

## 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 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the College & Scholarship Application Sheet on page 23.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review the SAT Information Sheet on page 22 of this booklet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Register to take SAT for October, November, or December or ACT for October or December if necessary. Use either paper registration or online registration. Registration booklets and for SAT and ACT are available in the School Counseling Office. Please read all information in this booklet. An informational brochure for how to register online is also available in the School Counseling Office. You can register at <http://www.collegeboard.com>, but you must use a Visa, Master Card, or American Express credit card, to pay for fees. Students with fee waivers for the SAT may also register online. If you have already taken the SAT you can also re-register by phone (this costs an additional \$10.00 to the basic \$41.50 fee). The ACT costs \$43.00 (with Writing Test) or \$29.00 (without Writing Test).

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (for the SAT only). You must do this with the help of your counselor. If you use a fee waiver you are entitled to apply to 1 – 4 colleges for free.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not miss a registration deadline! Refer to the informational sheet for test centers, test dates, and registration deadlines. If you plan to take the SAT on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the registration deadline is September 12<sup>th</sup>! If you plan to take the SAT on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the deadline is Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to take the ACT October 28<sup>th</sup>, the registration deadline is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you would like, you can have a counselor check your SAT registration form before you mail it. If you are uncertain which colleges you may be considering, leave this question blank until your correction form comes in; then fill this question in on the correction form.

## SEPTEMBER (continued):

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are planning to register for NCAA Clearinghouse, the SAT code number is 9999.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin preparing for the SAT by:

- Ø Borrow one of the many books available in the School Counseling Office.
- Ø Go to SAT Preparation Center ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). The SAT Prep Center has test-taking approaches, math review, practice questions, and an official SAT practice test.
- Ø While at the SAT Preparation Center register to have The SAT Question of the Day emailed to you every 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.
- Ø 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. Excellent resource!
- Ø [www.4Tests.com](http://www.4Tests.com) is another worthwhile site to go to for tutorials and a practice test.

\_\_\_\_\_ What to bring Test Day for the SAT:

- Ø Admission Ticket
- Ø Acceptable photo identification
- Ø Two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser (no mechanical pencils or pens)
- Ø Acceptable calculator (look under “Test Day” on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) )
- Ø A watch
- Ø A bag or backpack
- Ø A snack and drinks
- Ø Extra batteries and backup calculator

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin preparing for the ACT by

- Ø Borrow one of the many available books from the School Counseling Office
- Ø [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and enter the section for “Test Prep” where you will find some practice questions and much more.
- Ø [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) and [www.4Tests.com](http://www.4Tests.com) also have test preparation for ACT.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 “personal activity/awards/leadership” sheet (for grades 9-12) to use and/or provide as a supplement for your application packet. Save it to a disk or memory key. This sheet will be used for colleges and scholarships. It will be extremely difficult to successfully complete numerous college bound tasks throughout the year if you do not complete this task. If you are uncertain how to do this see your counselor. Always include your name and Social Security number on each page of your personal activity sheet.

## SEPTEMBER (continued):

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

- Ø Go to the [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) . Our school is a subscriber to the CX on-line career development resource! Our User I.D. is 0047376 & our Password is “captain”.
- Ø Borrow “Making the Major Decision” or the “College Majors Handbook” from one of the school counselors.
- Ø Take the interest inventory on the Bridges or AES (American Education Services) web sites ([www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)). See a School Counselor for information about how to do this.
- Ø Explore Choices 2007 (computer career program)
- Ø Job shadow someone who has a career in which you are interested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Get a transcript form from the School Counseling Office. Complete and have the form signed by your parents. Make certain you sign this form also. Once signed, give the 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. You must include two stamps for each mailing if your decision is to have our office mail your application packet.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to do paper applications, gather all the college applications you need. The School Counseling Office has many applications available for you to take and complete. If you decide to request the applications directly from the college, make certain you have the ones for the 2007-2008 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Keep in mind that most colleges now prefer that you apply online. Some even require you apply online. Applications done this way are much neater looking and make a good first impression. They are also time savers. Even if you do not have access to a computer at home, arrangements can be made to have access to these applications through the School Counseling Office. Most college websites have a section for applying online.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin completing applications. It is recommended that you apply to at least 2, but no more than 6 colleges. (You can apply to more or less as you and your parents decide). Obtain fee waivers if needed (the School Counselors have fee waivers.).

