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This booklet is a compilation of information which you will need as you begin planning for college. It by no means contains all the information for what is probably the most important decision you will make. Rather, the counseling staff has designed this booklet so that the information will generate your own questions that will cause you to seek more in-depth information.

2016-17 ACT Registration Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016	August 8 – 19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17 – 30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

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2016-17 SAT Registration Dates

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)	Late Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 13, 2016 (Mail) September 20, 2016 (Online/Phone)
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 18, 2016 (Mail) October 25, 2016 (Online/Phone)
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 15, 2016 (Mail) November 22, 2016 (Online/Phone)
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 3, 2017 (Mail) January 10, 2017 (Online/Phone)
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 21, 2017 (Mail) February 28, 2017 (Online/Phone)
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 18, 2017 (Mail) April 25, 2017 (Online/Phone)
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017 (Mail) May 24, 2017 (Online/Phone)

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

1. No books/websites give all the sources. New financial aid sources are constantly appearing on the web. Always beware of web scams. Never pay for an application fee.
2. Remember to meet all deadlines for submitting scholarship applications. Make sure all application materials are complete – transcript, test scores, letters of recommendation, picture, essay, etc.
3. In order for your scholarship application to a university to be processed, you must first submit an admission application and be accepted by the university.
4. Remember that parents' business, social, and religious groups are good sources for scholarships.
5. Be sure to keep copies of any material that you submit. Make a file for each college applied to. Print out your application after completion and keep in your files.
6. Submit federal aid forms (FAFSA) after October 1. You must use your parents' previous income tax return from the previous year. Available on the web on or after October 1.
7. For application forms or addresses where applications can be obtained, please contact Mrs. Novosad or Ms. Davis in the Counseling Office.
8. If you are going to college, you must have an ACT or SAT score. You must have taken the test by October of your senior year for most colleges, or December for some, if you are going to apply for academic scholarships. Many colleges in other states require that you take the SAT. Check the college's website.
9. Priority deadline for academic scholarships is December 1 for most colleges, LSU-Baton Rouge– November 15; Tulane, Nov. 1st, January 1st for ULL and Southeastern, October 1st for some private and out of state colleges. Federal Aid Forms must be completed and received by June 30, 2009. Priority deadline is March 1. The earlier you submit them after October 1, the better off you are. Missing the June 30 deadline will result in the loss of one semester of TOPS. Failure to file the FAFSA by July 30 will result in permanent loss of TOPS.
10. Tulane, as well as other private universities, require the CSS in addition to the FAFSA. Priority deadline is October 1. Tulane's early action and free application deadline is November 1st.
11. Many private colleges provide application fee waivers respective to meeting early deadlines.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Check all of your courses taken during high school related to college entrance requirements at specific colleges. Be aware of your requirements. You must have 24 credits to graduate. You should know what you have taken and passed. If there are ANY questions, ask one of the counselors to check for you.
2. In requesting that a counselor's recommendation or letter of recommendation be written for you by a teacher or counselor, supply the Counseling Office with a résumé of high school activities as well as any honors or awards received at each grade level. If you have served as an officer of a club or organization, please indicate this on the résumé. (A sample résumé is included in this booklet.)
3. Apply for any scholarship eligible to you. It might mean only a small amount of money, but it is good training for you. Get things in on time. There are deadlines for everything.
4. Be sure to keep copies of any materials that you submit. If completing online, print copies before submitting. Mail gets lost sometimes, and you do not want to start over on forms that may have taken hours to complete.
5. Register to take the ACT or SAT if you do not already have an acceptable score on file in the Counseling Office and plan to attend college. Fee waiver forms are available (two total during the junior and senior years) if you qualify, see Ms. Novosad or Mrs. Davis.
6. Complete and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) any time after October 1. Even if you feel that your family income is too high to qualify, you must file the FAFSA to be eligible for loans, work study programs, and TOPS.
7. Send a copy of your current transcript and ACT/SAT scores with every scholarship form that you mail to a college.
8. Supply the Counseling Office with a copy of every scholarship offer that you receive. We need to know when you begin to accept these scholarships in order to keep up with information that local people are asking about concerning you. Every college must receive a final transcript to complete your admissions process. You must let the counseling office know that you where you have applied so that we can send in your official transcript.
9. As part of the college or university admissions application, you will be asked to complete a proof of immunizations form. If you need any shots to complete your record, do not wait until the last minute to get the required immunizations. You will not be able to enter college in August without proper immunizations. Young men 18 or older must register with the Selective Service (Mandatory). See Mrs. Novosad or Mrs. Davis for more information.

