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- ▶ Most applications are available online, unless otherwise specified
- ▶ For scholarships that indicate, “Must Be Nominated”, check with the Counseling Office
- ▶ Please note specific deadlines
- ▶ **Remember:** When you apply to a college, you can apply for scholarships at the various colleges. There is a difference in TOPS Scholarships and University based scholarships. Colleges may have specific scholarships applicable to you. **Also:** Many scholarships require letters of recommendation from your teacher, counselor or principal. When you request a letter of recommendation, please allow **two weeks** for this to be returned to you. Please also include a copy of your resume. See Mrs. Anderson for assistance with your resume.

SCHOLARSHIP	CRITERIA	DEADLINE
Northwestern State University Louisiana High School Essay Contest  Northwestern State University Louisiana High School Essay Contest	The Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University will be sponsoring the 9 <sup>th</sup> annual NSU Louisiana High School Essay Contest. Students wishing to enter the contest will write a 1,000-2,500 word essay addressing the following prompt: “Louisiana Landscapes.” Students are invited to write about a place in Louisiana that has special meaning for them. All places in Louisiana are appropriate, including homes, schools, churches, neighborhoods, parks, historic sites, museums, bodies of water, landmarks, and regions. Personal reflections and experiences are perfectly valid as part of the essay content. All entries should have titles and should be typed (double spaced, 12 point font, standard margins. Essays may be in narrative form if the student so chooses. The essay contest is open to all Louisiana Students in grades 9-12. Three winners will be selected and awarded cash prizes and a scholarship to NSU. All entries should be sent as email attachments to Dr. Shane Rasmussen at <a href="mailto:rasmussens@nsula.edu">rasmussens@nsula.edu</a> or by mail to the Louisiana Folklife Center, NSU Box 3663, Natchitoches, LA 71497	May 19, 2017  20 ACT requirement and 2.0 GPA requirement See Mrs. Anderson for more information
The Louisiana Lions Summer Camp	Scholarships Awarded: Ten \$500 Scholarships are awarded at the end of camp to college and college-bound students. The Louisiana Lions Camp is now accepting applications for summer staff positions including Junior Counselor (minimum age 16), Senior counselor (minimum age 18), Activity instructors and assistants (minimum age 18). Students with current certifications may apply for Lifeguard positions. Camping session June 9 – July 25. To apply: call 1-8000-348-6567 or download app <a href="http://www.lionscamp.org">www.lionscamp.org</a> .	June 6 – July 22
Horatio Alger Association Career & Technology Scholarship Program	Seniors are invited to apply for the 2016 Horatio Alger Association Career & Technical Scholarship Program. This program provides financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Scholarship criteria also include high school completion by spring of 2016, commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical certificate/degree, and United States Citizenship. The Association will award up to 1020 Scholarships in 2017 (10 in each state and the District of Columbia) with a maximum award of \$2500. Apply online at <a href="http://www.application.horatioalger.org">www.application.horatioalger.org</a> . For additional information visit: <a href="https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/">https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/</a>	June 15, 2017
The Army Reserve 4-year Minuteman Scholarship	The U.S. Army Reserve Minuteman Scholarship covers full tuition and fees (uncapped) or \$10,000 per year toward room and board at any college or university served by an Army Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) program. Scholarship recipients also receive a yearly book allowance of \$1200 and a monthly stipend from \$300 to \$500 while attending school, depending on their year in the ROTC program. Minuteman Scholarship recipients must serve in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), in which they participate in an Army Reserve unit’s monthly drills and a 14-day annual training for which they are paid as a sergeant. After graduation and commissioning, Minuteman Scholarship recipients are guaranteed placement in the Army Reserve. <a href="http://www.usar.army.mil/MinutemanScholarship">www.usar.army.mil/MinutemanScholarship</a>	Visit website

