



**New Manchester High School  
College and Career Center  
Important Dates / Information and Scholarships  
September 2021**

**Students and Parents,**

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Each month, I will provide a newsletter that will be posted on our NMHS Website, (you would click on Departments, then College & Career Center, and once on that screen, look to your right, and click on scholarship newsletter). Newsletters contain a lot of important information, especially for seniors and juniors. The scholarship opportunities listed in the newsletters, are only those which come to me via my email. I will, however, provide several safe websites to be utilized for researching many other scholarship opportunities. Parents, please encourage your students to spend time on our NMHS Website looking at the newsletter, so that opportunities will not be missed.

**PROBE FAIR 2021**

Learn more about post-secondary options after high school. Probe is a resource to connect students with the right college to meet your individual needs and career goals. Students are required to pre-register for their chosen fair. RegisterProbe.com.

Students will immediately receive a QR code on the screen, and via email. Students will need the code either on their mobile phone or have a printed copy. All college exhibitors will have a Mobile App to scan student information. There will also be one Virtual Fair option on Wednesday, October 13, from 5pm-8pm; however, registration for this online event will not open until late September.

**Check List for Seniors Graduating in 2022**

- ✓ Verify that you are on track to graduate in May. (minimum of 23 credits: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Math, 4 credits of Science, 4 credits of social studies, 1 credit of Health and Personal Fitness, 3-required electives from CTAE, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language courses, 3-additional courses (may be core or non-core electives)
- ✓ Go on the websites of any colleges you plan to apply to, to see if they are going to require SAT and/or ACT test scores as part of the evaluation for admission process. If so, register to take the SAT and/or the ACT.

- ✓ Go on the websites of any Technical Colleges you may be planning to apply to. Check to see if they are requiring the Accuplacer Test as part of the admission evaluation process. If so, schedule to take the Accuplacer.
- ✓ Take the ASVAB in October, if you plan to go into one of the Military Branches.
- ✓ Begin applying to colleges that offer your major, and that you have a good chance to be accepted into. (Do your research by going to the college's website)
- ✓ Research scholarship opportunities, and APPLY! There is no such thing, as too many scholarships. The more you get, the less you pay!
- ✓ Apply for FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) – The window opens on October 1, 2021. Every college has a deadline for FAFSA. Go on a college's website to get the deadline. Some colleges/universities will not look at a student for any financial aid they might could offer, until the student fills out the FAFSA!
- ✓ Make your final decision about where you will be attending college next fall, 2022, and keep applying for scholarships. Go on the college's website and look under financial aid for possible scholarships or grants you might be eligible for.
- ✓ Order your Final Official Transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending in

Scheduled SAT/ACT Test Dates (could be subject to change per COVID-19)

With the Covid Virus still wreaking havoc on us, some colleges and universities have continued to waive the SAT/ACT test requirement as part of their admission evaluation process. There are, however, testing dates for each test scheduled, and some of the test dates are as follows:

ACT – Sept. 11  
 Oct. 23  
 Dec. 11  
 Feb. 12  
 Apr. 2

SAT – Oct. 2  
 Nov. 6  
 Dec. 4  
 Mar. 12  
 May 7

Register for ACT Online at: <https://www.act.org>

Register for SAT Online at: <https://www.collegeboard.org>

\*Email [Pam.Morris@dcssga.org](mailto:Pam.Morris@dcssga.org), to inquire about fee waivers, if you meet eligibility.

### The Versatile ACT On-Campus Program

Good news! In addition to ACT national Saturday testing dates, hundreds of colleges now also offer the popular ACT On-Campus program. This program allows you to schedule an ACT at a college you are considering applying to and attending. The ACT On-Campus test can be

immediately scored by the college after testing. The score obtained on this ACT test is only valid at the college that delivers the exam. To find out more, and to see a list of colleges offering the program, go to ACT.ORG.

#### TYPES OF FINANCIAL Aid

- Grants – Students do not pay back!
- Scholarships – Students do not pay back, and may also stack them! The more you get, the less you pay!
- Work-Study Jobs – Students have part-time jobs on campus, usually no more than 15-18 hours per week.
- Loans – Students do pay back, whether they graduate from college or not!
- Aid for Military Family
- Aid for International Study

#### THE FAFSA PROCESS – Window opens October 1

The Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a vital document. It provides more than \$120 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to help pay for college or career school. To apply for this aid, you must complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid form. Also, state governments and many colleges and career schools use your FAFSA information to award you their aid. **DID YOU KNOW?** Some schools won't consider you for merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents, or skills), until you have submitted a FAFSA, so complete one even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

1. [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Your FSA ID - The FSA ID is the username and password you create to log into the FAFSA website. Each student, and one parent of each dependent student, will need an FSA ID. Because your FSA ID is equivalent to your signature, parents and students each need to create their own FSA IDs using their own email address and phone number. Parents should not create an FSA ID for their child and vice versa. I recommend creating your FSA ID early – even before you're ready to complete the FAFSA Form, to avoid delays in the process.
2. Your Social Security Number – If you don't have access to it, and don't know where it is, ask your parent or legal guardian or get a new or replacement Social Security Card. (<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber>) from the Social Security Administration. If you are not a U.S. citizen, but meet Federal Student Aid's basic eligibility requirements (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/basic-criteria>), you will also need your Alien Registration number.