ON “THE APPLICATION”

- Missing a deadline can cost you admission, scholarships, loss of a dorm room, or all of the above. Be sure to know dates and procedures for each school. (Housing applications are separate and require deposits.)
- Early applicants are often thought to be more interested and may get special consideration. Check with each school.
- **Messy or grammatically incorrect applications are never impressive. Apply online whenever possible.**
- If your personality or talent can be underscored by a snapshot, send it. (Private schools especially)
- If you believe your application can be positively supported by an interview, schedule one. It is *extremely* rare that a student would be denied admission based on what could be considered a “bad interview”. Check admission requirements.
- Use your school counselors. They can be of tremendous help.

Testing

1. Register for the ACT. Check to see if the writing assessment is required. Suggest taking the ACT several times as a junior.
2. Request that the ACT be sent electronically to institutions which you have applied. (This must be done.) Institutions will not accept paper copies any longer.
3. Be sure to list the University Academy of Central Louisiana High School ACT Code: 192-347 in your registration materials in order that University Academy can obtain a copy of your scores.
4. Be sure to list the ACT TOPS code: 1595
5. SAT- TOPS Code: 9019

FEE WAIVERS AND FEE REDUCTIONS

Fee waivers and fee reductions are available with financial need. They can be obtained from a counselor. Fee waivers are granted for two administrations of the ACT and one each for the SAT1 and SAT2. Students may also obtain four wavers for college admissions fees if they have received a waiver for the SAT1 or SAT2.

TOPS: www.osfa.la.gov (There are also links to scholarships on OSFA website)

HINTS ON PREPARING FOR AND CHOOSING A COLLEGE

As you begin to prepare for college, you may want to consider these issues:

- Students who have challenged themselves in high school tend to perform better in college. Competitive private and state universities typically expect students to enroll in Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement courses. Contrary to popular belief, students are not penalized for less than stellar performances in more difficult courses.
- Spend vacations exploring special interests and hobbies. Be a visible contributor in your school, church/temple, synagogue, mosque, job, or community. Colleges appreciate students who take learning beyond academics (Plus it makes you a more interesting person!).
- Read voraciously! It builds your vocabulary and may increase your performance on standardized tests.
- Early in the process, the entire family should discuss the role of finances in selecting a college. Do not, however, dismiss a college solely based on perceived cost because merit and need-based awards can defray expenses for your family.

On Choosing a College...

- Know yourself. What type of college/school will you fit best? Where will you work at your maximum potential without undue stress?
- Examine your academic record and personal profile. Will they limit you in any way?
- Using insight from school counselors, parents, and other sources, select a group of schools that fit your needs and goals.
- Use the internet. Take a virtual tour; check out academics, student life, financial aid and cost, etc.
- Eliminate colleges that do not meet your goals or have a mission/environment that does not “fit” your needs.
- Earnestly try to visit every campus in which you have a strong interest. Be prepared to ask students and interviewer’s questions about the colleges’ programs, environment, mindsets, and anything else that could affect you.
- After visiting/virtual tours and gathering information, narrow your list down to about five schools. This will make choosing a college easier in the long run. Include “dream” and “safety” schools on your final list.
- After you have received admission to your school(s), ask:
 - Where will I get the best education?
 - Is the institution affordable (including yearly tuition increases, transportation, clothing, etc.)

WRITING YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY

Purpose of the Essay

The college essay is extremely important for two major reasons:

1. It enables the college admissions office to evaluate your communication skills. Through your essay the college can assess the clarity of your thinking and your ability to convey your thoughts in written form.
2. It enables the admissions office to learn more about you as a person, beyond what grades and ACT test scores can convey. A well-written essay can speak worlds about your attitudes, feelings, personal qualities, imagination, and creativity. For the admissions staff, it adds another important piece to the puzzle because it distinguishes you as an individual, different from any other student who is applying.