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<p>TOPS Scholarships</p> <p><b>LOSFA – Student Hub – Track TOPS Eligibility and Status</b></p>	<p>LOSFA has launched the new Student Hub to give you more options for tracking your award eligibility and status, and to provide you with easier account maintenance features. However, because of these new features, <b>your existing Award System login is not compatible with the Student Hub</b>. You will need to register for a new Student Hub account to take advantage of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• login recovery options</li> <li>• "TOPS Tracker" reports to monitor your award eligibility and status,</li> <li>• easier access to "Opt Out",</li> <li>• and more.</li> </ul> <p>When registering under LASECID, you will also need your first and last name, your birthdate, and the high school you attended. If you do not know your Louisiana Secure ID, (ten digit number located on the TOPS Detail Student Report) or contact your school counselor.</p> <p>When registering under LOSFAID, you will also need your first name, your last name, and your birthdate. Your LOSFA ID can be found on emails or letters we have previously sent you or that you may have downloaded from the Award System or from your previous Award System login. LOSFA will also be emailing you your LOSFA ID to the email address we have on record.</p> <p>Student Hub Center for registration: <a href="http://www.osfa.la.gov/Student_Hub.htm">http://www.osfa.la.gov/Student_Hub.htm</a></p>	
<p>Guaranteed Scholarships</p> <p>Website developed by American Educational Guidance Center</p>	<p>Scholarships, grants, and financial aid are available to students in many forms. The scholarships listed on this page are all "guaranteed". Visit the website to see a list of college specific scholarships.</p> <p><a href="http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com">http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com</a>.</p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>NROTC Scholarship</p>	<p><b>NROTC Scholarship (\$180,000 value/130 colleges) – Open NOW –</b> <a href="http://www.nrotc.navy.mil">www.nrotc.navy.mil</a> - ACT score of 22 or higher/SAT combined score of 1000 or higher/an ASVAB score of 74 or higher.</p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>At <a href="http://college-scholarships.com/louiana.htm">http://college-scholarships.com/louiana.htm</a> , you will find links to, and contact information for all two and four-year colleges in your state, as well as information about career schools and colleges, and colleges offering online degree programs. Similar pages exist for all the other states.</p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>Scholarship America</p>	<p>Scholarship America is a nonprofit with a mission to mobilize America through scholarships and other educational support to make postsecondary success possible for all. We are working to engage the private sector in programs and policies that advance equity in postsecondary education, helping more students overcome barriers to access, persistence and attainment. Visit <a href="https://scholarshipamerica.org/">https://scholarshipamerica.org/</a> .</p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>School Soup Scholarships</p>	<p>School Soup is one of the world’s leading sites for scholarship and other financial aid. Visit the website for scholarships opportunities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.schoolsoup.com">http://www.schoolsoup.com</a>.</p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>Computer Science Scholarship Opportunities</p>	<p>With the expansion of computer use comes the need for developers of new hardware and software technologies. A technology continues to advance, more computer science pros will be needed to fill all the new employment opportunities. Computer science scholarships give you the money to get the training you need to secure a position in this growing field. <a href="http://www.scholarshipsandgrants.us/computer-science-scholarships/">http://www.scholarshipsandgrants.us/computer-science-scholarships/</a></p>	<p>Visit website</p>
<p>You Deserve It Scholarship</p>	<p>You Deserve It \$1000 Scholarship sponsored by Owl Marketing:</p> <p>When you create an account, you will automatically have a single application submitted on your behalf to apply to enter the Sweepstakes. You may subsequently apply to enter the Scholarship Sweepstakes ... <a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/you-deserve-it-scholarship/1006712">sign up for full scholarship deadline information</a> .</p> <p><a href="https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/you-deserve-it-scholarship/1006712">https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/all/you-deserve-it-scholarship/1006712</a></p>	<p>Visit website for deadline</p>

