

## **COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR SENIORS**

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### **SEPTEMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_ Schedule a “senior interview” with a School Counselor to review your credits, requirements, and future plans.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Review this timeline (booklet) before continuing on with the next step!!** Write the date on the line next to each step for when you completed it or write N/A if the step was not applicable to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ The best way to help you keep on track with all your many deadlines along with learning more about the college admission process is to get a **Premier Agenda for CollegeEd® 12** from the School Counseling Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Another great organizer: the College Organizer Packet created by your school counselors (available from your school counselors).

\_\_\_\_\_ Get a **transcript form** from the School Counseling Office. **Complete and have the form signed by you and your parents.** Once completed, give the signed transcript form to Mrs. Benson. You only need **one** transcript form signed for as many colleges and scholarships for which you need transcripts. Please give Mrs. Benson at least two days to complete this request. **If you decide to have our office mail a paper application with your transcript, you must provide 2 stamps.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Remember to also indicate on your transcript form if and how you want your SAT® scores sent to colleges. Review Score Choice™, the new SAT® Score-Reporting Policy. Before you decide to utilize Score Choice™ you must research each college’s score-use practices. For more information concerning Score Choice™, please refer to the information packet available in the School Counseling Office or go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) .

\_\_\_\_\_ Request a personal copy of your **transcript** and check it over. Inform Mrs. Benson (in writing) of any additions to your activity section. If you have any questions about your grades or G.P.A., discuss it with your school counselor first.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Do not miss a registration deadline!** Review the **SAT® Information Sheet** on **page 26** of this booklet. Review the **ACT® Information Sheet** on **page 27** of this booklet. Refer to these informational sheets for test centers, test dates, and registration deadlines. Our **high school code is 394060**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Every year, students have questions about how many times he or she should take the SAT in order to improve his or her scores. College admissions officers usually recommend **once during the spring of your junior year and once in the fall of your senior year (recommend October or November), then take the ACT® in December of your senior year.** College admissions officers do not recommend taking the SAT® more than 3 times.

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK???**

## **SEPTEMBER (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with your counselor whether you qualify for a **fee waiver** for the SAT® or ACT®. You must include the fee waiver with your paper registration. You can also register online using a fee waiver. You must do this with the help of your counselor. If you use a fee waiver you are eligible to receive up to 4 Request for Waiver of College Application Fee forms. These forms notify participating colleges that you have participated in the SAT® fee-waiver service and request that they consider waiving their application fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are eligible for a fee waiver, you are entitled to 2 fee waivers for the SAT® and 2 fee waivers for the SAT® Subject Tests. If you do not take the SAT® on the date for which you registered, College Board™ still considers the fee waiver used. (This means you do not get a replacement fee waiver if you do not take the test on the date for which you registered).

\_\_\_\_\_ Fee waiver students are eligible for up to 4 **Flexible Score Reports**. These Reports are in addition to the 4 score reports that are included with registration. If you previously used a fee waiver, go online to My SAT® at [www.collegeboard.com/mysat](http://www.collegeboard.com/mysat). Sign in to determine how many “credits” you have left before placing your order, or call Customer Service at (866) 756-7346.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Register** to take the **SAT®** for October, November, or December or the **ACT®** for October or December if necessary. You can register by paper forms or at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT®) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT®). Don't forget the date!

\_\_\_\_\_ Most colleges will accept October and November scores for their Early Decision or Early Action programs. If you plan to apply to a college for ED/EA, please check with your specific college to understand when SAT® (or ACT®) scores need to be received in order to meet application deadlines.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the SAT® on October 10<sup>th</sup>, the registration deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup> (students with fee waivers have until September 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you plan to take the SAT® on November 7<sup>th</sup>, the deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you plan to take the ACT® October 24<sup>th</sup>, the registration deadline is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you would like, you can have a counselor check your SAT® and ACT® registration forms before you mail them or you can schedule an appointment to register online for either of these tests with your school counselor. If you are uncertain which colleges you may be considering, leave this question blank. You can make changes to your score recipients in your My SAT® account. You will have until 11:59 EST on the Monday one week after your scheduled test date. (Although we can include your scores on your transcript, some colleges (Penn State) will only accept scores directly from the testing agency).

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are planning to register for **NCAA Clearinghouse**, the SAT® and ACT® code numbers are both 9999. Test scores must be reported directly from College Board.

**HAVE YOU LOOKED IN YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK???**

## **SEPTEMBER (continued)**

Begin **preparing** for the **SAT®** by:

- Borrow one of the books available in the School Counseling Office.
- Go to SAT Preparation Center™ ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). The SAT Prep Center has test-taking approaches, math review, and an official SAT® practice test.
- The SAT Question of the Day™: These questions will increase your familiarity with the types of actual SAT® questions. Each question will provide you with the correct answer and an explanation of how to get the answer. When you sign in, you will save and track your Question of the Day statistics.
- If you took the PSAT/NMSQT® you have access to My College QuickStart, a free personalized college and career planning kit based on your test results. One of the many great features is “My SAT Study Plan”: a customized SAT® study plan based on your PSAT/NMSQT® test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.
- SAT® Skills Insight™ is a free online tool that helps you understand the academic skills that are tested on the SAT®. (Click on SAT Preparation Center™ to find this portion of the site).
- Register at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). This free test preparation site allows you to access a customized course that includes tutorials, practice sessions, a vocabulary builder and more. This site also has a question of the day feature, along with a word of the day. **Great feature:** Have your parents, teacher, or school counselor sign up as a coach for you on this site! Your coach can monitor your progress, provide encouragement, and work with you on the tutorials.
- A fraction of a point is taken off for each incorrect answer. You are encouraged to make educated, not haphazard, guesses. The only exception is the student-produced responses section in the math test, which does not deduct any points for incorrect answers.
- Unless otherwise instructed, you need to arrive at your test center by 7:45 a.m. You should be done between 12:30-1:00 p.m.

### **What to bring Test Day for the SAT®:**

- Admission Ticket
- Acceptable photo identification\* (see “Test Day” on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) )
- Two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser (no mechanical pencils or pens)
- Acceptable calculator\* (see “Test Day” on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) )
- A watch (without an audible alarm)
- A snack and drinks
- Extra batteries and backup equipment
- Cell phone use is prohibited.

Begin **preparing** for the **ACT®** by:

- Borrow one of the available books from the School Counseling Office.
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and enter the section for “Test Prep” (under “Services section) where you will find practice questions and much more.
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) and [www.4Tests.com](http://www.4Tests.com) also have test preparations for the ACT®.
- Remember to **answer every question**. There is **no penalty for guessing**.