Choosing a Topic

The choice of a topic is frequently not an issue, because many colleges and universities will either give you a topic to write about or present several rather specific topics from which you must choose. Other colleges may simply “suggest” broad general topics or give you total freedom to write about something that interests or concerns you. Regardless of whether you must respond to a prescribed topic or come up with one of your own, here are a few general hints about the most effective way to approach your topic:

--Narrow your topic and try to be as specific and illustrative as possible.

--The easiest topic to write about is yourself. No one knows more about you than you. Since one important purpose of the essay is self-revelation, it is no place to be shy or modest, although you should not exaggerate. If you choose to write about yourself, remember that minor incidents and facts are often the most revealing of character and outlook.

--Do not be afraid to write about something you think is a little different. A unique topic or approach is often refreshing to a college admissions officer who has been reading applications all day. Further, an unusual or off-beat essay is an excellent way to show your creativity.

Preparing to Write

Before actually sitting down to write a first draft of your essay, spend some time organizing your thoughts. Develop a framework for your essay so it will have a smooth and logical progression from one idea or incident to the next. Consider your purpose in writing, what you want to convey, and the tone that you think is the most appropriate for the topic. Decide on a style that is comfortable for you, not one that you think the college admissions committee prefers. Finally, remember that organizing your thoughts and deciding on a framework does not mean you must be overly rigid at the start; leave room for flexibility and creativity as you actually begin writing.

Do's

- Do think “small” and write about something that you know about.
- Do reveal yourself in writing.
- Do show rather than tell. By giving examples and illustrating your topic, you help bring it to life.
- Do write in your own “voice” and style.

Don'ts

- Don't write what you think others want to read.
- Don't exaggerate or write to impress.
- Don't use a flowery, inflated, or pretentious style.
- Don't neglect the technical part of your essay (grammar, spelling, sentence structure.)
- Don't ramble—say what you have to say and conclude.

Your college essay, along with your high school record, standardized test scores, and extracurricular involvement, will provide the basis upon which the college makes its admissions decision, as well as scholarship decision. A thoughtful, well-written essay can affect that final decision in a very positive way. Keep this in mind and take full advantage of the opportunity which the college essay affords you.

SCHOLARSHIPS

These are scholarships that have been available in past years. Please review! Please note that you should never pay a fee for a scholarship application. If in doubt, check with Ms. Novosad or Ms. Davis. Scam artists are always out there.

American Chemical Society Minority Scholars Program – Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and financial need to African-American, Hispanic/Latina, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Pacific Islander who are enrolled or planning to enroll in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or chemically related fields. Students must complete a FAFSA form in addition to the application form. Deadline – February 15.

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship – Applicant must have between a 3.4 and 3.6 GPA, participate in school activities, be a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran, and must participate in the Americanism Program, Boys and Girls state. Go to Legion.org

Associated Grocers Scholarship- Financial need, scholarship availability, and character are considered. Deadline- Nov. 30th on line. www.braf.org/gmra/ For example, if you work at Macs Fresh Market, you are eligible.

Ayn Rand Institute Scholarship Essay Contest – Essay contest for juniors and seniors based on Ayn Rand's novel, *The Fountainhead*. First prize: \$10,000 cash award. Five second prizes: \$2,000 cash awards. Ten third prizes: \$1,000 cash awards. There is also a contest for freshmen and sophomores based on Ayn Rand's *Anthem*. First prize: \$2,000 cash award. Ten second prizes: \$500 cash award. Twenty third prizes: \$300 awards. Register on line.. aynrand.org/students/

Baton Rouge Area Foundation- offers scholarships in several fields. Explore at www.braf.org. See Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Novosad for copies of previous years' scholarship types.

Blackstudents.com AND **www.uncf.org** are great websites to explore for scholarship opportunities for minority students

Burger King Scholars Program – Awards are \$1,000 each and are aimed at assisting students who work part-time and still manage to excel academically. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and work part-time an average of 15 hours per week, maintain good conduct and attitude, and demonstrate financial need. Students do not have to be employed at a Burger King restaurant to be eligible for a scholarship. Whopper Scholarship, 3.3 and a 25 ACT. See Ms. Novosad or Ms. Davis Deadline – early December.