\_\_\_\_\_ In the majority of cases, you will use the college’s website to apply online. You can also apply to colleges with CX Online ([bridges.com](http://bridges.com)). Bridges.com has partnered with Xap.com (pronounces “zap”). You can access Xap.com by clicking on the Application Services button. When you follow the link, you will first see a page informing you that you are about to leave the CX Online site. You can find out about Xap.com’s tools before actually going to Xap.com. There are also many other web sites (such as the College Board site, the AES site, and others) that have applications for many colleges available.

## SEPTEMBER (continued):

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to apply to Penn State, you need to apply online. Although this university was still accepting paper applications last fall, the goal is to have all students apply online. There is a counselor section which you must print out and give to the School Counselor you are working with this year.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have applications checked by your counselor. (Please give your counselor at least 3 days). 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). Remember you only have 1 - 6 applications to keep track of, while your counselor may have as many as 150 college applications and potentially 60 - 100 scholarship applications, and 20 - 30 FAFSA applications to work with, check, and sign transcripts for. Additionally, each counselor writes as many as 15 to 25 letters of recommendations for students.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you apply online you should still have your counselor check your "application". Remember, this is a college admissions counselor's first impression of you.

\_\_\_\_\_ While we are on the topic of applications, the completion of applications are 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 required. You can use one of the several resources available in the School Counseling Office. 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. There are also a number of essay-writing and editing services available via the internet. This acknowledgement of these types of services should not be interpreted as a recommendation to use these services. Always include your name and Social Security number on each page of your essay unless the college directs you to do it differently.

## SEPTEMBER (continued):

\_\_\_\_\_ Request recommendations if you need or would like them for your college. 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.

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

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ Get NCAA Clearinghouse Information form (available in the School Counseling Office). Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to play Division I or Division II sports in college.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Gather all information: applications, recommendations, transcripts, checks or fee waivers for applications, and essays. Have all this information sent 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 that you are retaking or taking the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, or the ACT.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the SAT in October (14<sup>th</sup>) or November (4<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!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Take ACT October 28<sup>th</sup> if necessary. SEE NOTE ABOUT PHOTO ID ABOVE.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take SAT Subject Tests in October (14<sup>th</sup>) or November (4<sup>th</sup>) if necessary. REMEMBER YOUR PHOTO ID!!

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER (continued):

\_\_\_\_\_ Check each college's website for financial aid information. Check with each of your colleges' financial aid offices (by letter, email, or phone) to find out which financial forms they require (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 November with your counselor to review potential sources of financial assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ After you have scheduled and met with your counselor for your "scholarship session", gather information and request applications for grants 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 <http://www.upromise.com> Send relatives and friends of your family your information so they can add to your college savings through this site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter (or update) your information into Fast Web Scholarship search at <http://www.fastweb.com>. Check your "mailbox" for scholarships. Remember your password! Keep in mind that you don't need to have access to the internet at home in order to benefit from this 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 which are due. Remember that it is your responsibility to keep track of the various deadlines.

\_\_\_\_\_ While we're on the subject of finances, you should be aware that you will be "offered" many credit cards. Please discuss usage of credit cards with your parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the SAT (or SAT Subject Tests) on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, you must register by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take the ACT December 9<sup>th</sup>, you must register by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Register early for the ACT because, in the past, the closest test center has filled quickly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Every year, students have questions about how many times should he or she take the SAT in order to improve his or her scores. In checking with the college admissions officers, their recommendation is to take the SAT 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 SAT more than 3 times total.

## DECEMBER/JANUARY

\_\_\_\_\_ Take SAT (or SAT Subject Tests) on December 2<sup>nd</sup> if necessary. (See note about photo ID under October/November section.)

\_\_\_\_\_ If you plan to take SAT (or SAT Subject Tests) January 27<sup>th</sup>, the registration deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Take ACT on December 9<sup>th</sup> if necessary. Remember photo ID!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Finish all applications to colleges before Christmas, if you have not already done so. The longer you wait to apply, the harder it is to be accepted. Just because an application says that it is not due until January 1<sup>st</sup> does not mean you should wait until January 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete and mail the FAFSA form. You can also do the FAFSA online. Remember to make copies of this form. (This form cannot be done until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.) There are a very few colleges who require an Early Financial Aid Form. You should have already checked with the financial aid offices of each of your colleges to determine what each one requires (see October/November section).