3. Your driver's license number – If you do not have a driver's license, then don't worry about this step.
4. Federal tax information or tax returns (IRS 1040) – You may be able to retrieve and transfer tax information into the form automatically using the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT). The 2021-22 FAFSA form will ask for 2019 tax information.
5. Records of untaxed income.
6. Cash, savings, and checking account balances.
7. Investments other than the home in which you live.

**DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR INFO READY YET?** That's okay, you can start the FAFSA, save it, and come back later to finish it.

**PROCESSING THE FAFSA** – Timeline, after you have submitted:

- You will receive an email within a few days, letting you know your FAFSA was processed.
- While completing the FAFSA form, you must list at least one school, but can list up to 10 schools, to automatically receive your FAFSA information electronically. The schools you list will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of aid you may receive. (Use the Federal School Code Search to find the FAFSA codes for the colleges you are interested in including in your list, or find the codes on the colleges' websites). The colleges or career schools you list on the form might request additional information from you. Make sure you respond by any deadlines.
- First-Time Applicants – You will receive an aid offer from each college or career school you applied to and listed on your FAFSA, stating the amount of aid you could receive at the school.
- Review and compare your offers, and decide which school to attend based on the school's net cost and how well the school suits your needs.
- Receiving Financial Aid – Formally accept the school's aid offer and remember, if you are offered student loans, borrow only as much as you really need.
- Your school will handle your aid. Ask the financial aid office when and how your aid will be paid out, what it will cover, and how much (if any) money will come directly to you once tuition and fees are paid.

- **GET FREE ASSISTANCE AND ANSWERS: [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or 1-800-433-3243**

### **Top FAFSA Tips**

- ✓ **Read all questions and instructions carefully.**
- ✓ **Meet all deadlines.**
- ✓ **Check your email (including spam) regularly for any messages from Federal Student Aid or the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA Form.**

### **STUDENT ATHLETES – NCAA Eligibility Center**

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at: [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org) Plan to register during your freshman year of high school. There are two types of accounts:

1. **Profile Page Account:** If you plan to compete at an NCAA Division III school or are currently unsure in which division you want to compete, create a free Profile Page account. If at any time you wish to pursue a Division I or II path, you can transition your Profile Page to a Certification Account.
2. **Certification Account:** You must be certified by the Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Before you can make official visits or sign a National Letter of Intent, you must have a completed Certification account (including submitted payment or fee waiver).

For Certification Accounts, please allow between 30 and 45 minutes to register completely and accurately. If you need to exit and come back at a later time, you can save and return later to finish your account. Accounts that are not completed (registration fee paid or fee waiver eligible) will be deleted after 30 days.

Students should see Mrs. Morris in the College & Career Center (D1113), to see if they meet eligibility to receive a fee waiver to cover the registration fee of \$90.00, for a Certification Account. Students may also pick-up a Registration Checklist from Mrs. Morris. The checklist will list information that a student will need in order to complete an account.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**To get started, consider exploring these common types of scholarships:**

1. **Academic scholarships** – High-achieving students can win scholarship money based on standardized test scores and transcripts. **An example would be:**

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. – Academic achievement is recognized by giving awards of varying amounts every year to students who score highly on the PSAT.

2. **Community Service Scholarships** – Scholarships are not reserved only for top students, who test well. There are various opportunities for those who volunteer in their communities. **An example would be:** The Equitable Excellence Scholarship. They award \$2,500, \$10,000, or \$25,000 to U.S. Citizens or legal residents who have made a positive impact on their communities, and “demonstrate courage, strength, and wisdom as shown by community impact through volunteer service.”
3. **Athletic Scholarships** –Students with a talent for sports can consider pursuing an athletic scholarship. Many scholarship search tools offer an athletic scholarship category. Some will let students narrow down the results by a sport, whether it’s basketball, football or etc. NCAA Division I and Division II schools also offer athletic scholarships to student-athletes.
4. **Scholarships for hobbies and extracurriculars** – While students may be familiar with academic scholarships, they may not realize that there are some scholarship opportunities to support certain hobbies and extracurricular interests. Students should be able to filter scholarship opportunities by hobbies or traits on most search engines. Students can also leverage their extracurricular activities, such as involvement in plays and musicals, to win money for college.
5. **Scholarships Based on Applicants’ Identities** – A number of scholarship programs have a mission to support traditionally underrepresented students. For example, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s awards, which range from \$500 to \$5,000, are open to students of Hispanic heritage in all major fields, but emphasize science, technology, engineering and math majors. African American high school seniors can apply for the renewable Ron Brown Scholarship, which totals \$40,000. The program provides academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences. When searching for opportunities, students can indicate their gender, race, ethnicity or other aspects of their identity to find scholarships that are a good fit.
6. **Need-Based Scholarships** – A variety of scholarship organizations seek to help students with demonstrated financial need. These types of scholarships may have additional requirements, such as living in a specific community in the U.S., or pursuing a particular area of study. Davis-Putter, for example, provides need-based grants to undergraduate and graduate students who are committed to economic and social justice.