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<p>The Ron Brown Scholar Program</p>	<p>The Ron Brown Scholar Program is pleased to announce the opening of the Guided Pathway Support (GPS) Program 2017 application to welcome its second cohort of talented African American rising high school juniors and seniors. The GPS is a free program designed to help college-bound African American students navigate the admissions process by directing them to the most comprehensive and reliable resources. How to apply? Students must apply online at <a href="https://ronbrowngps.fluidreview.com">https://ronbrowngps.fluidreview.com</a></p>	<p>Application Deadline May 31, 2017</p>
<p>On Track Test Prep, Inc.</p>	<p>On Track Test Prep, Inc. – helps students learn the strategies, fundamentals and techniques essential for raising scores for the day of the actual test. ACT Prep Information – Contact Sherri Moss at 572-5507 or visit <a href="http://www.ontracktestprep.com">www.ontracktestprep.com</a></p>	
<p>AT Home Academy</p>	<p>Sign up today for the classes offered to prepare for the ACT and SAT. Exams and tutoring for all subjects. For registration information and schedules, visit <a href="http://www.athomeacademy.net">www.athomeacademy.net</a> or email <a href="mailto:athomeacad@gmail.com">athomeacad@gmail.com</a>. Call today (318) 465-6475</p>	
<p>BPCC</p>	<p><a href="#">BPCC Open Campus™</a> courses are free, no-strings-attached, online, non-credit developmental courses/tutorials, and anyone can sign up.</p>	
<p><b>Free Peer-Tutoring Homework Gang</b></p>	<p>The Homework Gang is a “Free” Peer-Tutoring Program sponsored by Caddo Parish Magnet High School Students.  <b>Where:</b> Broadmoor Branch Library          1212 Captain Shreve Drive 71105  <b>When:</b> Sundays from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  <b>Sign Up:</b> Go to <a href="http://www.caddomagnet.net">www.caddomagnet.net</a>          Click Counseling          Click Homework Gang          Click I would like to volunteer as a tutor or, I need to sign up for tutoring.          Contact: <a href="mailto:HGMhs@gmail.com">HGMhs@gmail.com</a> for more information</p>	<p>Exact dates are listed on the sign-up forms</p>
<p>Latin Tutoring</p>	<p>Latin Tutor with 25 + years of experience can help you no matter what level of Latin you are taking: beginner, intermediate, AP. Students have consistently scored higher than national averages on NLE, AP, and SAT II subject Tests. This is all from the comfort of your own home as all tutoring is done via Skype. <a href="mailto:tudork514@gmail.com">tudork514@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p>Magnolia Prep Tutoring Program</p>	<p>Magnolia Prep was founded in 2012 by John Burford, a 2012 graduate of Princeton University and a 2008 graduate of Caddo Magnet. The company provide tutoring services for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT. For more information visit the website: <a href="http://www.magnoliaprep.com">www.magnoliaprep.com</a> or contact Zachary Husted at <a href="mailto:Zachary.husted@magnoliaprep.com">Zachary.husted@magnoliaprep.com</a> .</p>	
<p>Splash Kingdom</p>	<p>Splash Kingdom will start recruiting students to work at the park who are at least 16 by June 1, 2017. Splash Kingdom looking to hire about 150 seasonal employees for 2017. Splash Kingdom provides a safe environment for any student looking for professional experience, leadership development, an active fast pace job, and flexible hours.</p>	<p>Seasonal Job Opportunity</p>
<p>Centenary College</p>	<p>Centenary College is excited to announce new and expanded programs in business, law studies and engineering for Fall of 2017.</p>	
<p>Our Lady of the Lake College</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Lake College: A Franciscan University is offering opportunities for weekend tours and visits! One Saturday a month is reserved for students who can't get away during the week to see all that the college has to offer. Come check out our Anatomage Table (only one of two in the state), and our state of the art Simulated Environment Teaching Hospital for a one of a one of kind hands on experience. Please RSVP to Office of Admissions 225-490-1619.</p>	<p>Open House May 27<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>Centenary College of Louisiana</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2017 Events</p> <p><b>College Kickstart</b> – For high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors! – May 6th</p> <p>Centenary will once again honor the full TOPS scholarship amount stated in a student's award letter, regardless of the funds provided to the College by the state. If you have additional questions, contact either the Office of Admission at <a href="mailto:admission@centenary.edu">admission@centenary.edu</a> or the Office of Financial Aid at <a href="mailto:finaid@centenary.edu">finaid@centenary.edu</a>.</p>	<p>College Kickstart May 6, 2017</p>