\_\_\_\_\_ Take SAT (or SAT Subject Tests) January 27<sup>th</sup> if necessary. (See note about photo ID in October/November section).

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete and mail College 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. Hopefully, you will not have to do this form for two reasons: there is a cost to file it and a cost to request the application. Your counselor will know more about this year's financial aid process after attending the counselors' financial aid workshop, which will be held in November.

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

## February ----- May

\_\_\_\_\_ Take care of a variety of details: forms, fees, final year reports, and anything else that the college requires.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check your SAR (Student Aid Report) and send it to the correct address. The SAR is a report that is sent to you once your FAFSA has been processed. The upper right hand corner of this report has the EFC. This stands for "Expected Family Contribution". The number after EFC is how much money you and your parents will be expected to contribute towards your college bill. This is not necessarily the final word. Work very closely with your colleges' financial aid offices.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 to your counselor. Our office keeps a list of whom is accepted to college. We would like to make certain your name is on the list.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay careful attention to the many deadlines (a suggestion would be to get a Planner from the School Counseling Office.) 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 on your calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Until more students have taken the new SAT, a true average is not available, but according to the College Board average scores should be in the neighborhood of approximately 520 on math and 510 on critical reading.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students should not combine all 3 test scores (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. Your counselors will keep you updated on any changes to this.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 back or contact you directly.

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

## FINANCIAL AID

Please note that this financial aid information may change. The counselors will be attending a financial aid workshop in the beginning of November. Your counselor will give any new or updated information to you after that workshop.

### FINANCIAL AID FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

\_\_\_\_ FAFSA                      \_\_\_\_ COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE APPLICATIONS  
\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE PROFILE      \_\_\_\_ PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**PHEAA:** State Grant (apply after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007)

**PELL:** Federal Grant (apply after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007)

**SEOG:** Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant

**CWSP:** College Work Study Program

The form to complete for these three grants and work study program is the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you took the SAT or ACT during your junior year, you should receive this form through the mail some time in December. These forms will also be available in the School Counseling Office in December. You can also submit an online version of this form (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>). Some colleges and scholarships also require the College Profile. The form to request an application is also available online at in the School Counseling Office. Check directly with your colleges' financial aid offices to determine if they require the College Profile.

Who should complete the FAFSA? Everyone. Many colleges require that the FAFSA and/or College Profile be completed in order to qualify for academic-based scholarships as well as other college scholarships.

**REMEMBER:** These forms cannot be sent until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Check with your colleges' financial aid offices for their deadlines! Each college has a different deadline. If a college's deadline is before January 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a special form you will need to get.

**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:** December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The School Counseling Office sponsors this annual workshop for students and their parents. We have a guest speaker who knows the financial aid process present this workshop. Please make a point to attend this workshop with your parents!

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** If anything changes within your family that affects income negatively (such as unemployment or disability) you need to contact PHEAA, FAFSA, and your college. This could increase the amount of aid you receive.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\_\_\_\_ NORTHERN TIER PENN STATE CHAPTER: scholarships are for 6 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.

\_\_\_\_ GARY GREENMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: scholarship for students pursuing a post-secondary with at least a minor in music. Students must complete an application, provide a letter of acceptance from an accredited institution of higher education, write an essay explaining what music means to the student, and provide two letters of recommendation. Applications and further information is available in the School Counseling Office in the February or March. Deadline is usually the end of March.

\_\_\_\_ 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 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 usually in April. Deadline is usually June 30<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_ 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 Mr. VanGorden for more information.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

### COUDERSPORT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

**SCHOLARSHIP:** applicant must be female from Coudersport, Roulette, or Shinglehouse area. Applications are 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.

