Need a Letter of Recommendation for a College, a Job, or Scholarship?

Come by the counseling office to pick up a questionnaire packet and return 2 weeks prior to the recommendation due date!!!! If filling out the Common Application- I am going by the deadline date listed, if you are applying and need it sooner you must come by to see me so your deadline can be met!!

Radford University’s On-Site Review
Friday November 12, 2019

The benefit for students who apply under this process is that you can meet with the admissions counselor on the day of the review. You can explain any questions about your application and let the counselor know of your desire to attend Radford University. Applications for regular admission to RU are generally considered on a rolling basis. For the Fall 2020 semester, priority is given to applicants whose files are complete prior to April 1st. By using the on-site review process, you may have an answer about your college admissions very early giving you a more carefree senior year.

This answer/decision is not binding, so being accepted early on (at onsite) does not tie you to attending, it will simply inform you sooner of a decision.

To be considered for the RU on-site review, you will need to:

- Sign up with Ms. Sutherland in Guidance.
- Complete your Application for Admission online by October 30, 2019
- Request your transcript and test scores in time for RU to receive them by October 30, 2019
- You must have taken the SAT/ACT. (RU must have either SAT or ACT test scores before they can give you a decision.)
Guidelines for participating in VT’s On-site Review:

- Students are expected to apply online.
- If you plan to apply, you must have submitted your application, test scores and transcript by **NOVEMBER 1st**.
- If you have used an SAT or ACT fee waiver and are eligible for an application fee waiver, you will be able to submit your application online with a code. This code must be authorized by Ms. Sutherland, who will submit your name to the VT Admissions Office.
- VT will deliver letters instead of meeting with students, these will be distributed at the end of the school day.

**Looking for a Job?**

Subway (near AHS) has contacted AHS and asked that we share that they are hiring! Contact Angela Easter at 540-320-8116 for more information.

**College Visits**

- **RU Carilion Visit**
  - November 11th at 10:15AM
- **RU Onsite Meetings**
  - November 12th at 10:15AM
- **VT Onsite Letters**
  - November 20th at the end of the day

Students who would like to meet with representatives from any of these colleges need to get a pass from Mrs. Martin to be excused from class.

**Let Us Know!!!!!!!**

If you have been accepted to a college or university, received a scholarship or been offered an apprenticeship or job following graduation we want to know! Come the counseling office and speak with Ms. Sutherland!
Reminder! NCAA Eligibility

It is extremely important that potential student-athletes understand the NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. Students should compare their academic records from ninth grade to present with the most current version of our high school’s list of NCAA Approved Core Courses. This academic evaluation will reveal any potential deficiencies a student may have in meeting the NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

You can register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at www.eligibilitycenter.org

FREE NASA OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!

Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) provides the following FREE STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities for Virginia high school students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Each of these programs also hires a cadre of educators to help grade student work. We are hoping that you can help to spread the word about these same opportunities to your colleagues and students:

10th GRADE

Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) – Online course for 10th grade students focusing on missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia’s Eastern Shore, with a week-long summer academy program at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. http://vsgc.odu.edu/spacecoast/

11th AND 12th GRADE

Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) – Online course for 11th and 12th grade students focusing on NASA’s human spaceflight missions and the Journey to the Moon and on to Mars with a week-long summer academy at NASA Langley Research Center. Students can earn up to four free dual enrollment college credits. http://vsgc.odu.edu/VASTS/

11th AND 12th GRADE

Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS) – This interactive online earth system science course for 11th and 12th grade students features NASA scientific research and data. Students can earn up to five dual enrollment college credits and can also be selected to attend a summer academy program at NASA Langley Research Center. http://vsgc.odu.edu/VESSS

Our online course applications are OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 10th for 10th – 12th grade students to apply. Each program also hires a cohort of Master Teachers to grade student work. Please refer to each program’s website for details on becoming a paid Master Teacher!
Senior Checklist

How many items can you check off the list?