**HAVE YOU BEEN TO CHECK YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK?**

## **SEPTEMBER (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Register to take **SAT® Subject Tests** for October, November, December, or January (check with your college to see if these tests are required or recommended).

\_\_\_\_\_ Design and complete a “college resume” sheet (for grades 9-12) to use and/or provide as a supplement for your application packet. It will be extremely difficult to successfully complete numerous college bound tasks throughout the year if you do not complete this task.

\_\_\_\_\_ At a loss as to what college major to choose? Here are some of the things you can do to help with this decision:

- Borrow “**90 Minute College Major Matcher**”, “**Book of Majors**”, “**College Majors & Careers**”, or the “**College Majors Handbook**” from one of the school counselors.
- Go to [www.pacareerzone.com](http://www.pacareerzone.com) (click on “Assess Yourself”) and/or go to [www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov) .
- Take the interest inventory on **AES** (American Education Services) Education Planner web site ([www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) ). Click on any of the choices listed in the “Discovering” section, next click on “Career Assessment”, then finally “Take the Career Key™ Assessment”.
- **Job shadow** someone who has a career in which you are interested.
- Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) , click on “Majors and Careers” listed under “Finding a College”.
- Another site that you could visit to learn about selecting a major is: <http://www.psu.edu/dus/md/mdmisper.htm>

\_\_\_\_\_ **Complete the College & Scholarship Application Sheet on page 28.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin completing applications. It is recommended that you apply to at least 3, but no more than 8 colleges. (You can apply to more or less as you and your parents decide). Obtain Waiver of College Application forms from your school counselor if you previously used a fee waiver.

\_\_\_\_\_ Most colleges prefer that you apply online. Some even require you apply online. Applications done this way are much neater looking, make a good first impression, and are also time savers. If you do not have access to a computer at home, arrangements can be made through one of the school counselors to have access to applications. Most college websites have a section for applying online. Be careful to make sure you complete any necessary supplemental forms.

\_\_\_\_\_ Although you can google a college’s web address and find the application, the [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) website can be the fastest way to get to a college’s online application with ease. Go to the section titled “Applying” then click on “more”. On the left side of the screen click on “Apply to School Online” then go to college via the alphabetical tabs in the middle of the screen. Once you find your college, click on the college and you will be taken directly to the application process.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please note that if you apply to colleges online you should make a copy of the application you plan to submit. Check it for mistakes, including spelling errors.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX???**

## **SEPTEMBER (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to do paper applications, you can sometimes download or request an application from the college's website, or you can get one from the School Counseling Office. If you decide to request the applications directly from the college, make certain you have the ones for the 2010-2011 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have applications (paper and online) checked by your counselor. (Please give your counselor at least 3 days). Remember, this is a college admission's counselor's first impression of you. Do NOT just leave your applications with your counselor and expect him or her to remember to mail them or get them back to you. **This is your responsibility!** Your counselor will not be offended if you check back often to determine the status of your application(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ While we are on the topic of applications, the completion of applications is **your responsibility! Your parents SHOULD NOT (!) be completing your applications for you.** Every year we hear that parents have completed applications for their sons and daughters. Colleges expect that the student complete the application. **YOU** are applying to college, not your parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin composing college application essays if recommended or required. You can use one of the several resources available in the School Counseling Office or online. You **must** complete these essays yourself. However, you can and should get assistance from an English teacher to check your grammar and your counselor to give suggestions on what colleges are looking for in an essay. Carefully follow any instructions for uploading an essay electronically. You may need to include your name and/or other identifying information as the college directs.

\_\_\_\_\_ When writing your essays, you will find excellent online help at [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) . Go to the section titled "Applying" then click on "How to Write a Killer Essay". After some general information there will be 6 lessons in an "Essay Writing Course" that will help you with different aspects of writing your essay.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Request recommendations** if you need or would like them for your colleges or scholarships. Please give counselors a minimum of one week to complete a recommendation. (At certain times of the school year, you will need to allow 2 weeks for your counselor to complete this).

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to ask your counselor for a recommendation, complete the **"Questionnaire for College Recommendations"** and return it to your counselor. Your counselor or Mrs. Benson can make copies of this completed questionnaire for you to distribute to any teachers you may ask to write a recommendation. It is absolutely imperative that you look at this recommendation as a collaborative process. The more information you provide, the better your recommendation will be.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask your **parent** to complete a **"Brag Sheet"** for a college recommendation. This sheet is available through your school counselor.

**SOMETHING SPECIAL MIGHT BE IN YOUR MAILBOX!!!**

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ **Register** with **NCAA Clearinghouse** ([www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)) if you plan to play **Division I or Division II** sports in college. All prospective student-athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time must complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire. The number of core courses required for students planning to attend an NCAA Division I college is 16. Division II schools require 14 cores courses (Division II schools will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013). Official test scores (SAT® & ACT®) must be sent directly from the testing agency using the code 9999. Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. Division II has a minimum SAT® score requirement of 820 (math and critical reading only) or a minimum ACT® sum score of 68 (sum of the four sections: English, math, reading, and science). See the NCAA Clearinghouse website for further details.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete college applications and essays.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gather all information: applications, recommendations, transcripts, checks or Waiver of College Application form, and essays. Have all this information sent electronically or by mail to your colleges. Pay close attention to deadlines! It is recommended that all this information be sent together, but always follow the method that the colleges tell you first. (Note: If you are retaking or taking the SAT®, the SAT® Subject Tests or the ACT®, you should not wait for the scores from these tests in order to mail your college application packet. You should make a note on your application or have your counselor make a note on your transcript).

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the **SAT®** or **SAT® Subject Tests** in October (10<sup>th</sup>) or November (7<sup>th</sup>) if necessary. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PHOTO ID, REMEMBER TO GET A LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION FROM MRS BENSON! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE TEST TO REQUEST THIS LETTER!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ If you took the SAT® on October 10<sup>th</sup>, your scores will be available on the College Board website October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take **ACT®** October 24<sup>th</sup> if necessary. See note above about photo ID.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check each college's website (or directly with the financial aid office) for financial aid information. Determine which financial forms each requires (as little as 1 and no more than 3) and the deadlines for each of these forms.

\_\_\_\_\_ **IMPORTANT!! Schedule an appointment in mid-October or early November with your counselor to review potential sources of financial aid.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete your personalized **CSS Profile® Application** at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) beginning October 1, 2009. Click on CSS/Profile® under the "Pay for College" section. **Only do this if any of your colleges require this form!!** (For more information see one of your counselors for a copy of "CSS/Financial Aid Profile® Student Guide").