Carol Meyer Memorial Scholarship- Students must express interest in pursuing a career in mathematics or mathematics education. [La.math.org/Carol Meyer Scholarship.htm](http://La.math.org/CarolMeyerScholarship.htm)

Central Louisiana Press Club Scholarship – Scholarship of \$2,000 or more to a senior who plans to make journalism a career. See Ms. Davis or Ms. Novosad Deadline – April 2.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation – Applicants will be selected based on character, personal merit, leadership in school, civic, and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed in all endeavors. Applications available are on line. Deadline – October 31.

Dixie Boys Baseball Scholarships – Six \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding high school seniors who have participated in a franchised Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. program. Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement and financial need. Athletic ability will not be a factor. See Ms. Novosad or Ms. Davis Deadline – March 15.

Drpeppertuition.com- check it out!

Elks National Foundation Scholarships – Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Must have high ACT scores and be in the top 5% of graduating class. Deadline – November 30, go to Elks.org

Emory Scholars Program- For any student who would like to attend Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Scholarship pays for 75% to 100% of full tuition, room, board, and fees including the Study Abroad Program. Also, visit: www.emory.edu/scholarsprogram.

Fast Web Scholarships- an interesting website filled with thousands of scholarships personalized to fit you. Register online at: www.fastweb.com/highschool.

FEFA Scholarship- is a scholarship for current civilian federal employees and their dependent family members. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must enroll in a two or four- year program. www.fefa.org Deadline – March.

Footlockerscholarathletes.com – Must be a graduating senior planning to attend college. And be nominated, see Ms. Novosad or Ms, Davis

Grocers Manufacturers Representatives Assn: ADMAX Scholarship- Valued at \$7,000 per recipient over four years. Must be a senior in high school and reapply annually throughout college. Visit Guidance for more information. Deadline – June 1.

Gulf Coast Scholar Awards – Valued at \$17,500 annually and \$70,000 over four years. Requirements: admitted to Spring Hill College, minimum 26 ACT composite score, and minimum 3.5 GPA. Also, student must participate in eight semesters of undergraduate work, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and be involved in the college's community service program. Visit Springhill or google. Must be planning on attending Springhill College.

Horatio Alger Scholarship-This scholarship is for students who have succeeded in spite of very extenuating circumstances. Must have at least a 2.0 GPA. Adversity, integrity, and scholarship are highly considered. See Ms. Novosad Apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarship.

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc- Six \$2500 scholarships. Student must have 3.0 GPA or higher, planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university full-time, have demonstrated leadership abilities, and write a 500-1000 word essay. See website, demonstrate need and have a completed FAFSA. to him or her. Deadline – March 15.

Junior League of Alexandria Scholarships for Seniors-Five \$1000 Scholarship for female students who have at least a 2.5 GPA, and who exhibit a commitment to volunteerism. Ms. Novosad will receive information in early spring. Deadline – April.

Kettering University Scholarships- Awards financial aid packages totaling up to \$65,000 over the 4 ½ year program. Cash can be used on tuition, road trips, or buying you all the new gadgets! Students at Kettering work in real jobs in their chosen field of study while they are still in school! For admission and more info visit www.admissions.kettering.edu

Knights of Columbus Scholarship – www.kofc.org/scholarships. Must be applying to a Catholic University and be catholic

Lampard Scholarship- Available to the sibling, child, or grandchild of a member of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). \$500 Scholarship. Deadline – July 31. If interested google website

Lions Camp Scholarship- Louisiana Lions Camp provides a job and a scholarship opportunity. See on the web: lalions@lionscamp.org. Or see the Guidance Office for more information.

Local Fraternities and Sororities- Will be announced as available.

Louisiana AFL-CIO Scholarship – Three scholarships each amounting to \$1,000 will be awarded to high school seniors who reside in the state and have a parent who is a member of a union affiliated with the Louisiana AFL-CIO. An essay on a specific topic must be completed as part of the scholarship application. Deadline – February 1.

Louisiana Bankers Education Council Scholarship- is a \$1000 cash scholarship. Requirements: Parent of student or the student must be employed by a bank in Louisiana, 3.0 GPA, a minimum 20 ACT score, and planning to enroll with a major in business or banking related major. Deadline – February 28. Visit www.lba.org for more information.

Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship- Open to any student whose mother or father has been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. (Hurt or Killed on the job) applications available Dec 1. See www.raisingthebar.org/ProgramsandProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp.

Louisiana High School Athletic Association Scholarship Program – Information on LHSAA can be found on the website at www.lhsaa.org. Visit the “Memos/Bulletins” section to download application. Deadline – early May

Louisiana Life Safety and Security Association Youth Scholarship- Available to children of active duty Law Enforcement or Fire Service Personnel. Louisiana's scholarship program awards \$2,500 to the first place winner and \$1,000 to the second place winner. The first place winner of the national ESA Youth Scholarship Program receives \$8,500 and the second place award winner receives \$3,500. In addition to completing the application and submitting the appropriate documentation, each student must write an essay explaining "What it means to me to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community." Website www.llssa.org. Deadline – March 31, 2017

(LMSA) Louisiana Middle School Association Scholarship- \$1000 scholarship for graduating seniors planning to pursue a career in education. Deadline – March 15, 2017. Visit www.lmsaonline.org.

Louisiana Rural Water Association Scholarship – Scholarship for students who reside on a water system that is a member of the LRWA and are interested in pursuing a career in the water or wastewater field or concerned with environmental issues. Deadline – March 1, 2017. See www.lrwa.org

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors Education Foundation - \$1,000 award. Applicant must be a high school senior, a Louisiana resident, and must plan to pursue a career in surveying or a related field. Applications and additional information available in the Guidance Office. Deadline – March 31. Visit <http://www.lsp.net/HighSchool.aspx>

Louisiana Young Bankers Scholarship – One \$1,000 scholarship available to a senior pursuing a major in business or a related field. One of the student's parents must be employed by a Louisiana Bankers Association member bank located in Louisiana or the student must be employed by a Louisiana Bankers Association member bank located in Louisiana. A minimum 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average OR a minimum ACT score of 20. Deadline – February 28, 2017.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution – Two scholarships are available to high school seniors. One is awarded to a high school senior planning to major in American History and the second is awarded to a high school senior whose mother is currently a member of NSDAR. Deadline – February 10. Visit <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

New York Times College Scholarship – Seniors planning to enroll in a college or university and major in journalism are eligible to apply. Students must complete the application form, have a letter of recommendation from a current teacher, and include two samples of their writing. Applications available in the Guidance Office. Apply online at <http://www.nytc.com/social-responsibility/college-scholarship-program/> Deadline – October 31

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards- All state-level winners will receive \$1000 awards and an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. with a parent, and then 10 top winners will receive an additional \$5000 plus crystal trophies and a \$5000 grant for the charity of their choice. Student must be a volunteer or participate in community service. To apply visit www.prudential.com/spirit. Follow instructions, type in access key: **spirit**, print application get parents' signature, and turn in to the Counselor's office. Deadline – November 8, 2017

Rapides Parish Fair Association Scholarship Program – Awarded to a graduate from Rapides Parish who plans to major in Agriculture, Home Economics, or a related field. An additional \$600 is available if the recipient attends LSUA. \$250 to be awarded per semester for two years. Must have 2.6+ GPA, 18+ ACT. Application available in the Guidance Office. Deadline – May 5.

Rockefeller Wildlife Scholarship - The Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship is a competitive scholarship that awards \$2000 annually for an undergraduate student and \$3,000 annually to a graduate student pursuing a degree in **forestry, wildlife or marine science** at a **Louisiana Public College or University**. The cumulative maximum award is \$12,000 for up to three years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study.. Must have a 2.5+ GPA, two letters of recommendation, and plan to attend a Louisiana university. Students must complete the Federal Financial Aid Form to apply. Deadline – July 1. Go to <http://www.osfa.state.la.us/rock.htm> for application.

