



September 2018

Senior Guide

A Word from the Counselors

Seniors – This is it!! Your year has finally come and the question of what you are going to do after high school should be the #1 question on your mind. There are really only three options:

1. More School – College, Trade School or Technical School
2. Military Service – Have you visited with a recruiter?
3. World of Work Full Time – Have you made any applications out for full time work?

This process of selection and applications is a family affair. You, your parents and the school must work very hard at making this a successful year for college/career decisions.

Scholarship information is available in the Counselors' Office on the wall labeled "Scholarships". Carefully read the information to find out about deadlines, materials that must be included, and any other criteria pertinent to that particular scholarship. The Registrar's Office will be happy to mail your completed applications if they are turned in at least **TEN** days before they are due to their destination. Transcripts needed for scholarships are free and unlimited. Transcripts for college applications can also be requested through the following website: www.parchment.com.

Monthly Senior Guides will be distributed to senior English teachers (usually the first week of the month). Copies are also available in the Guidance Office. The Senior Guide can also be found online on Ellison High

School's web page. Click Student Support-Guidance Center-scroll down to find the guide. Students and parents are welcome any time to come by and pick up applications and information. Keep this information in a folder all year for ready reference. There will be a new Senior Guide each month through May.

COLLEGE REPS COMING TO EHS

There are none scheduled at this time. Listen for announcements and check the bulletin board right outside of the Guidance/Counselors office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Would you like to get important updates delivered to your phone during the 2018-2019 school year?

Just text 81010 with the message @ceellison9

OR

Email: ceellison9@mail.remind.com (no message required)

The ASVAB will be given here at Ellison on November 14, 2018 & April 17, 2019. The sign-up sheet will be in the Guidance Office in October for the November test.

FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the online form used when applying for financial aid. This is the first step in the financial aid process. Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Seton Hall University: October 14, 2018, November 18, 2018, February 17, 2019, and April 14, 2019. For more information and to register: www.shu.edu/visiting

SAT-2018-2019 Test Dates:

October 06, 2018

Registration Deadline: September 07, 2018

Late Registration Deadline: September 26, 2018

November 03, 2018

Registration Deadline: October 05, 2018

Late Registration Deadline: October 24, 2018

December 01, 2018

Registration Deadline: November 02, 2018

Late Registration Deadline: November 20, 2018

May 04, 2019

Registration Deadline: April 05, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: April 24, 2019

June 01, 2019

Registration Deadline: May 03, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: May 22, 2019

ACT 2018-2019 Test Dates:

October 27, 2018

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2018

Late Registration Deadline: October 14, 2018

December 08, 2018

Registration Deadline: November 02, 2018

Late Registration Deadline: November 02, 2018

February 09, 2019

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: January 18, 2019

April 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: March 08, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: March 25, 2019

June 08, 2019

Registration Deadline: May 03, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: May 20, 2019

July 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2019

Late Registration Deadline: June 24, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Fast web Scholarship Search - <http://www.fastweb.com>

Peterson's – www.collegequest.com

www.freschinfo.com (newsletter that comes out weekly. It is free)

www.scholarships-ar-us.org

www.meritaid.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.scholarships.com

<http://www.cappex.com/scholarships>

www.student.scholarships.org

www.scholarshipmentor.com

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE COUNSELORS' OFFICE

Average to Extraordinary Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2018, December 31, 2018, March 31, 2019,

June 30, 2019

- Must be a high school student in Texas

Brockman Foundation-Full Scholarship-STEM and Business-Texas A&M

Deadline: September 30, 2018

- Supports four years of undergraduate studies in an approved program of STEM as well as the on-year MS Business graduate degree at Texas A&M Mays Business School
- Covers tuition fees in full, room and board, transportation, books and supplies, an overseas study opportunity, and internship opportunities
- American citizens resident anywhere in the world may apply for the scholarship. An international (non-U.S.) student may apply for the scholarship as long as they can submit, with their application, sufficient evidence that they have a visa allowing them to study in the U.S.
- SAT or ACT score (not an equivalent)
- It is a condition of being awarded the scholarship that the recipient will enroll in and successfully complete, both the four-year undergraduate STEM and the MS Business graduate degree program.