**YOU MAY BE MISSING OUT ON FREE \$\$\$- CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!!!**

## **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ After you have scheduled and met with your counselor for your “scholarship session”, gather information and request applications for scholarships using one of the sources available in the School Counseling Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you or your parents have not already done so, make sure you register at [www.upromise.com](http://www.upromise.com) and/or [www.gradgold.com](http://www.gradgold.com) . Send relatives and friends of your family your information so they can add to your college savings through these sites.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter (or update) your information into FastWeb™ Scholarship search at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). Keep in mind that you don’t need to have access to the internet at home in order to benefit from this free scholarship search.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter (or update) your information into the scholarship search at [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) . Go to the “Paying” section, click on scholarship search, then undergraduate scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete applications for those scholarships that are due. Remember that it is your responsibility to keep track of the various deadlines.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) on December 5<sup>th</sup>, you must register by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the ACT® December 12<sup>th</sup>, you must register by November 6<sup>th</sup>. Register early for the ACT® because sometimes the closest test center has filled quickly.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you took the SAT® on November 7<sup>th</sup>, your scores will be available on the College Board website November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **DECEMBER/JANUARY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue working on scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ You may be “offered” many credit cards. Please discuss usage of credit cards with your parents. You don’t want to increase your college debt any more than absolutely necessary. For more information refer to the Credit Card Act of 2009 on p. 10 of this booklet and “The ABCs of Credit Card Finance: Essential Facts for Students”.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) on December 5<sup>th</sup> if necessary. (See note about **photo ID** under October/November section).

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend the Financial Aid workshop with your parents. This is sponsored by the School Counseling Office and is scheduled for **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the high school.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the ACT® on December 12<sup>th</sup> if necessary. **Remember photo ID!!!  
DON’T FORGET TO LOOK IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

## **DECEMBER/JANUARY (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ If you took the SAT® on December 5<sup>th</sup>, your scores will be available on the College Board website December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the registration deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you have not already done so, finish all applications to colleges before Christmas. The longer you wait to apply, the harder it is to be accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are planning to do the FAFSA online, you **and** one of your parents must apply for a pin at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) so you can sign your FAFSA form online electronically.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete and mail the FAFSA paper form or do the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). (It is easier to do the online FAFSA form). Remember to make copies of this form. **(This form cannot be done until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010).**

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) January 23<sup>rd</sup> if necessary. (See note about **photo ID** in October/November section).

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete and mail the CSS Profile® financial aid application if necessary (Check with your colleges and scholarships to see if this is required). Remember to make a copy of this application. Do NOT file this form if it is not required by any of your colleges!

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure that your school counselor has your mid-year report and completes it. (Not all colleges require a mid-year report.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check to see if your college requires a placement test. Most colleges that require placement tests use either the Accuplacer® or Compass® placement tests. Take the practice tests before you take the actual placement test. For practice with Accuplacer® go to [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer). For practice with Compass® go to [www.act.org/compass/tests/index.html](http://www.act.org/compass/tests/index.html).

## **February ----- May**

\_\_\_\_\_ Take care of a variety of details: forms, fees, final year reports, and anything else that the college requires. The College Organizer II (created by your school counselors) will help you keep track of these details.

\_\_\_\_\_ Notify all colleges to which you have applied of your final decision. Notify those colleges where you decline admissions, as well as the college you have selected to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ In May request a **final transcript** be sent to the college you have decided to attend in the fall. You must give Mrs. Benson a written request for this to be sent. Some colleges will provide a form for this request; other colleges do not provide this form. It is your responsibility to request this final transcript. This **MUST be done before your last day of school!!!!!!!**

## **MISCELLANEOUS: IMPORTANT**

**AFTER YOUR SENIOR INTERVIEW, SCHEDULE AS MANY APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AS YOU NEED! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remember to check your mailbox in the School Counseling Office frequently.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Inform your counselor when you have been accepted to college.**  
Bring your acceptance letter(s) to your counselor.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Utilize the 2 organizers we have created for our students:** the **College Organizer I** (while applying to colleges) and the **College Organizer II** (after you have been accepted to college).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pay careful attention to the many deadlines.** Always double check to make sure your applications, recommendations, transcripts, and anything else was sent. You should make a note of the date when they are mailed in your planner. Provide Mrs. Benson with the address of where the transcript is to be sent. Check and make sure that the college received your transcript.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Keep the counselor** you have chosen to work with informed of all changes, additions, and decisions concerning college choices, majors, and scholarships.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Maintain or work to improve** your grades. Colleges **do** look at senior year grades and courses. Colleges look at grades in this order: (1) junior year, (2) current year, (3) sophomore year, and (4) freshmen year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make certain that your **senior year course load is challenging.** Colleges “frown” on students who weaken their course load in an attempt to improve their G.P.A. **Although your G.P.A. is important, so are the types of courses you select.** (Colleges sometimes re-configure your G.P.A. based on certain courses).

\_\_\_\_\_ Students **should not combine all three test scores on the SAT®** (math, critical reading, and writing). Most colleges are still only using the scores from math and critical reading. Colleges sometimes use scores on the writing portion of the SAT® to determine eligibility for honors English in college and other times use these scores to possibly predict success in college.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Write down questions** you may have for your counselor as you think of them so you won't forget before your appointment. If you have access to e-mail at home, you can e-mail the counselor with questions or requests. This way, if you think of something over the weekend or in the evening you can e-mail your counselor and not be concerned about remembering it later. Your counselor will then either e-mail you or contact you directly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Utilize the Federal Student Aid's FAFSA4caster with your parents. This internet tool will provide you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid (ex. Pell Grant). You can access the FAFSA4caster at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov).



## **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS\***

**\*Scholarships may be added or deleted once the school year begins.**

**NORTHERN TIER PENN STATE CHAPTER:** scholarships are for graduating seniors from Potter and McKean Counties who will be attending any of the Penn State campuses. Interested students must complete an application, an essay, and provide letters of reference. Applications will be available in the School Counseling Office in the spring. The application deadline is usually in May.

**PORT ALLEGANY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (P.A.E.A.) AWARD:** local teachers' association scholarship. Must write an essay explaining why he or she is deserving of this award and how it will be used in the pursuit of higher education. The essay should include the name of the post-secondary institution you will attend and the course of study you will take. This scholarship is available to everyone pursuing a post-secondary education. There is **NO** reason you should not apply!! Deadline is usually in April or May.