Put forth my best effort in my classes 1st nine weeks/Understand that grades for each marking period are now part of my transcript
✓ Prepared a resume with my goals, accomplishments and experience
✓ If still undecided about college major or career, I made an appointment with our Career Coach, Holly Murden (hmurden@nr.edu)
✓ Took SAT or ACT/Registered to retake SAT or ACT, if needed
✓ Determined if I need to take SAT II Subject Tests/if so, which ones?
✓ Registered to take the SAT II, if needed
✓ Carefully reviewed my high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores
✓ Compared my high school record with the admissions requirements for my college choice(s)/Is this college(s) a good fit for me?
✓ Narrowed my college choices/Made plans to visit campus and meet with college admissions reps and financial aid office
✓ Reviewed college application/Prepared “draft” before applying online or submitting paper application/Carefully proofread my application before submitting
✓ Requested letters of recommendation, giving writers at least two weeks’ notice before I need them
✓ Requested official transcript online through eparchment.com
✓ Carefully read the September 2015 and the October 2015 online Senior newsletters
✓ Reviewed available scholarships and eligibility requirements
✓ Noted scholarships deadlines and applied according to directions for each scholarship
✓ Used any spare time in my busy schedule to search for scholarships online (www.fastweb.com)
✓ I understand that once I am accepted for admission to a college, my acceptance is contingent upon my maintaining my grades
✓ through the second semester of my senior year! Yes, your acceptance can be rescinded if your grades reflect serious senioritis!
SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please note: Colleges are the best sources for scholarships and financial aid. You can receive information about a college’s specific scholarships and financial assistance by contacting the college Admissions Office or Financial Aid Office. You can also go online and search for scholarships by type such as academic, art, music/drama, sports or ROTC.

Tronfeld West & Durrett Step by Step Scholarship $1500
At Tronfeld West & Durrett we understand the importance of setting goals and working hard – we’re attorneys after all! We also know that the first big step you’ll take in your life is college. Thus we’re proud to announce the $1500 Tronfeld West & Durrett Step by Step Scholarship! If you are a high school or college student in Virginia and will be enrolled in a two-year to a five-year institute for the impending school year, apply today.  
DEADLINE: March 31st, 2020
https://twdinjurylaw.com/scholarship/

Ron Brown Scholar Program — The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African—American students who will make a significant contribution to society. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the Ron Brown Scholar Program provided you meet the following requirements:
- Must be Black/African American.
- Must excel academically.
- Must exhibit exceptional leadership potential.
- Must participate in community service activities.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.
- Be a current high school senior at the time of your application. NOTE: Current college students are not eligible to apply.
- https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/rbsp-application
DEADLINE: Jan 9, 2020

TAG – Tuition Assistance Grant – The TAG program of the Commonwealth of Virginia provides annual grants to Virginia residents who are full-time students at eligible, non-profit, private colleges and universities in Virginia. The award amount is based on the number of eligible students and the amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

If you are applying to a private college in Virginia, be sure to ask the admissions or financial aid office of your college for a TAG application.

Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship — this is a $1,000 scholarship awarded by our local chapter Sons of the American Revolution to college bound seniors. Applicants will need to send a cover letter, and attachments that include (biographical data, scholastic record-GPA/SAT, awards received, extra-curricular activities, community service, current college applications status and parental contact. Stop by school counseling
for a copy of the requirements, a scoring rubric and further detail on this scholarship. The deadline for this to be received is December 16th, 2019

**John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest** – The Profile in Courage Essay Contest provides students with the opportunity to develop research, writing and critical thinking skills as they explore the concept of political courage. This year amounts vary and multiple winners will be chosen. Requirements are also listed online. Be sure the focus of this Contest at [https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Eligibility-andRequirements.aspx](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Eligibility-andRequirements.aspx).

**Deadline for submission of essays:** January 17, 2020

**Berea College Scholarships (Berea, Kentucky)** – Berea College awards a 4-year full tuition scholarship to every student who is accepted. Berea’s mission is to provide an excellent education to students who have great promise, but limited economic resources. Every student participates in a work program, which assures that all students graduate with professional work experience on their resumes. Deadlines are the last day of each month. For additional information, go to [www.berea.edu/admissions](http://www.berea.edu/admissions)

**Create-A-Greeting-Card $10,000 Scholarship Contest**
- Only 1 entry per person is allowed
- Must be 14 years old and a high school student
- Submit photo, artwork or graphic for only the front of the greeting card
- Design must be appropriate for business and consumer use
- Work must be your own original design/work/creation
- Official rules for entries and applications can be found at [www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm)