7. **Employer scholarships and military scholarships** – Another way to find money for college is through your parent's employers. Parents should definitely look into the possibility of scholarships. Eligibility and award amounts will vary, from business to business. The CVS Health Foundation, for example, awards scholarships to children of full-time CVS Employees. **Additionally**, children of certain active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired members of the U.S. Military are eligible for the Military Commander's Scholarship Fund.

**Going Merry:** A Free One-Step college scholarships search and application platform. Personalized matching and thousands of scholarships and grants.  
**Create your free account at: [goingmerry.com](https://www.goingmerry.com)**

**Explore exclusive scholarships, fellowships, and grants matched to you. Create an account at: Bold.org – just announced a new \$20,000 scholarship in partnership with actor, TV host, and former NFL athlete, Terry Crews, designed for struggling artists chasing their dreams.**

**Go to Unigo.com – set-up a free account to get notifications about so many scholarship opportunities. Complete your scholarship profile to see your personal scholarship results.**

**The Shout It Out Scholarship – 1500.00**  
**Deadline: September 30, 2021**

**Scholarshipowl.com – Simplify and focus your application process with the one-step platform for vetted scholarships.**

### **The Gates Scholarship**

**Deadline: Phase I of TGS is due Sept. 15, 2021 by 5:00 PM PT.**

**Award: Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the FAFSA.**

The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding minority high school seniors from low-income households. Each year the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

#### **BASIC Eligibility:**

- **A high school senior**
- **From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American**

- Pell-eligible
- US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

For more information go to: <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>

#### **Don't Text and Drive Scholarship**

**Deadline:** September 30, 2021 to coincide with September's No Texting while Driving Day

**Award:** \$1,000

**Eligibility:** There is no age limit. May be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.

**Must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident of the U.S.**

**Apply at:** [digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships](https://digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships)

#### **The Heisman High School Scholarship Program**

**Deadline:** Student Application (online) must be submitted on Oct. 19, 2021, by 3:00 P.M.

PT/6:00 P.M. ET. Then, Application will be reviewed and submitted by school official on Oct. 21, 2021, by 3:00 P.M. PT/6:00 P.M. ET.

**Award:** A winner from each high school in the nation that has student participation in the Program by way of application. The top male and female applicants from each state will be awarded \$1,000. Among the top male and female applicants from each state, the 12 most outstanding will be identified as national finalists and win at least \$2,000. Of the national finalists, a male and a female winner will be selected as the winner of the \$10,000 National Heisman High School Scholarship.

**Eligibility to apply:** Must be a senior who will graduate in 2022 academic year, must have a cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, Must participate or have participated in grades 9, 10, and 11 in at least one of the sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the summer and winter Olympic games, the Paralympic Games, or the National Federation of State High School Association, Must be a leader in school and in the community and serve as a role model for underclassmen.

**Go to:** <https://heismanscholarship.com>

#### **Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship For Young Hispanic Leaders**

**Deadline:** Nov. 30, 2021 @ 11:59 PM CT

**Award:** Recipients will receive a non-renewable scholarship. \$1,000 for a 4-year institution or \$500 for a 2-year institution for undergraduate students.



**Eligibility:** At least one parent must be of Hispanic Ancestry. Non US citizens are eligible to apply (DACA or Undocumented). Applicants must be planning to be full-time in college for the fall of 2022-spring 2023 school year.

**Attention:** The scholarships listed in this newsletter are only those which I receive information about via emails throughout the month. I strongly recommend that students/parents research scholarship opportunities on your own as well. Parents, check with your places of employment, your churches, and other businesses that you support, for possible scholarship opportunities. The following websites are great, safe resources:

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.blackexcel.com](http://www.blackexcel.com),  
[www.minorityprofessionalnetwork.com](http://www.minorityprofessionalnetwork.com), [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.weirdscholarships.net](http://www.weirdscholarships.net),