**PHYLLIS J. JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEAD START GRADUATES:** must be a former student and graduate of Head Start who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Students must submit a completed application, questionnaire responses, and proof of acceptance or enrollment in a post-secondary institution, and three letters of reference. Applications and further information is available in the School Counseling Office. Deadline is usually in May.

**CHARLES COLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS:** must be majoring in registered nursing; student must fulfill a two-year employment commitment to Charles Cole Memorial Hospital upon graduation. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in April, or you can contact the hospital directly. Deadline is usually no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHARLES COLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS:** must be majoring in one of the many allied health fields; Students must fulfill a two-year employment commitment to Charles Cole Memorial Hospital upon graduation. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in April, or you can contact the hospital directly. Deadline is usually no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**THE LT. WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR. MATH AWARD:** requirements include: resident of district for at least 3 years; take calculus; cumulative grade in academic mathematics of at least 92% for 4 years of high school; member of NHS; accepted to four-year college. See your math teacher for more information.

**ROBERT MERTEN 'CIRCLE OF FIFTHS' MUSIC AWARD:** this scholarship was awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2007. It is a contest for eligible area music students. Criteria included were an essay, written application, and a 5-10 minute performance portion (play an instrument, sing, or submit an original composition, score, or arrangement). The deadline last year was in May. Further information will be available from one of the music teachers or your school counselors.

## **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)**

### **COUDERSPORT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB**

**SCHOLARSHIP:** applicant must be female from Coudersport, Roulette, or Shinglehouse area. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office usually in November or December. Deadline is usually in February.

**THE BRENDA A. ROSS MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP:** must be pursuing nursing as a career. Students do **NOT** need to be employed by Charles Cole Memorial Hospital following completion of their nursing program. To apply the student must provide the following information: (1) a formal letter requesting consideration for the scholarship, (2) a completed scholarship application, (3) a high school transcript, (4) proof of acceptance in an approved nursing program, (5) and 3 letters of reference. Application packets should be mailed to: Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Human Resources Department, 1001 East Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915.

**T.LEE BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** must be pursuing a career in teaching or the ministry. Requirements include an essay of 500-1000 words telling why you feel called to the field you have chosen. You must submit 2 copies of the essay to the School Counseling Office: one copy with your name, phone number, and name of your school, and one copy without that information. Deadline is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May.

**JUNE DUNN PERFORMING ARTS AWARD:** to be eligible the recipient must be (1) active in the Port Allegany High School music and/or drama club, (2) a participant in community service, (3) pursuing performing arts/music education in college, (4) accepted in a music or drama program at a 4-year college or university. Eligible recipients must submit a transcript, a concise list of extra curricular performing arts activities, a list of non-school activities, and a one-page typed essay explaining why he/she has chosen the performing arts as a career. Applications may be submitted through the music department and will be reviewed by the Port Allegany Women's Club Scholarship committee. The fund will provide an annual total award of \$1,500.00 cash to be divided among eligible seniors from Port Allegany High School. Deadline is usually sometime in May.

**JOEL KNOWLTON MEMORIAL FUND:** must be a Potter County resident and pursuing an undergraduate degree at Edinboro University. Financial need may be a factor. Applicants must first apply for financial aid before being considered for this scholarship.

**ROBERT C. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** must be from a borough that is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Applicants must have been accepted for admission to an accredited college, university, or school that offers a two or four year degree/certificate program. Applicants are judged on knowledge, demonstrated leadership, and community service. Applications are available in the School Counseling Office usually in March. Scholarship deadline is in May.

## **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)**

**ELEANOR BOSNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING:** must meet the following criteria: (1) graduating senior from Port Allegany High School who intends to enroll at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a declared major in nursing; (2) have at least a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. and demonstrate promise for continued academic success; (3) demonstrate financial need; (4) demonstrate good character and citizenship, and have good moral standing; (5) demonstrate involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or volunteer service in community activities.

**FOSTER MCCARL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be entering plumbing, HVAC, engineering or construction related fields of study. Students must be planning to attend a two or four year program at an accredited college, university, or technical school located in Western Pennsylvania. Students must be well-rounded individuals with a deep interest and involvement in their communities. Applicants must spend time volunteering, have outstanding academic performance, and be leaders in their schools through involvement in athletics, clubs, and student government. Applications are available online at [www.mcanwpa.com](http://www.mcanwpa.com) or from the School Counseling Office in March. Deadline is usually May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**JAMES E. SPRINGER/ DALE L. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP (WACOPSE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION):** must be a member of WACOPSE for at least 6 months and be pursuing a post-secondary education as a full-time student. Students must complete an application and answer 1 or 2 essay questions. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in February. Deadline is usually in April. For further information call 1-800-322-7206.

**THE GILBERT 'GIB' AND BILLIE ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP:** to be eligible the recipient must (1) have been a resident of the Port Allegany School District for at least three years, (2) have an interest in a health-related field, (3) have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher, (4) be accepted to a one-, two-, or four-year college or university. Eligible recipients must submit a transcript, a list of non-school activities and extra-curricular activities, and a one-page essay on his/her main goal and how he/she expects to achieve this goal. The fund will provide an annual award of \$500.00. Deadline is usually in May.

**E & M ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS CIVIL ENGINEERING/LAND SURVEYING SCHOLARSHIP:** to be eligible a student must intend to major in civil engineering or land surveying, although other engineering degrees will also be considered. Students must provide a letter of recommendation from our high school principal, a school counselor, or a teacher. Students must also submit an essay saying why you think civil engineering or land surveying are important professions. Deadline is usually in March or April.

**JOHN J. MURPHY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP:** must have a family member employed by (or retired from) Dresser Rand in Olean. Preference is given to students pursuing degrees in business, engineering, or nursing.