Community College Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2018

- Two short essays, 300-500 words each addressing the questions provided in the supplication.
- View applications information: <https://www.unigo.com>

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards

Deadline: October 15, 2018

- Hispanic/Latino high school seniors
- Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000

Apply online at www.hispanicheritage.org

QuestBridge

Deadline: September 27, 2018

- Primarily A's in the most challenging courses available (usually including Honors, AP and /or IB level courses)
- Top 5-10% of your graduating class
- SAT or PSAT scores >1310
- ACT composite score > 28
- Evidence of strong writing ability, intellectual spark, and determination through essays and teacher/counselor recommendations
- Financial need
- Visit www.questbridge.org to apply and to see list of partner colleges

AES Engineering

Deadline: October 06, 2018 Award amount: \$500

- Must submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question:
When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?
- Go to www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

Deadline: October 25, 2018

- Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in the United States; be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer 2018 with plan to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation.
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
- Be involved in extracurricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and
- Be a United States citizen

Americanism Essay Contest

Deadline: December 01, 2018

- Grade 7 – 12
- Must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary, or FRA Member-at-large
- The essay shall be on the theme: What Patriotism Mean to Me and shall not exceed 350 words
- The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side of paper
- The title of the essay shall be written or typed at the top of the paper.
- A student may submit one entry each year
- Each entry must be accompanied by a separate sheet stating: the entrants name, address, zip code, telephone number, school grade (or equivalent), name of school, or the words "home schooled", number of words in essay, and the sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor's name.
- Entries submitted to branches shall be submitted to the Branch Americanism-Patriotism Committee and postmarked no later than December 1, for judging at the branch level.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2018

Applicants must be:

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship award to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their school and communities.

- Current high school or home-schooled student attending a school in the U.S. or select Department of Defense School who will graduate during the 2018-2019 academic year.
- U.S. Citizen, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent resident, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees-based on the guidelines utilized by the U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility
- Will receive a high school diploma during the current academic year
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution

Applicants may not be:

Children or grandchildren of employees, officers, or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, Company divisions or subsidiaries.

- International students with the exception of students at DoD schools
- High School graduates
- Or Temporary Residents of the United States

Wendy's Heisman Scholarship

Deadline: October 17, 2018

- Students whose senior year of high school is the 2018-2019 academic year, graduating with the class of 2019.
- Student who have at least a "B" grade average (3.0) GPA during grades 9, 10, and 11.
- Students who participate in at least one of 47 Wendy's High School recognized sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee or the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- Students who have participated in volunteer service, community. Involvement or leadership within his/her school or community.
- Apply online at: www.wendysheisman.com

Military Order of The Purple Heart Auxiliary Unit 1876-Ron Taylor Scholarship

Deadline: October 25, 2018

- The spouse, direct lineal descendent (child, step-child, adopted child or grandchild) of a Purple Heart recipient who is a member of Chapter 1876 or MOPHA Unit 1876.
- The widow/widower of a service member killed-in-action or who died of wounds. Supporting documentation and evidence must be included with the application.
- If the applicant (widow, widower or direct lineal descendent) is not a member of MOPHA Unit 1876 or CENTEX Chapter 1876, they may become a member by contacting the scholarship chairperson via email: drswllms62@gmail.com (with the Subject: Ron Taylor Scholarship Application, Member Application) to receive an application. **Verification (DD 214 or copy of orders) of eligibility must be submitted along with membership application.**
- **Must NOT be receiving post 9/11 or Forever GI Bill benefits.**

In order to be eligible to receive the MOPHA Ron Taylor Scholarship, applicants must meet the following three requirements:

- A graduate or upcoming graduate (current senior) of a high school or GED program.
- Accepted by or enrolled as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at an accredited U.S. college, university or trade school at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- Able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency as demonstrated by maintaining at least 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) based on an unweighted 4.0 grading system.

To apply, applicants need to complete and submit the following materials:

- MOPHA Scholarship Application Form
- Original, official high school and/or college transcript through the latest completed semester or quarter.
- Essay of 300 words on the following subject “How Has Social Media Impacted Our Society Today?”
- One letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member
- Copy of ID card

- **All** applications must be mailed in hard copy to the address indicated at the top of the application packet.

Shout it Out Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2018

- Open to all high school students regardless of academic merit or financial need
- The sponsor is looking for eligible applicants who follow directions and submit well-written and clearly and creatively address the topic.
- Winner will be chosen based on writing ability, creativity, originality, and overall excellence.
- Applications are available online at <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarships>

The Gates Scholarship

Deadline: September 18, 2018

- Must be 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
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- 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.

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