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<p>Bossier Parish Community College</p>	<p>BPCC Cavalier Preview Nights: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Learn more here: <a href="http://www.bpcc.edu/futurestudents/cavalierpreviewnight.html">http://www.bpcc.edu/futurestudents/cavalierpreviewnight.html</a></p>	<p>June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b><u>Financial Aid</u></b>  Requirements for <b>2018 Seniors and beyond</b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial Aid Access Policy ***NEW &amp; IMPORTANT***</u></b>  Louisiana requires public school students <b>graduating spring 2018</b> and beyond to take <u>one of the following</u> steps as part of their Individual Graduation Plan and as a requirement for graduation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Complete the FAFSA</u>; or</li> <li>○ <u>Complete the Louisiana TOPS form</u>; or</li> <li>○ A parent or legal custodian (or a student legally emancipated or of the legal age of majority) may opt out of completing the FAFSA or Louisiana TOPS form by <u>completing a waiver</u>.</li> </ul> <p><i>For more information on the waiver or to request a waiver, please contact your counselor</i></p>	
<p><b>FAFSA – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid</b></p>	<p>Looking for scholarships, grants, student loans or on-campus job opportunities? The FAFSA is the application for many grants, scholarships (free money), federal student loans (pay those back) and work-study (students work and earn a paycheck). It’s the first step in the financial aid process. The FAFSA may be used as the TOPS application or parents may use the TOPS On-line Application (if you feel you won’t qualify for federal aid). Plan on completing the FAFSA every year the student is in college, even if you think you won’t qualify for any aid. It can’t hurt to have a backup plan. Find more information at: <a href="https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/">https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/</a> and <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/">https://fafsa.ed.gov/</a>. FAFSA Walk through video-<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fSeHK4ceGs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fSeHK4ceGs</a></p>	<p><b><u>New</u></b> Families may complete the <b><u>FAFSA after October 1, 2016</u></b> of the senior year, using the 2015 tax return information.</p>
<p><b>FAFSA – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid</b></p>	<p><b>LOSFA - Phone Assistance for students and parents with FAFSA</b> <b>LELA’s FAFSA HELpline</b> – student and parent assistance with FAFSA</p>	<p><b>1-800-259-5626</b> <b>1-844-GOFASFA</b></p>
<p><b>LOSFA</b></p>	<p><b>LOSFA Launches Texting Support for Freshmen TOPS Recipients and High School Seniors</b>  The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) has begun sending text reminders to more than 14,000 college freshmen with tips on how to keep their TOPS awards in good standing. The service is also being used to convey important college access information to more than 5,000 high school seniors. If someone you know would like to receive these texts, have them email <a href="mailto:custserv@la.gov">custserv@la.gov</a> with the subject line "<b>TEXT</b>". In the message have them include their <b>name</b>, their <b>school name</b> and their <b>mobile number</b>.</p>	
<p>Honor Graduate Recognition</p>	<p><b><u>Honor Graduate Categories and GPA – Calculated on a Weighted GPA</u></b> Summa Cum Laude    GPA Range 4.75 – 4.99 Magna Cum Laude    GPA Range 4.50 – 4.74 Cum Laude            GPA Range 4.00 – 4.49</p> <p><b><u>Honor Graduate Regalia - Fees for 2017 Graduates</u></b> Summa Cum Laude Graduate    Honor Stole - \$23.00 Magna Cum Laude Graduate    Honor Cord (Red/Gold) - \$8.50 Cum Laude Graduate            Honor Cord (Double Gold) - \$8.50</p>	<p>Based on <b>Cumulative weighted GPA</b> calculation after final grades.</p> <p>Students will be able to purchase items in <b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>.</p>
<p>Community Service Endorsement</p>	<p>Seniors who have completed the final 25 hours of documented community service will qualify for a Community Service Endorsement on the diploma. Student may purchase a cord (emerald green) for \$8.50.</p>	<p>Will be sold May 10 - Cafeteria May 11-12 Office</p>




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Louisiana State Seal of Bilingual	Seniors who have successfully completed four years of the same foreign language or pass an AP World Language Exam with a 3 or higher and have an ACT English subscore of 19 or higher will qualify for the State Seal of Bilingual on the diploma. Students may purchase a cord (blue and gold intertwined) for \$8.50.	Will be sold May 10 - Cafeteria May 11-12 Office
	 An illustration of a college campus featuring a central building with a dome and the word "COLLEGE" on its facade, flanked by other buildings and a flagpole with a red flag.	
COLLEGE VISITS	ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR	DATE & LOCATION

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