

# SENIOR SCOOP

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## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR TN PROMISE FAFSA REQUIREMENT?

To keep your TN Promise scholarship, or to be eligible for any monies, you must complete the FAFSA by **February 1, 2019**. **Completing and submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing you can do to get assistance paying for college (and is also a requirement to keep the TN Promise scholarship).**

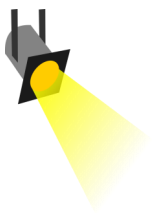
TN Promise FAFSA Deadline: January 17th, 2017  
Official FAFSA Website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- ☑ Don't use any website other than the official one above. This is a free applications. If you get to a website that asks for a payment...STOP.
- ☑ Supplies needed: SSN, tax return, W2 form, bank statements, federal student pin.



Want to do some career exploration?

Check this site out!



Collegefortn.org has some great resources for exploring many different career interests, college choices, scholarship opportunities, and life planning!



8 hours of community service must be completed and submitted by July 1, 2019 for TN Promise.

Don't forget!



Mandatory TN Promise Meeting at PHS:  
April 3 @ 5:30pm

## College Planning During Senior Year

### Fall Semester

By this time, you should have identified a solid nucleus of colleges that are appealing to you and hold some realistic chance of admission. If you have not, you need to be visiting schools and making some decisions.

Make thorough visits to the schools to whom you are applying if you can. Attend classes, spend the night in a residence hall, eat on campus.

Continue to meet with college representatives visiting PHS.

Attend any evening programs and receptions in Nashville or surrounding areas hosted by various colleges on your list.

Take or retake the ACT.

Ask or remind teachers to write your college recommendations. Give each teacher all the necessary materials to write your recommendations at least two weeks before they are due.

Start looking at local and private scholarship opportunities.

Make sure you're familiar with when college applications are due and start working on the applications. Each college has different application due dates.

Begin working on application essay writing. The best applications will include well thought out and informative essays done over time and with numerous revisions.

Sign up for a transcript to be sent in the Guidance office with Mrs. Eagle-Kelton

## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
[www.raise.me/](http://www.raise.me/)  
[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

Would you like to learn more about financial aid, scholarships, and student loans? Visit [LendEdu.com](http://LendEdu.com) for more information.

This is the current scholarship information we have available. Please remember to do your **OWN** search as well!

**National Beta Scholarship Program**—Over \$300,000 in scholarships awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 will be given to outstanding 12th grade Beta members. Visit [betaclub.org/scholarship](http://betaclub.org/scholarship) for more details. Application is open from **Nov 1, 2018—Jan 24, 2019**.

**Tennessee Concrete Association High School Essay Contest**—Cash prizes will be given to winners of this contest. Applications with essay information is in Guidance. Deadline is **March 15, 2019**.

**The Scarlett Foundation Scholarship**—Students must plan to pursue a career in Business or a Stem-related field. Students must also demonstrate financial need and plan to attend a four-year college in the Fall of 2017. Minimum awards are \$2,500 per year, and are renewable for up to 4 years. Please visit [scarlettfoundation.org](http://scarlettfoundation.org) for applications and more information. Deadline is **December 15, 2018**.

**UT Chattanooga Grote Scholarships**—Offered to incoming Chemistry majors (including pre-medical, pre-dental, and STEM education) that are renewable for up to 4 years. The Grote Scholarship is for a total of \$12,000 each year. Must have a 3.5 GPA and at least a 26 ACT. For more information visit <http://www.utc.edu/chemistry>—follow scholarships links. Deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

**Jack Diller Education Award Scholarship**—Every year, the Nashville Predators Foundations gives out the Jack Diller Education Award to four students residing with in the Nashville and Middle Tennessee area.—Deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

**Jostens #forwhatstand**—What do you stand for? Your passion and purpose could win you \$5000 to support your dreams. Tell who you are, what defines you, and what you stand for. Share a video or picture and a written statement that tells what you stand for on Instagram with #forwhatstand and tag and follow @jostensinc to enter and win. Deadline is **December 31, 2018**

**Sumner County Retired Teachers Association (SCRTA)**-The SCRTA would like to give a one year \$1500 scholarship to a senior who plans to major in education. Please stop by Guidance to pick up an application. Deadline to turn into Mrs. Miller in Guidance is **January 8, 2019**.

DREAMS  
Don't  
Work  
Unless  
YOU Do.