**A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MAY BE IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

**PHEAA SPECIAL PROGRAMS** More detailed information and applications can be found about each of these programs on the [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) website. Type “Special Programs” into the search bar on the site and get more information on each of these programs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ROBERT C. BYRD SCHOLARSHIP:** PHEAA administers this federal program. Students must meet three educational standards: rank in the top 5% of your graduating class; have a G.P.A. equal to a 3.50 or above on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale; and have a SAT® combined critical reading and math score of 1150 or above or an ACT® composite score of 25 or above. Application is available by either downloading it from [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) (Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Application) or in the School Counseling Office usually sometime in February or March. The deadline last year was April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please note: A requirement for this federal scholarship is that students with weighted grades must have their grades unweighted and their G.P.A. recalculated.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PARTNERSHIP FOR ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION (PATH) GRANT:** must be nominated by a participating PATH organization (for list of these organizations go to [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org), type in “Special Programs” and click on “Partnership for Access...”); must be a PA State grant recipient; must be enrolled at least half-time at a PA State Grant approved postsecondary institution.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP:** must be pursuing an approved science, technology, or allied health program at an approved Pennsylvania two- or four-year college or licensed technical school; must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) during college; must begin employment in PA (one year for each year the scholarship was awarded) in a position related to a NETS approved program of study within one year after completion of college studies. Applications will be available at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) and in the School Counseling Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PA NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS AWARD:** provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. You must be a resident of PA. You must go to a degree- or certificate-granting program of study at an approved PA institution. For additional information go to [www.PAGUARD.com](http://www.PAGUARD.com) and click on “Benefits” then “Education”.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS DECLARED POW/MIA:** children of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who (1) has been designated a “Prisoner of War” or as “Missing in Action”, (2) served on active duty after January 31, 1955, and (3) was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least twelve months preceding his/her service on active duty.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PA CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM:** must be eligible for services under the State’s Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Student must have been in foster care or adopted from foster care after attaining age 16. You must be pursuing a post-secondary education at least half-time at a college or career school that is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for the Title IV student assistance programs.

## **PHEAA SPECIAL PROGRAMS (continued)**

**More detailed information and applications can be found about each of these programs on the [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) website. Type “Special Programs” into the search bar on the site and get more information on each of these programs.**

**POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRATUITY PROGRAM:** must be a child by birth or adoption of a deceased police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad member, corrections employee or National Guard member who died after January 1, 1976, as a direct result of performing his or her official duties **OR** a child by birth or adoption of a PA sheriff, deputy sheriff, National Guard member or certain other individual who was on federal or state active military duty and who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001. You must be pursuing undergraduate studies that will lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree at a PA community college, state-owned institution, or state-related institution as a full time student.

**PHEAA-ADMINISTERED WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS:** the State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides PA students with employment opportunities in high-tech and community-service fields. You can gain work experience while earning money to help pay for your higher education. You generally work from 10 to 20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the summer. You and your employer must complete the SWSP Student Application/Placement form and submit it to PHEAA. Deadlines and the application form are available on the PHEAA website.

**PA 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM:** two plans: Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (money is guaranteed to keep up with the rate of college tuition inflation) and the Pennsylvania 529 Investment Plan (choose from a wide range of portfolios managed by Vanguard). To enroll or get more detailed information, visit [www.makecollegepossible.com](http://www.makecollegepossible.com) or call 1-800-440-4000.

**PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION (PHEF):** Students interested in nursing careers may be eligible for scholarship or grant opportunities established through PHEF. Since funds are administered by eligible nursing schools, students should inquire with their college’s nursing department or financial aid office for eligibility requirements. For more on career, financial aid, and education information related to nursing for Pennsylvania students go to [www.futuresinnursing.com](http://www.futuresinnursing.com) .

**HAVE YOU BEEN TO YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK?**

## **FEDERAL (PELL) GRANT ADDITIONS**

**More detailed information and applications can be found about each of these programs on the [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) website.**

**TEACH GRANT PROGRAM:** to be eligible students must be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a postsecondary institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program; must be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework; meet certain academic standards; and must agree to teach full-time in a high-need field (bilingual education and English language acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science, special education, or another area documented as high-need) for at least 4 academic years within 8 calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. For more complete information see the Federal Student Aid TEACH Fact Sheet available in the School Counseling Office or by going to [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).

**ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT:** this grant will provide additional money to those full-time students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and who have successfully completed a rigorous high school program, as determined by the state or local education agency and recognized by the Secretary of Education. When you complete the FAFSA, there will be a part of the process that will determine if you meet the Pell Grant eligibility. If you do you will be directed to answer questions on whether you meet the standards of rigorous course work for Pennsylvania.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ACCESS TO RETAIN TALENT GRANT or NATIONAL SMART GRANT:** this grant is **NOT** available until your third and fourth years of undergraduate study, but it is important to know about it now, because you must meet the requirements during your first two years of college to be eligible for this grant. You must be a third- or fourth-year student who is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and majoring in physical, life, computer sciences, mathematics, technology, engineering, or in a foreign language determined critical to national security. The student must also have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 in coursework required for the major. The National SMART Grant is in addition to the student's Pell Grant Award.

**FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM:** provides job opportunities for financially need students. Students generally work between 10-20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the summer. Colleges attempt to arrange for positions that correspond to your academic or career interests.

**KEEP CHECKING YOUR MAILBOX!**

## **OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

**These are only some of the many scholarships available. Finding scholarships you are eligible for takes work, but it could be worth it. Never count yourself out of the running if you are eligible!! Please note that sometimes scholarships are discontinued.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS:** for students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Go to: [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm) and click on “undesigned scholarships (and application)” and “university-sponsored scholarships (and application)”. Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP:** scholarships based on activities, academic achievements, and leadership. Students must have a minimum G.P.A. 3.0 at the end of your junior year. Students need to apply online. Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. You can get further information at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) . Click on “Scholarships”; then scroll to the bottom of the explanation of the “Four-Year Award for Seniors” to where it says “To access the application, click on the link below”.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PHI DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS PROGRAM:** must intend to major in education and have a connection with Phi Delta Kappa. For further information go online to [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org) (click on “awards & scholarships). Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TYLENOL BRAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** must plan to pursue a career in healthcare; based on leadership qualities and academic performance. Application is available online at [www.scholarship.tylenol.com](http://www.scholarship.tylenol.com) Deadline may be in May. Check the website to find out the deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ **IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be pursuing a post-secondary education at one of the 400 career colleges participating in the *Imagine America* program; must have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or greater; have financial need; and demonstrated voluntary community service during senior year. *Imagine America* applications are submitted online at [www.imagine-america.org](http://www.imagine-america.org) . Each registered high school (your school counselors have registered our high school) may select three graduating seniors to receive a \$1,000 *Imagine America* scholarship. Class of 2010 can start applying on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. **Talk to your school counselor about this scholarship before January 1<sup>st</sup>!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be accepted to one of the 10 specific colleges, have a 3.5 or better G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale, complete an application, and a one-page essay (500 words or less) describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Applications can be downloaded or done online at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) Deadline is February 15, 2010. (Early applications encouraged).

