 for high achieving juniors and seniors in science. Apply at [energyacademy@purdue.edu](mailto:energyacademy@purdue.edu) Deadline is Jan 16
- Murray State Commonwealth Academy June 10-July 1. Deadline March 1. Applications in MVHS Counseling Office or at <http://www.murraystate.edu/cha>
- University of Evansville has announced a “guarantee in four years” for graduation or the 5<sup>th</sup> year at UE is tuition free if you have followed the academic plan. Must be full time student, maintain satisfactory academic progress, no academic or judicial sanctions. Further information at <http://www.admission@evansville.edu>

### ACT & SAT:

- You must bring your calculator, admission ticket & picture ID with you on test day
- MVHS high school code is 152460.
- All tests will begin at 8:00 a.m. & the regular location is the social studies hallway at the high school.
- ACT test center for Mt. Vernon is 164-330. Register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
- SAT test center for Mt. Vernon is 15-580. Register at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### SAT

SAT at MVHS: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

The new SAT is still English/reading & math based.

Ways the new SAT is different:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top score will be 1600</li> <li>• No Penalty for Wrong Answers</li> <li>• Fewer answer choices</li> <li>• More time for each section</li> <li>• No more obscure vocabulary</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased use of graphs &amp; charts</li> <li>• Use of texts that are more similar to what you have seen at school</li> <li>• Each question has four answer choices</li> <li>• Essay is optional &amp; revamped</li> </ul> |
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For free SAT practice tests & other tools go to the Khan Academy website at <http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

### ACT

ACT at MVHS: Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (reg deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>) & Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (reg deadline is March 3)

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school.

The ACT has 5 parts: English, Math, Reading, Science, & an optional Writing Test. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing. The ACT also has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests & career options

## Applying for College

1. Apply to the college online
2. Go to [parchment.com](http://parchment.com) & create an account asking MVHS to send your transcript to the college of your choice  
Video Instructions can be found [online](#).
3. In many cases you can apply through the Common Application or SENDedu. Make sure you have the correct counselor email: A-R [guthriede@mvschool.org](mailto:guthriede@mvschool.org) Or S-Z [walkerkn@mvschool.org](mailto:walkerkn@mvschool.org)

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

## Cost Calculators

Each college & university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices & fees for colleges. Check this out to determine the cost of your school. Many use the college cost calculator supplied by the College Board. You can find it at <http://www.netpricecalculator.org>

## College Visits

Seniors have 2 days to visit college campuses. Deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1<sup>st</sup>. You need to pick up a college visit form from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office & follow the guidelines regarding your attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit 2<sup>nd</sup> semester with the same approved guidelines.

## The NCAA Clearinghouse

The NCAA has implemented an online registration for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. You can register at: [http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.html](http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html).

GO TO PARCHMENT.COM AND ASK YOUR TRANSCRIPT BE SENT TO THE NCAA FROM MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

The cost is \$75 (waivers 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.

Changes in for 2016 include:

- Must have 16 core courses; 10 before senior year
- GPA in core courses must be a 2.0
- 7 of 10 core classes must be in English, math, & science.

Go to [2point3.org](http://2point3.org) to look at the changing NCAA guidelines

**Informative Websites:** The scholarship search engines are very valuable.

- [IndianaCollegeCosts.org](http://IndianaCollegeCosts.org) available scholarships & college costs
- [scholarship.com](http://scholarship.com) free scholarship search service
- [freescholarshipguide.com](http://freescholarshipguide.com) free scholarship search service
- [collegeanswer.com](http://collegeanswer.com) free scholarship search service
- [finaid.org](http://finaid.org) free money, financial aid search service
- [.schoolsoup.com](http://.schoolsoup.com) free scholarship search service
- [scholarshiphunter.com](http://scholarshiphunter.com) free scholarship search service
- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) free scholarship search service
- [srnexpress.com](http://srnexpress.com) free scholarship search service
- [myfuture.com](http://myfuture.com) career information
- [universitys.com](http://universitys.com) college search
- [kaplan.com](http://kaplan.com) test preparation
- [mycollegeguide.com](http://mycollegeguide.com) student life
- [DriveOfYourLife.org/Educator](http://DriveOfYourLife.org/Educator) Indiana Career Exploration
- [learnmoreindiana.org](http://learnmoreindiana.org) college & career information
- [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) career & college information
- [TriptoCollege.org](http://TriptoCollege.org) steps to prepare for college
- [learnmore.org](http://learnmore.org) steps to prepare for college
- [indianacollegecosts.org](http://indianacollegecosts.org) to find Indiana college cost info
- [collegegoalsunday.org](http://collegegoalsunday.org) help in completing the FAFSA
- [upromise.com](http://upromise.com) Indiana 529 savings plan for college

