

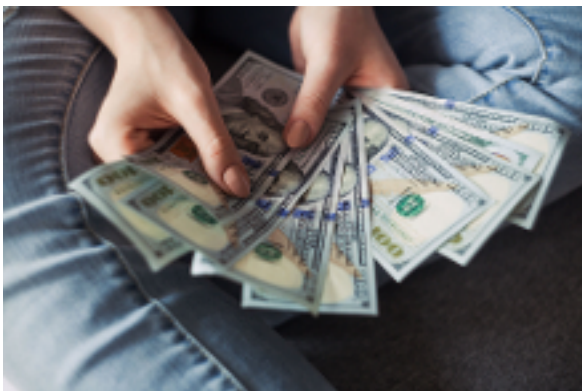
Counselors' Corner

3 THINGS SENIORS CAN DO TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS:

VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS

Visit individual college websites to view their virtual tours!

See the next page for a few links!



COMMON APP

Visit Commonapp.org to get a head start on your college applications. View the essay prompts and begin to formulate your essay!

The CommonApp is currently only used to apply to four year colleges. Visit any community college website for their applications.

FAFSA PREP

Visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov to create an FSA ID. The FAFSA will open on October 1, 2020 for students entering college in the fall of 2021. Fill out the FAFSA as close to that date as possible to receive the most types of aid. The FAFSA must be completed to be eligible for local scholarships.



Maine Virtual College Tours

University of Maine, Orono Virtual Tour

University of Southern Maine Virtual Tour

University of Maine, Augusta Virtual Tour

Colby College Virtual Tour

Bowdoin College Virtual Tour

Eastern Maine Community College

Maine Maritime Academy

Thomas College

University of New England

University of Maine, Fort Kent

Unity College

Saint Joseph's College



Important Information about the SAT for rising Seniors

This year, many colleges are waiving SAT scores as part of the admission process. As a result, **MHS will only be administering the SAT (without the essay) in the fall for seniors who would still like to take the SAT.**

Students who choose to take the October SAT during the school day, (because it is not required for Maine State Assessment) will be required to pay **\$52** for the exam. There is a discount for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

When deciding whether or not to take the SAT we recommend students:

- Contact the colleges where you plan to apply to learn about entry requirements
- Ask those colleges if the SAT is considered for merit aid/scholarships
- Ask if the SAT is required for competitive programs such as pre-med, nursing, engineering, etc..

If you would like to sign up for the **School Day October SAT** please contact your assigned school counselor or Kathy Pettengill by July 1st, 2020.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Here are some broad-eligibility scholarships with summer deadlines! Sign up on [GoingMerry.com](https://www.goingmerry.com) to apply!

1. **Ocean Awareness Contest** (\$250-\$1500, 4 awards. Due June 15) - Awards creative work (visual art, film, music, poetry, prose, or multimedia) about ocean issues and advocacy
2. **Korean American Scholarship** (\$500-\$5000, multiple award. Due June 30): Awards Korean American students who have academic/personal achievement and are engaged in community/civic service
3. **Beauty & Wellness Scholarship for Women** (\$500-\$1000, 2 awards. Due June 30): Essay contest on why the female student is committed to living a healthy lifestyle, how they maintain physical and mental wellness, and whether it has been difficult to make healthy decisions
4. **MyBioSource Learning Disabilities Scholarship** (\$1000, 2 awards. Due June 30): Supports students with documented learning disabilities
5. **ABC Wildlife Scholarship for Women in STEM** (\$1000, 1 award. Due July 1): Female students intending to study science, technology, engineering, or math. Open to non-citizens as well.
6. **Solar Scholarship** (\$1000, multiple awards. Due July 1): Essay contest (500-1000 words) on what excites you most about the future of solar? Open to students with GPAs of 3.2+.
7. **Thomas J Henry Leadership Scholarship** (\$1000, 1 award, Due July 1): This law firm awards \$1000 each academic semester to a student who demonstrates the importance of leadership. Applicants must write 750-1000 words on their leadership role experience, for a school sports team, club, outside organization, church, or volunteer group.
8. **Course Hero Super Senior Scholarship** (\$5000, 1 award Due July 3): Essay contest on some timely themes: What makes something true/fact? Do you think that people are susceptible to coercive persuasion? If so, what makes them susceptible?"
9. **Keller Law Offices Academic Scholarship** (\$1000, 1 award. Due July 15): Writing contest on how someone got falsely accused of a crime (can be real or fictional). Applicant must publish it in a personal blog.
10. **Cogan & Power Academic Scholarship** (\$2000, 1 award. Due July 15): Essay contest on jobs you've worked in, the safety risks associated with them, and how your employers could have made it safer. Applicant must publish it on a personal blog.
11. **Dolphin Galleries Scholarship for the Visual & Creative Arts** (\$1000, 1 award. Due July 20): Supports a student who plans to pursue an arts-related major or minor.
12. **Maple Holistics Natural Scholarship** (\$1000, 1 award. Due Sept 1): Essay contest - Applicant must submit an original blog post on any topic related to natural health and personal care.
13. **GVD Renovations Scholarship** (\$1000, 1 award. Due Sept 3): Essay contest on how home remodeling benefits American families and boosts real estate value.
14. **Be the Boss Scholarship for Female Entrepreneurs** (\$2000, 2 awards. Due Sept 15): For a female student who wants to start her own online business. Financial need and academic performance are not important.

MHS COUNSELORS WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE (FAME) WHO CAN ANSWER ANY FINANCIAL AID QUESTION!



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SAVING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Attend a Virtual Financial Aid Session:

The CAFÉ team will continue to offer virtual Financial Aid and Higher Education Financing sessions throughout the summer. These identical sessions will help students and families prepare to navigate the financial aid process and pay for higher education. Please register for one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 PM –[register me](#)
- Wednesday, June 24 at 11:30 AM –[register me](#)
- Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 PM –[register me](#)
- Thursday, August 6 at 11:30 AM –[register me](#)
- Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 PM –[register me](#)

You'll Need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA:

All students will need an FSA ID (username and password) to access and sign a FAFSA. Creating an FSA ID takes about 10 minutes. Students can create an FSA ID as the first step in filing the FAFSA, but we recommend getting FSA IDs ahead of time. One parent of a dependent student will also need to create an FSA ID to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and sign the FAFSA.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Ms. Sprague, Mr. Derosby, & Mrs. Frame

Please note that school counselors are not in the office during the summer.

The registrar can be reached at 465-4989