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX TODAY!**

## **OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP:** this is a non-renewable award for the student's first year of college at an approved accredited college or university. Students can apply online only from November 2<sup>nd</sup> until January. For more information and link to the application, please go to [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org) after November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a college, university, or vocational school in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. Recipients are selected based on volunteerism efforts along with academic achievements. Applications will be available online January 2010 at [www.BestBuy.com/Scholarships](http://www.BestBuy.com/Scholarships) .

\_\_\_\_\_ **ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** scholarship is based on financial need, academics, and leadership. Applications are available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm). Deadline is November 2, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** to be eligible students must be planning to attain a bachelor's degree (4-year degree) (can start at a two-year college and then transfer to a four-year college), have involvement in co-curricular and community activities, have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0, have critical financial need or provide an explanation if your family's income is higher than \$50,000, and have a letter of support. Applicants must provide a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's individual federal income tax return. The scholarship looks for students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Apply online at [www.horatioalger.com](http://www.horatioalger.com) . Deadline is October 30, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BEN FRANKLIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** this scholarship follows the same eligibility criteria as the Horatio Alger Scholarship. To access the application go to [www.horatioalger.com](http://www.horatioalger.com) . Click on "Scholarship Programs" for the link to the application. Deadline is October 30, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PFIZER EPILEPSY SCHOLARSHIP:** to be eligible you must have overcome the challenges of epilepsy, been successful in school, and done well in activities outside the classroom and in the community. You will need to write an essay and have 2 letters of recommendation (one must come from your doctor). Go to [www.epilepsy-scholarship.com](http://www.epilepsy-scholarship.com) to register and get an application. (You will be able to either download the application or have them send you an application). The deadline is usually March 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BIG 33 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP:** this scholarship is intended for a student who exhibits excellence in a well-rounded educational and extracurricular program. Please visit [www.big33.org](http://www.big33.org) for more information. The information and application process for current seniors will begin October 26, 2009 and ends February 13, 2010.

**YOUR COUNSELOR MAY HAVE PUT SOMETHING IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

## **OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** to be eligible students must have lost a parent to breast cancer, plan to attend a state-supported college or university in the state where they live, never at any time been subject to any disciplinary action by any institution or entity. The application should be available in December. Go to [www.komen.org/grants](http://www.komen.org/grants) click on “Awards and Scholarships” (on left side of page), then click on “College Scholarship Award”.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DAR SCHOLARSHIPS:** there are many scholarships awarded by the DAR for students pursuing a variety of fields including (but not only) history, government, law, nursing, and education. All applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from their local DAR chapter. Our state scholarship chairperson can assist in locating a chapter closest to you. Students need to send a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to get the name and address of the state chairperson and an application for any of the scholarships. To get the address of where to send your request, as well as the listing of scholarships, please go to [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ **HERMINE SOLT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** The Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Professionals’ Student Scholarship Fund is for students who are pursuing a career in secretarial, office technology, accounting, or business education (including business education technology). Students must demonstrate qualities and traits of leadership, citizenship, and service to school and community along with having financial need. Applications are available online ([www.paeop.org](http://www.paeop.org)). However, it was difficult to get the online application from the site last year, so you could email [dreadinger@pgasd.com](mailto:dreadinger@pgasd.com) or write to Diane Readinger, Pine Grove Area School District, 103 School Street, Pine Grove, PA 17963 and request an application. Application deadline is usually March 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MY GROCER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational/technical school; have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and be a full-time resident of the Foodland, IGA and Jubilees marketing area. Applications are available at your local Jubilee grocery store. Application deadline is usually March 1.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

## **UNION/WORK-RELATED AND VETERAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION SCHOLARSHIPS:** scholarships for children and grandchildren of postal workers who are APWU members. The E.C. Hallbeck Memorial Scholarship is for students going to four-year colleges and the Vocational Scholarship is for students going for specialized training in fields such as culinary arts, auto mechanics, medical or dental assisting, certified IT/computer education, cosmetology, massage therapy, etc. For further information go online at [www.apwu.org/dept/sec-treas/stscholarships.htm](http://www.apwu.org/dept/sec-treas/stscholarships.htm). Deadline is March 15, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP:** must have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Go to [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) and click on "Scholarships: Girl Scout Award". Deadline is usually in February or March.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP:** must be son, step-son, daughter, or step-daughter of veteran who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Judging is based on Character/Leadership (20%), Essay/Application (20%), Financial Need (20%), and Scholarship (40%). Applicants must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years. Go to [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) and click on "Scholarships: National President". The deadline is usually in March.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AMVETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be a graduating high school senior who is a child or grandchild of a United States veteran. This scholarship is renewable for up to a maximum of 4 years, but can be used for full-time study at four-year and two-year colleges or an accredited trade/technical school. Students must demonstrate academic promise and show financial need. Applicants need a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A. (or have documented evidence of extenuating circumstances that caused a lower G.P.A.). For more information go to [www.amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html](http://www.amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html). Deadline is usually in April.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL:** student must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admissions to an accredited college or university. You must have a father, mother or legal guardian who is a full-time active employee, and not on disability. Parent or guardian must be a volunteer member of the police or Sheriff's department, or a full-time paid or volunteer member of a fire department in Pennsylvania. Judging criteria for these scholarships, which start at \$500.00 and go as high as \$6500.00, are class average, SAT® scores (use combining), essay, academic awards, hobbies, and school and outside extracurricular activities. For more information, write: PBFAA Youth Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 8264, Erie, PA 16505-0264. Or call 1-800-458-8512. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office. Deadline is usually March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WHAT'S IN YOUR MAILBOX?**

**YOU MAY MISS SOMETHING VALUABLE IF YOU DON'T KEEP CHECKING!**

## **U Promise™ & Grad Gold™**

**Each of these programs is a great way to get rid of some of your college debt.**

**UPROMISE:** UPromise™ is a free service that helps parents and students earn extra money for education. UPromise™ has partnered with hundreds (and growing) of companies who agree to provide monetary rewards for using their products or services. Earn from 1% to 25% in college savings from UPromise™ partners when you shop online, in-store, buy groceries, travel, and much more. These rewards add nothing to your cost of an item or service and go into your UPromise™ account, where they become actual savings for college, grad school, or paying down an educational loan. The savings grow by doing what you normally do: shop online, buy groceries, dine out, and get gas for your car. You can earn money when you take a trip or buy or sell your house. Better yet, you don't have to do this alone! You can invite family and friends to register and have some or all of the college savings go towards your loans. For more detailed information go to [www.upromise.com](http://www.upromise.com)

**GRAD GOLD™:** Grad Gold™ is a free and easy service that helps students and graduates turn their online shopping into savings to help pay off their student debt. A percentage of every eligible product or service you purchase online will be contributed to your account. You can also invite your friends and family to become part of your saving process. Another feature is the referral rewards. If you refer new members to Grad Gold™ via the Referral Rewards program, and any of those new members join through your invitation, then you will earn rewards based on all of their online shopping activities. This does not lessen the rewards the new members get. Please go to the Grad Gold™ website [www.gradgold.com](http://www.gradgold.com) to register or for more information.