## Scholarships

Scholarships are generally found in two categories 1) need based 2) merit based. Also check out:

- your mother or father's employer
- your church or religious affiliated organizations
- minority serving organizations
- libraries
- book stores

When completing a scholarship application it is important to: be neat, be original, be timely, no mistakes!

### **The following scholarship opportunities have been received by the counseling office**

**\*\*INDICATES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS - Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office if not otherwise indicated.**

- American Honors Program at IVY TECH for transfer to 4 year college & affordability  
<http://www.americanhonors.org/applyivy>
- **\*\*Addison Scholarships** traditionally 3 \$9000 scholarships given to MVHS seniors based on academic achievement, leadership, financial need. Deadline April 3rd
- **\*\*Alexander Scholarships**-traditionally 5 \$2000 scholarships awarded to MVHS seniors based on academic excellence, scholarship and leadership. Deadline April 3
- **\*\*American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships** are awarded to MVHS seniors based on scholarship & leadership. Deadline is April 3
- **\*\*American Legion Owen Dunn Post 5 Scholarship** must be a child, grandchild, or legal dependent of a Post 5 member in good standing with at least 3 years continuous membership. Traditionally 2 \$1000 scholarships have been awarded. A one page typed essay "What being an American means to me" has been required. Currently applications are only available at the Owen Dunn post in Mt. Vernon
- **\*\*American Legion "Sons Of American Legion" scholarship.** Strong consideration will be given to students who have parents/grandparents active in the post. Currently no application will be available until February 1st
- Animation Career Scholarship available at the following sites: <http://www.fashion-schools.org>  
<http://www.animationcareerreview.com> <http://www.onlinembareport.com> Deadline is June 1
- Ball State University Scholarships access at <http://www.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarships>  
No special application is necessary for need based scholarships.
- **\*\*Ben Dickhaut Memorial 4H & FFA Scholarship (\$4,800):** Graduating high school senior who is a resident of Posey County planning to attend a 2 or 4 yr accredited institution of higher learning or technical school. Applicant must have participated in 4H for 5 years and/or FFA for 2 yrs. Apply at [www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/](http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/) Deadline Feb 10
- **\*\*Bobby Rogge Memorial Scholarship (\$200):** Graduating seniors of any Posey County High School planning to attend 2 or 4 year college or accredited tech school. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
- **\*\*Bolger Scholarship** is given to MVHS senior based on scholarship. Deadline is April 3
- **\*\*Bostick Steinmetz Scholarship** is awarded to a MVHS senior who plans to major in engineering or physical science. Deadline is April 3
- Brescia University Academic Scholarships <https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships>
- **\*\*Business and Professional Women's Scholarship** awarded to an outstanding senior. Traditionally a \$500 scholarship. Deadline April 3
- **\*\*Cash Family Scholarship (\$500):** Graduating senior of MVHS with a 3.0 GPA & planning to pursue a degree in healthcare (e.g. medicine, nursing, physical therapy, & occupational therapy) at any accredited college or university. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
- **\*\*Coterie English Scholarship** is awarded to outstanding MVHS Language Arts student. Deadline April 3