**AMOUNT:** $10,000  **DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by **March 2nd, 2020**

**Sweet Briar Engineering Scholarships** – The Margaret Jones Wyllie ’45 Engineering Program offers scholarships for students pursuing an engineering science or engineering management degree. These scholarships may be combined with additional financial aid. Wyllie scholarships are worth up to $5,000 per year for four years and are merit-based. For additional information about applying, go to [http://sbc.edu/stem/engineering-scholarships/](http://sbc.edu/stem/engineering-scholarships/)

**GET CHARGED UP! The Electrical Industry is waiting for you!**

There is a growing labor shortage in the construction industry and firms are eager to hire. The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) offers an electrical apprenticeship program with full health and retirement benefits. The accredited three- and five-year programs provide students with an intense combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning taught by skilled journeyman electricians. During your training, you’ll get paid for your attendance in school and on the job site. After you complete this program you can make more than $84,500* when working 2,000 hours a year. Plus, you’ll earn more than $25,000* a year worth of Health and Retirement Benefits.

Applications are accepted year-round. High school applicants must provide a sealed copy of their high school transcript. Transcripts should reflect a passing grade in algebra I, preferably with good grades in science as well. Applicants must score within the qualifying range of an industry-based aptitude test. Apprentices are responsible for their own transportation.

[www.getchargedup.org](http://www.getchargedup.org)  **Deadline to apply is March 31, 2020**
**NEXTSTEPU** is an online college and scholarship search site where you can find your best college match, choose a major, and find scholarships. Go to [http://www.nextstepu.com/college-search/](http://www.nextstepu.com/college-search/)

15 Scholarship Programs can be found here:
[https://studentscholarships.org/#sthash.6yXZ2wua.XPco9s7s.dpbs](https://studentscholarships.org/#sthash.6yXZ2wua.XPco9s7s.dpbs)

Scholarships Partners and Programs with the CollegeBoard

**Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps**
Scholarship available for students planning to be involved with ROTC affiliated programs. AHS does have a representative if you have questions, stop by school counseling office for contact information.

**Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes**
- $500 scholarship for students
- Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need
- Thirty chances to win with two winners are chosen every two weeks from October to May
- First drawing will be held on or around October 29, 2019
- Enter online at [https://offtocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/entry/rules](https://offtocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/entry/rules)

**NEXTSTEPU** is an online college and scholarship search site where you can find your best college match, choose a major, and find scholarships. Go to [http://www.nextstepu.com/college-search/](http://www.nextstepu.com/college-search/)

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**AXA Achievement Scholarship** – The AXA Achievement™ Scholarship offers college scholarships of $2,500, $10,000 and $25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. Scholarship winners are known as AXA Achievers. They are ethnically and economically diverse, but they share these qualities: ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family and community; ability to succeed in college. The scholarship is sponsored by the [AXA Foundation](https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement), the philanthropic arm of AXA US. [https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/](https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/)

**AMOUNT:** $2,500/10,000/25,000  
**DEADLINE:** *December 15, 2019.*
**IMAGINE AMERICA VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- Must be planning to attend a vocational, trade, or technical school
- Must have a 2.5 GPA
- Must APPLY ONLINE
- AHS must verify accuracy of your application
  [https://www.imagine-america.org/highschoolscholarshipsapply-now/](https://www.imagine-america.org/highschoolscholarshipsapply-now/)

If you meet the minimum criteria, this is almost a sure thing!

**James W. McLamore WHOPPER Scholarship Award**

The requirements to become a BURGER KING℠ Scholar are simple. You must apply within the application period, and fit the prerequisites below:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 unweighted
- US Citizen
- Actively involved in community service activities
- Demonstrate financial need
- Plan to enroll in an accredited 4 yr. college or vocational/technical program
- Students who have a minimum ACT Composite score of 25 or a minimum combined SAT score of 1220,
- Students who demonstrate an active leadership role in community service, athletics, and/or similar co-curricular activity (such as student government, team sports, fraternal life, etc); and,
- Students who demonstrate substantial work experience.

High school students should be graduating seniors with plans to attend a two- or four-year accredited university, college or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico. BK® employees can further their education by using the scholarship for non-degree courses such as accounting, computer or language courses.