**If you have not already gone to each of these sites, do it today!!!**

### **SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Employers and unions (parents, yours)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clubs or organizations (parents, yours)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religion (almost all religions have scholarships)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colleges (each catalog and website has a financial aid/scholarship section)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Majors or career fields
- \_\_\_\_\_ Local based (within your community)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Armed services (parents who are veterans, National Guard)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership/community involvement based
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic background (race/nationality)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skills, talents, and contests

**KEEP YOUR COUNSELOR UPDATED...  
IT WILL EFFECT WHAT'S IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

## **SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES**

**All these resources are available through your school counselor unless otherwise noted. See your school counselor if you would like to borrow or learn more about any of these resources.**

\_\_\_\_\_ FastWeb™ site ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ FastWeb™ College Gold

\_\_\_\_\_ [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) (click on “Paying” section)

\_\_\_\_\_ How to Pay for College: A Practical Guide for Families

\_\_\_\_\_ Peterson’s Financial Aid 101

\_\_\_\_\_ Get a Jump! The Financial Aid Answer Book

\_\_\_\_\_ Don’t Miss Out: The Ambitious Student’s Guide to Financial Aid

\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting College Costs

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents’ Guide to Paying for College

\_\_\_\_\_ Need A Lift? College Financial Aid Handbook

\_\_\_\_\_ The ABCs of Credit Card Finance: Essential Facts for Students

\_\_\_\_\_ Getting Financial Aid 2008

\_\_\_\_\_ The National Guard Guide to Paying for Your College Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid

\_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania’s Guide to Student Aid

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Loan Buying Guide

\_\_\_\_\_ See p. 24 of this booklet for more website addresses

## **INTERNET RESOURCES**

Following are only some of the numerous sites for college/career planning, applications, financial aid, SATs, careers, and various issues to do with the college process. (Sites were verified as of 9/11/09).

**COLLEGE/CAREER SITES:** (\*may include information on financial aid)

- [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.pacareerzone.com](http://www.pacareerzone.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.cityofcollegedreams.org](http://www.cityofcollegedreams.org)
- [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)
- [www.4Tests.com](http://www.4Tests.com)
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)
- [makingcollegecount.com](http://makingcollegecount.com)
- [www.careersandcolleges.com](http://www.careersandcolleges.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [collegebound.com](http://collegebound.com)
- [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)
- [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- [www.nextstepmagazine.com](http://www.nextstepmagazine.com)
- [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com)
- [www.collegesurfing.com](http://www.collegesurfing.com)
- [www.pacareerzone.com](http://www.pacareerzone.com)
- [www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov)
- [www.xap.com](http://www.xap.com)
- [www.talbotsbook.com](http://www.talbotsbook.com)
- [mappingyourfuture.org](http://mappingyourfuture.org)
- [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- [www.collegeconfidential.com](http://www.collegeconfidential.com)
- [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- [www.pennsylvaniamentor.org](http://www.pennsylvaniamentor.org)
- [www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp](http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp)
- [www.campuscorner.com](http://www.campuscorner.com)
- [www.VisitCollege.com](http://www.VisitCollege.com)
- [www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com)
- [collegeapps.about.com](http://collegeapps.about.com)
- [www.collegeadmissioninfo.com](http://www.collegeadmissioninfo.com)
- [nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- [www.matchcollege.com](http://www.matchcollege.com)
- [www.futuresinnursing.com](http://www.futuresinnursing.com)
- [www.Going2college.org](http://www.Going2college.org)
- [www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?section=CIP1](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?section=CIP1)
- [www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm)
- [www.collegenet.com/about/index.html](http://www.collegenet.com/about/index.html)

**FINANCIAL AID SITES:** (\*May include other college & testing information)

— [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

— [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

— [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

— [www.makecollegepossible.com](http://www.makecollegepossible.com)

— [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

— [www.upromise.com](http://www.upromise.com)

— [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

— [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov)

— [www.cscce.com](http://www.cscce.com)

— [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

— [www.ed.gov/index.jhtml](http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml)

— [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

— [www.pasfaa.org](http://www.pasfaa.org)

— [www.aessuccess.org](http://www.aessuccess.org)

— [www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)

— [college-scholarships.com/](http://college-scholarships.com/)

— [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)

— [federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov)

— [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

— [www.theoldschool.org](http://www.theoldschool.org)

— [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)

— [www.gradgold.com](http://www.gradgold.com)

— [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

— [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)

— [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

— [www.collegebound.net/studentrewards](http://www.collegebound.net/studentrewards)

## RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

### **A Great Place to Start:**

College & Financial Planner for Seniors  
Premier Agenda for CollegeEd™ 12  
College Organizer I & II

### **SAT® & ACT® Guides:**

Panic Plan for the SAT  
Princeton Review: Cracking the SAT  
Fiske Nailing the New SAT  
Kaplan's SAT Comprehensive Program  
SAT in a Box  
SAT Strategies for the Super busy Student  
Gruber's Complete SAT 2010  
ACT Strategies for the Super busy Student  
The Real ACT Prep Guide  
The Procrastinator's Guide to the ACT  
Cliff's Test Prep ACT  
Insiders Guide to the ACT Assessment

### **And Don't Forget These Guides:**

Get into Any College  
College Rankings Exposed  
Peterson's 2-year College Guide  
Peterson's 4-year College Guide  
Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges  
US News & World Report Ultimate  
College Guide 2009  
Colleges With Programs for Students with  
Learning Disabilities or A.D.D.  
Choices: A Guide to Pennsylvania  
Post-Secondary Career Schools  
College Guide for Visual Arts Majors  
College Guide for Performing Arts Majors  
Television, Film & Digital Media Programs  
Nursing Programs 2010

### **What About My Major?**

90-Minute College Match Major  
College Majors Handbook  
Book of Majors  
Making the Major Decision  
Great Career in 2 Years  
Pennsylvania Career Guide  
College Majors & Careers

### **Essays: I Need Help!**

Accepted! 50 Successful College Admissions  
Essays  
College Applications & Essays  
The College Application Essay  
College Admissions Essay Handbook  
Majoring in Success  
One-Hour College Application Essay  
Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10  
Steps

