



GUIDANCE NEWS

Huntington High School

October 2017

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! This is the beginning of what we expect to be a very successful year. Your counselors are ready and eager to help you achieve your goals.

Our first edition of the Guidance Department's scholarship newsletter contains a lot of information that is relevant to seniors, but also includes contests that are open to all grade levels. We encourage you to stay in close contact with your school counselor to learn about these competitions and others to follow. Our scholarship newsletters are available in all guidance offices, as well as online at www.hufsd.edu.

As you may be aware, our *Senior Parent Guidance Night* took place on September 28th and the *Tenth and Eleventh Grade Student and Parent Guidance Night* was held on October 5th. For those families who were unable to attend, please feel free to download a copy of the presentations from the guidance website, as well as the Post-Secondary Planning Guide and Student-Athlete Handbook (if applicable).

Upcoming presentations in various grades include:

Financial Aid Night:

October 11th, 7:00pm

9th Grade Parent Guidance Night:

October 17th, 7:00pm

All students are encouraged to utilize extra help offered by every teacher either before, during, or after school. Extra-help schedules are available online as well as from teacher Eboards and your school counselors. Additionally, there are peer tutors available through the National Honor Societies. Don't hesitate to seek out the appropriate resources that can help maximize your success.

UPCOMING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT..... Saturday, Oct. 14th
Registration deadline: Oct. 6th

ACT.....Saturday, Oct. 28th
Late registration: Oct. 10th

SAT.....Saturday, Nov. 4th
Registration Deadline: Oct.5th
Late registration deadline: Oct. 25th

ACT.....Saturday, Dec. 9th
Registration deadline: Nov. 3rd
Late registration deadline: Nov. 17th

There are SAT dates administered at other testing sites on October 7th, December 2nd, and March 10th. Check online with the College Board for other locations if you are interested in taking the test on any of these dates.

CONTESTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL GRADES

CLUB Z! ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is open to *students in grades 5 through 12*. \$25,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded! Students will be able to showcase their talents and abilities, their character in the classroom, how they have overcome obstacles at school, shown leadership among peers, or simply improved since the beginning of the year. You can be nominated by teachers or apply online @ www.clubzaward.com/. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 17th**.

OPTIMUM COMMUNITY'S HISPANIC HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST is open to students in grades 6 through 12. Students must submit an original essay that answers, in 500 words or less, "Name a Latino, past or present, with whom you would choose to spend the day, and explain why." Prizes include a \$1,500 scholarship, a mini tablet and more. Please enter online at www.optimum.net/community by hovering over "Programs" on the top right and selecting "Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest". Essays must be received by **NOVEMBER 1st**.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS for *students in grades 9-12* who have taken part in community service activities over the past year. Fill out an application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Once the form is completed online, it must be printed out, signed and submitted to Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West by **OCTOBER 31st**. Huntington High School can only nominate one student who has demonstrated exemplary volunteerism.

V.F.W. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP open to all students in *grades 9-12* is an audio-essay contest leading to a national winner of a \$30,000 scholarship. This year's theme is "*American History: Our Hope for the Future*." For entry forms and more information contact VFW National Headquarters at www.vfw.org. Go to Community, Youth & Education, Voice of Democracy. Students submit their entry to the local post, VFW Nathan Hale Post 1469. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31st**.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS of up to \$25,000 is administered by Scholarship America. Primary consideration will be given to the applicant's non-academic outstanding achievement in school, community, or workplace. Other school and community activities, work experience, and academic records will be considered. Only 10,000 applications will be reviewed so please apply early. Apply at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/>. **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15th.**

COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM for seniors with highly developed interests in their community, demonstrated leadership, academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.0), commitment to community and employment. 200 stipends are awarded annually across four tiers of recipients in varying amounts: Fifty New Century Gold Scholars are awarded \$1,500, fifty Silver Scholars are awarded \$1,250, and fifty Bronze Scholars are awarded \$1,000. This program is available to U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees. Applications must be submitted online at www.coca-colascholars.org. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31st.**

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE & HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND's "MAKE THE U" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM will award 31 scholarships. Ten \$2,000 grants, ten \$3,000, ten \$3,500 and one \$15,000 grand prize. Three short essays required. Application information is available at www.colgate.com/HazLaU. Graduating seniors of Hispanic descent, who are United States citizens or legal permanent residents, have a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0, and are planning to attend college full-time upon graduation are eligible to apply. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15th.**

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST is open to seniors who are United States citizens and are planning to earn a four-year college degree. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Applications and instructions are available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 27th**.

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS for graduating seniors who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, substantial financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursuing a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Applications online @ <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/> and must be submitted by **OCTOBER 25th**.

THE JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP application for high school seniors who will be pursuing a degree in education is now available on the NYS PTA website at http://nyspta.org/YourPTA/AwardsRecog_TwinProjectsJenkins.cfm. Only 2 students can submit applications. Completed applications must be submitted to Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West by **NOVEMBER 15th**.

LendEDU SCHOLARSHIP will award two high school seniors \$1,000 this spring. Students will need to answer the following question in 750 words or less: With more people taking on student debt to pay for college and record high default rates, what do you think can be done to improve the financial literacy of our nation's young adults to help this problem? This scholarship will also run in the spring! Interested students should apply at <https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarship-application/> by **OCTOBER 15th**.

THE LONG ISLAND SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP is available to academically meritorious and economically disadvantaged high seniors who wish to earn their Baccalaureate degree at **FIVE TOWNS COLLEGE**. Student must be a full-time student and achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA to maintain the scholarship. To be nominated, please contact Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West by **DECEMBER 1st**.

THE NHS SCHOLARSHIP is now available to all National Honor Society seniors who are in good standing. Students can win up to \$22,650. Applications are available from our NHS adviser. **DEADLINE IS JANUARY 30th**.

RON BROWN SCHOLARS PROGRAM offers awards to academically talented, highly motivated African American seniors who plan to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Up to twenty students will be selected nationwide to receive \$10,000 for each of four years. Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Applications and information available at www.ronbrown.org. **PRIORITY DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1st**.

SUFFOLK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE "DOCTORS OF TOMORROW" PROGRAM for graduating seniors interested in entering the field of medicine. Introductory symposium on November 8th, essay contest, and a day with a doctor are all required. \$3,000 in scholarships will be disseminated. Please visit <http://www.scms-sam.org/> and click DOT Program on the left for more information. You must let Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West know you will be participating as soon as possible and before **NOVEMBER 1st**. **Space is limited.**

WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org/students

www.BrokeScholar.com

www.Collegenet.com

www.finaid.com

www.MeritAid.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.absolutelyscholarship.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.scholarshipguidance.com

www.outreach.usda.gov/education

Friendly reminder: If your school counselor or teacher needs to provide information, please provide them with ample time prior to the deadline date for submission.