[https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/application-information/](https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/application-information/)

**AMOUNT: $1000-$50,000**

**Deadline: December 15, 2019**

**Steamfitters’Apprenticeships**

Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Process Piping & Environmental Systems Fields

Anyone interested in serving an apprenticeship in the above trades must apply in person only. Applications and additional information regarding application requirements, dates, times and locations are available in the Counseling Office.
**BigSun Athletic Scholarship**  
The successful applicant will be a high school senior currently involved in a sport in high school. This scholarship has been listed with FastWeb. To apply, visit [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com).

**Amount:** $500  
**Deadline:** June 19, 2020

**CFNRV Scholarship Funds**
The Community Foundation has 43 scholarship funds and over $65,000 to distribute!! Check out the table of all available scholarships and determine what you may be eligible for!

-Create an account by logging on to:  
[https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnrvscholarship](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnrvscholarship)  
Come by the Counseling Office for additional help in applying!!!

**Application Deadline:** Friday, February 3rd, 2020

**THE GLORIA WILLE BELL AND CARLOS R. BELL CHARITABLE TRUST**
The scholarship program will provide $80,000 over four years of undergraduate study to students selected from the Commonwealth of Virginia to pursue degrees in engineering, physics, computer science or another related scientific field at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Please go to [www.bellscholarship.org](http://www.bellscholarship.org) for information about the application process, including essay details.

**CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP**
Each year the Council of International Educational Exchange administers 50 scholarships to American high school students to live and study in Germany on a one-year full scholarship. The full scholarship includes: *round-trip airfare to Germany; costs associated with living with a host family; costs associated with high school enrollment; health and accident insurance; local supervision and support; pre-departure orientation in Washington, D.C. with CIEE staff and other scholarship participants; a three-week German language instruction and cultural immersion camp in Germany; mid-year and end-year meetings in Bonn and Berlin respectively.*

- A U.S. citizen  
- Born between Feb 1, 2001, and August 1, 2005  
- A current high school student at the time of application, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

For more information and the online application, please go to:  
**DEADLINE:** December 3, 2019
Noel C Taylor Scholar Athlete Award-$1,000
All senior student athletes are able to apply, AHS will be able to nominate 4 students. Come to school counseling for an application.

Application and supporting documents are due to the AHS Counseling Office by November 22nd, 2019.
This award will be presented at the annual dinner celebrating Friday Football Extra on Dec. 19th, 2019, award winners will be given 4 tickets to attend and be invited.

GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
In honor of the legacy and character of President Ronald Reagan, this program rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with $10,000
Renewable scholarships (up to $40,000 per recipient).

- demonstrate at school, at the workplace, and within the community the attributes of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship;
- demonstrate strong academic performance (minimum 3.0 grade point average/4.0 scale or equivalent);
- be citizens of the United States of America;
- be current high school seniors attending high school in the United States (students living on U.S. Armed Forces base and homeschooled students are also eligible); and
- plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study toward a bachelor’s degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States for the entire upcoming academic year.

For additional information and to apply online, go to: https://www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/

AMOUNT: $10,000 (renews 4 times)                DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2020

ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to award up to $1,000 to the winners. Application Process: Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of their web site:
http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

AMOUNT: $1,000                DEADLINE: JUNE 12, 2020

Class of 2020 Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Scholarship Award
This scholarship recognizes seniors who personify high ethics demonstrated through leadership, community service, and overall personal integrity. Applicants must have a 3.0 + GPA and must submit the completed application including essay, supporting documents, letter of recommendation and high school transcript. Apply online!
Applicants must also be present for dinner on April 23, 2020
www.bbbstudentofintegrity.org
AMOUNT: $1,000  DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

NEXTSTEPU is an online college and scholarship search site where you can find your best college match, choose a major, and find scholarships. Go to http://www.nextsteplu.com/college-search/

REMINDDERS:

CHECK SAT/ACT AND SAT II SUBJECT TEST REGISTRATION DEADLINES!

YOUR 1ST NINE WEEK GRADES ARE NOW A PART OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT THAT GOES WITH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.

DON’T WAIT TO BEGIN SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

Montgomery County Public Schools does not discriminate in its programs and activities for reasons of race, religion, color, gender, national origin, disability, age, or on any other basis prohibited by law. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Director of Human Resources and Director of Secondary Education, 750 Imperial Street SE, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540)382-5100