### **Admissions & Applications**

75 Biggest Myths about College Admissions  
Acing the College Application  
The New Rules of College Admissions  
101 Ways to Become the Perfect  
College Applicant  
Admissions Decision-Making Models  
How to Make Colleges Want You  
Winning the College Admissions Game:  
Strategies for Parents  
From Here to Your Freshmen Year  
Creating Your High School Resume  
(college resume pp.17-21)  
Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College

### **Campus Visits & Interviews**

Campus Visits & College Interviews  
Visiting College Campuses

### **Money...\$\$\$\$**

Resources listed on p. 22

### **Also . . .**

What to Do When for College  
Next Step Magazine  
What Colleges Don't Tell You  
Choices for the High School Graduate  
Summer Programs for Kids and  
Teenagers  
College.EDU  
Creating Your High School Portfolio

# SAT® REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Port Allegany HS CEEB Code: 394060**

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Scores Available by Web (after 8:00 a.m. EST)</u>	<u>Test Center</u>	<u>Test Center Code</u>
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 9 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> * *deadline for students with fee waiver	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bradford HS	39-158
			Coudersport HS	39-216
			Olean HS	33-730
			St. Marys HS	39-668
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Olean HS	33-730
			Ridgway HS	39-620
			Wellsville HS	33-968
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	October 30 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bradford HS	39-158
			Olean HS	33-730
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford HS	39-158
			Olean HS	33-730
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bradford HS	39-158
			Kane HS	39-344
			Olean HS	33-730
			St. Marys HS	39-668
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup> *	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford HS	39-158
			Coudersport HS	39-216
			Emporium (Woodland Elementary)	39-249
			Wellsville HS	33-968
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 5 <sup>th</sup> *	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Johnsonburg HS	39-340
			Olean HS	33-730
			St. Marys HS	39-668

**\*these 2 deadlines have been extended!**

**How to register:**

➤ Online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (information sheet available in School Counseling Office)  
OR

➤ Complete the paper registration form (available in the School Counseling Office)

**Test Fee: SAT® Reasoning Test: \$45.00**

**Fee Waivers available from Mr. Eskesen or Mrs. Jeselnick**

**Please note:** Score Choice™, the new SAT® Score-Reporting Policy, began with the March 2009 SAT®. Please review the online information about Score Choice™, or the handouts available in the School Counseling Office.

**Important:** As of May 2009, students who do not register on paper will automatically get their SAT® scores through My SAT® Online Score Report only, unless they request a paper score report. Students who register by paper will still receive paper score reports unless they request not to have them mailed.

**Scores** from **October** & **November** are sent by two-day priority delivery to colleges for ED/EA (early decision/early action) program consideration. Most colleges accept October & November scores for ED/EA programs, but you should still check with your colleges.

# ACT® REGISTRATION INFORMATION\*

**\*ACT® test locations may change, so check the website for updates.**

**Port Allegany High School Code: 394060**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Center</u>	<u>Test Center Code</u>
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coudersport HS	156020
		St. Marys HS	184110
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wellsville HS	182150
		Olean HS	199500
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Olean HS	199500
		Oswayo Valley HS	162410
		St. Marys HS	184110
		Wellsville HS	182150
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	None nearby. See ACT booklet	
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coudersport HS	156020
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Olean HS	199500
		Wellsville HS	182150

## How to register:

- Online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (information sheet available in School Counseling Office)

OR

- Complete the paper registration form (available in the School Counseling Office)

**Test Fee: ACT® (Plus Writing): \$47.00**

**ACT® (No Writing): \$32.00**

**Fee Waivers available from Mr. Eskesen or Mrs. Jeselnick**

Test			Content
<a href="#">English</a>	75 questions	45 minutes	Measures standard written English and rhetorical skills.
<a href="#">Mathematics</a>	60 questions	60 minutes	Measuring mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12.
<a href="#">Reading</a>	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures reading comprehension.
<a href="#">Science</a>	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.
<a href="#">Optional Writing Test</a>	1 prompt	30 minutes	Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.

**COMPLETE THIS SHEET TO HELP WITH COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor's Phone # (814)642-2544 ext. \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Port Allegany High School 20 Oak Street Port Allegany, PA 16743  
**CEEB Code: 394060** Phone #: (814)642-2544 Fax: (814) 642-9574

Date Entered PAHS **August 28, 2004** (for most students) Date Graduated **June 6, 2010**

**TESTING**

SAT® Dates & Scores \_\_\_\_\_ CR: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT® Dates & Scores \_\_\_\_\_ CR: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT® Dates & Scores \_\_\_\_\_ CR: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT® Subject Tests Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Test \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

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ACT® Date \_\_\_\_\_ Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Wr \_\_\_\_\_

ACT® Date \_\_\_\_\_ Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Wr \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECTS**

Subjects Taken in Grades 9-12:

English CP \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ English Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language: French \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Math: \_\_\_\_\_

Science: \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. St.: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Courses:

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

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## **CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO!**

### **WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS**

- \_\_\_ Senior Interview
- \_\_\_ Scholarship Session
- \_\_\_ Financial Aid Workshop (12/9)
- \_\_\_ College Visit
- \_\_\_ Orientation

### **TESTS**

- \_\_\_ SAT®
- \_\_\_ ACT®
- \_\_\_ Placement Tests
  - \_\_\_ Accuplacer®
  - \_\_\_ Compass®
  - \_\_\_ Nursing Entrance Test® (NET)
- \_\_\_ SAT® Subject

### **FORMS**

- \_\_\_ Transcript
- \_\_\_ Applications
- \_\_\_ Questionnaire for Recommendation
- \_\_\_ Parent Brag Sheet
- \_\_\_ College Resume
- \_\_\_ NCAA Clearinghouse
- \_\_\_ SAT® Registration
- \_\_\_ ACT® Registration
- \_\_\_ FAFSA
- \_\_\_ CSS Profile®
- \_\_\_ College and Scholarship Sheet

### **ADMISSIONS**

- \_\_\_ Application
- \_\_\_ Supplemental Forms
- \_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_ Transcript
- \_\_\_ Recommendations
- \_\_\_ College Resume

### **FINANCIAL AID**

- \_\_\_ FastWeb™
- \_\_\_ UPromise™
- \_\_\_ Financial Aid Office
  - \_\_\_ Deadlines
  - \_\_\_ Forms Required
- \_\_\_ FAFSA
  - \_\_\_ Pin (mine)
  - \_\_\_ Pin (parent)
- \_\_\_ CSS Profile®
- \_\_\_ College/Institutional Grants