Ruby J. Darenbourg Cook Memorial Scholarship- Valued at \$1,500 per recipient. It is directed towards graduating high school seniors who plan on majoring in education at an accredited Louisiana college or university. Criteria: enrollment in a Louisiana college or university, scholarship ability, good character, and academic standing. Visit Guidance for more information. Deadline – June 15. Visit <http://www.braf.org/index.cfm/page/55>

SAE Engineering Scholarship Program – The SAE scholarships are offered to students interested in the study of engineering and the related sciences. Applicants must meet minimum requirements with regard to GPA, SAT/ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. Students are encouraged to retrieve the application and information online at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. Deadline – March 15

Sam Walton Community Scholarship Program – Wal-Mart and Sam's Club will award scholarships between \$1000 and \$25000 to high school seniors from Rapides Parish. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.5 and have taken either the ACT or SAT. Selection of recipients of these awards will be based on academic achievement, financial need (must submit a copy of parents' most recent Federal Income Tax Return), participation in extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and work experience. Deadline February 1. Visit <http://giving.walmart.com/foundation>

Scholarships for Military Children- Student must have a 3.0 GPA. Download application via website at www.militaryscholar.org/apply/apply.shtml.

Shell Oil Company Technical Scholarship - Shell will sponsor up to 20 one-year awards of \$2,500 for selected graduating high school seniors enrolling in engineering or geosciences at universities identified by Shell. Upon successful completion of first year studies and other criteria established by Shell, the recipient may be eligible to apply to receive a four-year renewable award of \$5,000 annually. Deadline March. Visit <http://www.shell.us/careers/students-and-graduates/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities-for-high-school-seniors.html>

Shell Incentive Fund Scholarship - Applicant must be a member of an underrepresented minority group; Black (Not of Hispanic Origin), Hispanic/Latino, American Indian or Alaskan Native and must self-identify as such on the application. Shell will sponsor up to 20 one-year awards of \$2,500 for selected graduating high school seniors enrolling in engineering or geosciences at universities identified by Shell. Upon successful completion of first year studies and other criteria established by Shell, the recipient may be eligible to apply to receive a four-year renewable award of \$5,000 annually. Deadline March Visit <http://www.shell.us/careers/students-and-graduates/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities-for-high-school-seniors.html>

Southeastern Louisiana University Excel Leadership Scholarship- Each year, twenty students are chosen from more than one hundred who are nominated to receive the ExCEL scholarship. ExCEL means **Ex**cellence in **C**ommitment to **E**ducation and **L**eadership and these \$4000.00 scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in both their academic and extracurricular activities during their high school careers. **EXPECTED TO JOIN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS AND BECOME AN ACTIVE CAMPUS MEMBER!** Deadline – February 26 Visit http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/lead_dev/excel_scholarships/

Stephen W. Cavanaugh Scholarship- Valued at \$8,000 to each recipient, \$1,000 per semester. The purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving Louisiana students who are majoring in an insurance-related field at a Louisiana university or college. Selection based on extracurricular involvement, community and public service, leadership potential, and satisfactory academic standing. Visit the Guidance Office for more information. Deadline – May 31. Visit <http://www.braf.org/cavanaugh/>

Toyota Community Scholars Program Scholarship – Ten renewable scholarships over a four year period will be awarded to high school seniors who rank in the top 10% of their senior class, have at least a 3.0 GPA, are actively involved in a service project that has a positive impact on school or community, and plan to enter a four-year college upon graduation. Apply online at <http://tfsinthecommunity.com/mle-scholarships/> Deadline – October 31.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Scholarships- Must have a 3.0 GPA and a 23 ACT. Five scholarships ranging from \$800-\$1000. Visit <http://admissions.louisiana.edu/scholarships/> for more information.

United States Junior Chamber International Senate Foundation Scholarship Program – Grants of \$1000 awarded for use in the first year of full-time study. Application includes family financial statement, student leadership positions and offices, memberships in clubs and organizations, honors and awards, employment experience, references, personal statement, and academic transcript. Deadline – January 20 Visit <http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/programs/scholarship>

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program – Winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., Feb 27 – March 2, 2016, to tour the city and receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000. Must write and record a 3-5 minute essay on a designated topic. Deadline – November 1. Visit <http://usascholarships.com/voice-of-democracy-scholarship-program/>

Other scholarships will be announced as well as posted on the University Academy High School website and the University Academy Counselor's Corner Facebook Page when received in the counseling office. Students should check once a week with the school counselor.

**Please explore geauxtocollege.la.gov website
for comprehensive information**