- **\*\*Countrymark Coop Scholarship** given to top MVHS seniors who have parents who work at Countrymark Coop. No application necessary but notify the MVHS Counseling Office of interest by April 3rd
- **\*\*Countrymark Technical Trade Scholarship (\$4,500):** Graduating seniors of a Posey County High School who have a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in electrical maintenance, electronics, computer technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at Ivy Tech Community College. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey> Deadline Feb 10
- **Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship** student must be a direct descendant of a graduate of the Deaconess School of Nursing and wanting to be a nurse. Applications in the MVHS Counseling Office or at [www.deaconess.com](http://www.deaconess.com) Deadline March 10th
- **Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship** available in MVHS Counseling Office for students wanting to be teachers
- **\*\*Elmer T Schenk Performing Arts Scholarship** a \$1000 scholarship given to an outstanding performing arts senior at MVHS (vocal or instrumental music, technical theatre). Deadline is April 3
- **\*\*Ervin Naab Tri County Agronmics Scholarship** given to a MVHS senior majoring in Agriculture. Traditionally a \$1000 scholarship. Deadline is April 3
- **Evansville Teachers Credit Union "Ted Hitch" Scholarship:** ten \$5000 awards given to area seniors. Must have a 3.75 GPA. Applicants must have parent or guardian who are Credit Union member for a least 1 year prior to the March 3, 2017 deadline. Applications available in Counseling Office or at [www.etfcu.org/scholarships](http://www.etfcu.org/scholarships)
- **\*\*Gallucci Steinmetz Scholarship** is awarded to a MVHS senior pursuing a degree in engineering or physical science. Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office. Deadline April 3
- **Gill Orthodontist Scholarships** for patients of Dr. Gill. 2 area scholarships given. Applications available in Counseling Office or at [www.gillorthodontics.com](http://www.gillorthodontics.com) Deadline March 15
- **Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship:** Students from New Harmony who have documented community service helping New Harmony & a 2.5 GPA. More information in counseling office.
- **\*Kiwanis Club of Mt. Vernon Scholarship \$1200.** Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office. Must list leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience. Application deadline to local Kiwanis Office (Beth McFadin Higgins Law Office) is February 15
- **Kyle Parker Memorial Scholarship:** Seniors in Warrick, Posey, Vanderburgh, Gibson or Henderson Counties. Must be planning to go to college & have a documented commitment to community service. At least one parent must be deceased. Applications available in counseling office. Deadline is April 10 for the \$4000 scholarship
- **Knights of Pythias Scholarship:** 12 \$1000 scholarships awarded state wide. Applications are available in counseling office but can't be submitted hand written. All questions must be answered. They suggest computer scan the form or computer create form in word document to expand answers. Must have a 3.0 GPA, 600 word essay about goals after graduating from college & a 600 word essay about need. Deadline is on or before Jan 15th mailed to Dennis Adams, Chair, PO Box 365, New Castle, Indiana 47362-0365
- **\*\*Larry Blubaum Scholarship** last year a \$4000 scholarship was given to a MVHS Senior with an essay "My Educational and Career Goals" and two letters of recommendation. Top 5 candidates are interviewed via SKYPE at MVHS. No applications available yet but coming soon to MVHS Counseling Office
- **Logan's Promise Scholarship** for academic achievement & those who want to fight Drinking & Driving. You must have 15 hours community service, have strong academic achievement with a 3.0 GPA, have letters of reference & complete the application. Applications are available in counseling office. Deadline is March 19
- **Lincoln Trail CC scholarships** contact [browningt@iecc.edu](mailto:browningt@iecc.edu)
- **\*\*Mac McCutchan Memorial Scholarship (\$500):** Graduating senior of any Posey County High School enrolled in a 2-4 year degree program in Agriculture and/or Family & Consumer Science. Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA &

- must have participated as a 4H member for 5 years and/or FFA for 3 years. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
- \*\*Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship (\$500) Graduating seniors from any Posey County high school majoring in music or music education. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/>
  - Marian University Scholarships <http://www.marian.edu/financialaid> or [admissions@marion.edu](mailto:admissions@marion.edu)
  - Manchester College Scholarships <http://www.manchester.edu>
  - \*\*Mason's Scholarship: \$600 awarded traditionally based on need. Deadline April 3
  - \*\*Mount Vernon M-Club Athletic Scholarship 3 \$1000 scholarships given to MVHS seniors athletes based on scholarship, character, citizenship, financial need, college athletic potential, Deadline April 3
  - \*\*MV Oddfellow's Scholarship 1 letter of recommendation required. Has been a \$600 scholarship. Deadline April 3
  - \*\*NEA Dependent Scholarship is awarded to a son/daughter of an NEA Mt. Vernon member. Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office for the \$250 scholarship. Deadline April 3
  - Navy ROTC Scholarship <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil>
  - Oakland City University Scholarships <http://www.OAK.edu>
  - \*\*Oscar & Helen Uebelhack Agriculture Scholarship (\$500): Graduating seniors at Mount Vernon High School pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture or animal science. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. Apply at <http://www.communityalliancefoundation.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
  - \*\*PAWS Scholarship given to an outstanding MVHS senior member of the wrestling team. Deadline April 3
  - \*\*Pence Scholarships traditionally \$1000 given to MVHS seniors based on academic excellence. Applications available April 3
  - \*\*Posey County Co-op Scholarship (\$1,800) Graduating high school seniors who are residents of Posey County with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in agriculture, electrical maintenance, electronics & computer technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
  - \*\*Posey Kids Incorporated Scholarship traditionally a \$750 given to a MVHS senior who has financial need. Applications are available in MVHS Counseling Office Deadline April 3
  - Posey County Right to Life Martha Breeze \$500 scholarship and essay contest. 500-700 word essay is required. Applications available at MVHS Counseling Office or by emailing [poseycountrightrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:poseycountrightrighttolife@gmail.com) Deadline is Mar 1
  - Professional Athletes Foundation is offering two scholarships statewide. Must have a 3.2 and letter from varsity coach. Application in MVHS Counseling Office Deadline Jan 20
  - \*\*Reibold Scholarships is a traditionally \$500 scholarship given to an outstanding senior MVHS Agriculture student. Deadline April 3
  - \*\*Riedford Health Professions Scholarship (\$500): Graduating seniors at MVHS with a 3.2 GPA pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree in Indiana, Western Kentucky (which offers in state tuition) or Wabash Valley College in eastern IL. Applicants must be majoring in nursing, pre-medicine, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, pre-dentistry, or pre-optometry. Apply at <http://www.communnityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10
  - \*\*Root Scholarships traditionally are \$2500 scholarships awarded to outstanding MVHS seniors based on academic excellence and need. Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office Deadline April 3
  - \*\*SABIC Innovative Plastics Scholarship (\$1000): Graduating seniors of any high school in the US who are the natural or adoptive children or legal dependents of an active employee at SABIC in Mt. Vernon. Applicant must have a 2.75 GPA & planning to attend an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10

- **\*\*SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Amy Lindenberg Scholarship**  
Must be an active member of SADD, have a 2.5 GPA, & complete an essay "How do you feel about underage drinking and how would you discourage it. Applications available in Counseling Office. Deadline is April 3
- **\*\*Schultz Scholarship Fund-Old National Wealth Management for Engineering and Vet Medicine majors graduating from MVHS. New applications not yet available**
- Southeast Missouri State Scholarships <http://www.semo.edu/sfs/financialaid/scholarships/>
- Southeast Missouri State-In state tuition if you have a 21 ACT 980 SAT & 3.0 & apply by March 1
- **\*\*Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association Scholarship** given to a graduating seniors at Gibson, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey counties who are planning to attend a college, university, or vocational technical school full time & have at least a 2.65 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in botany, horticulture, or landscape architecture. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey> Due Feb 10
- Trine University Scholarships <http://www.trine.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>
- Tropicana Evansville Scholarship: deterring underage gambling. Essays must be published in a school publication or videos must be no more than 2 minutes & at least 60 seconds played to a group of 50 or more or posters must be displayed in school for at least 1 week. Application available in Counseling Office Due April 7
- University of Indianapolis scholarships apply at <http://www.uindy.edu/apply>
- USI Alumni Association Scholarship \$1500 scholarship, must be in top 20%, go to [www.usi.edu](http://www.usi.edu) or email at [alumni@usi.edu](mailto:alumni@usi.edu) or call 812-464-1924 for details
- **\*\*UTP/Robert Murray Scholarship** is a \$250 scholarship for an outstanding MVHS senior wanting to be a teacher. Deadline April 3
- Valparaiso University Scholarships <http://www.valpo.edu/financialaid>
- Vincennes University Scholarships: <http://www.vinu.edu/scholarships>
- Washington of St. Louis Scholarships <http://www.wustl.edu>
- **\*\*Wehr/Vaughn Memorial Scholarship** given to a student who has had a part time or summer job. Deadline April 3
- Western Kentucky University Scholarships <http://www.wku.edu/topdollar/>
- **\*\*Whitney Wehr Memorial Scholarship (\$1500):** Graduating seniors at MVHS planning to go to college with preference given to a senior who wants to major in education. Apply at [communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/](http://communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/) Due Feb 10
- **\*\*William Keck Leadership Scholarship (\$1,200):** Graduating seniors of MVHS planning full time enrollment at IU-Bloomington. Apply at <http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/> Deadline Feb 10