### CAMPUS VISITS

Don't forget to schedule campus visits for the colleges of your choice. Visit their websites for more information!

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 Click on the Guidance link

# SENIOR SCOOP—Scholarship Edition Part 2—DECEMBER 2018—A DOUBLE SCOOP!

## TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

Once you find the scholarships you want to apply for be sure to:

- Be sure you know the due date for the application
- Collect any recommendations that you need
- Have others help you proofread and edit your essays
- Be sure to use every opportunity to show how you best qualify for the scholarship
- Make sure you turn in your best possible application

### Grants

Grants are usually government funding, but are also based on your qualifications. The US Department of Education offers a variety of federal grants, and there may be other ones available from your state and local government.

Tips for Applying for Grants:

**Federal Funding** - Your first step should be to fill out the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application is submitted to the federal government and it helps to determine what federal funding (including grants) you qualify for based on your family's income.

**Federal Pell Grants** - The Pell Grant is awarded through the college you attend. It is based on your family's income and ability to contribute to your tuition. It is awarded through your FAFSA application, and does not need to be repaid.



### Foot Locker Scholar Athletes

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10817/foot\\_locker\\_scholar\\_athletes\\_scholarship.php#sthash.X8QZaqrG.sV5e7MY1.dpbs](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10817/foot_locker_scholar_athletes_scholarship.php#sthash.X8QZaqrG.sV5e7MY1.dpbs)

Deadline: December 14, 2018

Award Amount: \$20,000-20 awards

Students must be entering college in the Fall of 2019, be currently involved in high school sports, intramural sports, or community-based sports, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident. Other criteria is available at the above website.

### Imagine America Scholarships

<https://www.imagine-america.org/students/scholarships-education/>

Deadline: December 31, 2018

Award Amount: \$1000-5 awards

Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater, have financial need, and demonstrate voluntary community service during senior year.

### **Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest**

<http://stuckatprom.com/>

**Application Deadline:** June 3, 2019

**Award Amount:** \$10,000

High school students must create and wear promwear made from Duck Brand duct tape and/or crafting tape, then upload a photo in their creation during prom season and vote online for the best dressed. Winners in best dress and best tux each receive \$10,000.

### **Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Scholarship Contest**

<http://www.stuttgartarkansas.org/scholarship-contest.html>

**Application Deadline:** Nov. 23, 2018

**Award Amount:** \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, \$750 for third place and \$500 for fourth place

All high school seniors in Arkansas who successfully demonstrate their duck calls have a chance to win some college aid. During its 43-year history, the contest has awarded more than \$73,000 in scholarships to young duck callers attending 32 different colleges and universities in 13 different states, according to the site.

### **DoSomething.org Easy Scholarships**

**Deadline:** Jan. 15, 2019

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

Through this organization, students can win scholarships by volunteering. There are a number of community service projects that apply, such as spreading the word about the dangers of impaired driving, which includes driving while drunk, high or drowsy.

### **American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarships**

<https://www.afsascholarship.org/>

**Deadline:** April 1, 2019

**Award amount:** \$2,000 each

Safety first: These scholarships are designed to educate the public about automatic fire sprinklers. There are a total of 10 available to this year's high school seniors who want to pursue a college degree or attend a trade school. Winners are selected at random.

### **FIRE Foundation for Individual Rights in Education-Free Speech Essay Contest**

[thefire.org/contest](http://thefire.org/contest)

**Deadline:** December 31, 2018

**Award amount:** \$500-\$10,000

High school juniors and seniors for the 2018-2019 school year are eligible to participate in FIRE's essay contest. To enter, students must submit an essay between 800-1,000 words on the provided topic.

### **American Legion Oratorical Contest**

**Deadline:** January 8, 2019

**Award Amount:** \$1000-\$3000

Any student enrolled in grades 9-12, citizen or lawful permanent resident of the US, under the age of 20. See the Guidance office for the application and more details.

### **Athena Scholarship Program <https://nashvillecable.org/advocacy/athena/athena-scholarships/>**

**Deadline:** January 11, 2019

Check out the web address above for more details and to apply.

### **59th Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest sponsored by The Sertoma Club of Nashville**

**Deadline:** January 15, 2019

Submit your 300 word essay to Guidance about "The right and the power to vote. How does it impact our freedom?" See Guidance for more details or visit [www.nashvillesertomaclub.org](http://www.nashvillesertomaclub.org)