**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. Applications are available in the School Counseling Office.

**JAMES E. SPRINGER 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.

**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.

## 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ROBERT C. BYRD SCHOLARSHIP:** 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 only score of 1150 or above or an ACT composite score of 25 or above. Applications are available by either downloading them 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. Deadline is usually May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note: A requirement for this state scholarship is that students with weighted grades must have their grades unweighted and their G.P.A. recalculated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PHEAA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** must have applied and qualified for a federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program award, but did not receive the scholarship (see Byrd Program eligibility requirements above). There is not a separate application for this program. To be considered for this award you must submit a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Application no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP:** must be pursuing an approved science or technology program at an approved Pennsylvania two- or four-year college or licensed technical school. 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 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 "Education".

\_\_\_\_\_ **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRATUITY PROGRAM:** must be a child by birth or adoption of a deceased police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad member, corrections facility employee or active 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 deceased sheriff, deputy sheriff, National Guard member or certain other individual who was on federal or state active military duty who died since September 11, 2001, as a direct result of performing his or her official duties. 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PA CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM:** must be eligible for services under the State's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program or be 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)

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\_\_\_\_\_ PHEAA-ADMINISTERED WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS: the State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides PA students with employment opportunities in high-technology 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 15 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ TUITION ACCOUNT PROGRAM (TAP): state-sponsored TAP 529 is a tax-deferred investment plan that helps you save money toward the costs associated with higher education. To enroll or get more information, visit [www.patap.org](http://www.patap.org) or call 1-800-440-4000.

### FEDERAL (PELL) GRANT ADDITION

\_\_\_\_\_ ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT: this grant will provide additional money to those full-time students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and who had 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 standards of rigorous course work.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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. Must be a full-time 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. (For a complete list of eligible majors go to <http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/attachments/GENO615Attach1.pdf> or to <http://studentaid.ed.gov> and click on “new programs”). 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.

## 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!!

\_\_\_\_\_ NSPE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS: must plan to study engineering. Go to [www.nspe.org/scholarships/sc-home.asp](http://www.nspe.org/scholarships/sc-home.asp) and click on "High School Seniors." For further information, write to: NSPE Educational Foundation, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS: for students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Go to: <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar> and click on "undesignated scholarships (and application)" and "university-sponsored scholarships (and application)". Information and applications are also available in the School Counseling Office. Deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP: scholarships based on activities, academic achievements, and leadership. (4-year award minimum G.P.A. 3.0; 2-year college award minimum G.P.A. 2.5) Students need to apply online. Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. You can get further information by [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHI DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS PROGRAM: must plan to pursue a career as an educator. Application forms and procedures will be available in late October. For further information go online to [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org) (click on "awards & scholarships) or write to: Phi Delta Kappa Inter-national, P.O. Box 789, Bloomington, IN 47402-0789. 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 is September 30.

\_\_\_\_\_ IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: must be pursuing a post-secondary education at one of the 500 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 <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 2007 can start applying on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. 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 11 specific colleges, complete an application, and an essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Applications are available in the School Counseling Office or can be downloaded or done online at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) Deadline is February 15, 2007. (Early applications encouraged).

## 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, 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) or call the APWU Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 202-842-4215.

\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY/DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIPS: two scholarships available: (1) must be son or daughter or deceased or totally disabled veteran of a war or conflict and financially unable to continue his/her education; (2) must be son or daughter of veteran of a war or conflict and financially unable to continue his/her education. Applications are available from Mrs. Norma Cobb Nichols, Education Chairman, RR1 Box 299, Coudersport, PA 16915-9787. Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP: must have received 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 the beginning of February.

\_\_\_\_ 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%). Go to [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) and click on "Scholarships: National President". The deadline is usually March 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_ AMVETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: must be a graduating high school senior who is a dependent of an American veteran or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has exhausted all government financial aid. There are scholarships for both four-year and two-year colleges. Must demonstrate academic achievement and show financial need. For more information go to [www.amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html](http://www.amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html) Deadline 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 \$500.0 and go as high as \$6500.00, are class average, SAT scores (use combining), essay academic awards, hobbies, 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. Deadline is usually March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## CONTESTS

There are many contests for students to enter to win scholarships. One that you may want to consider is listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ AAATRAVEL HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE: geography scholarship contest that tests students' travel literacy by focusing on tourism destinations. The Challenge is a three-stage competition with over \$100,000 in college scholarship funds up for grabs. Once you register you can take a practice quiz to make sure you have the minimum PC and internet browser requirements for participating in the online challenge in January. Registration usually begins in November at <http://www.aaa.com/travelchallenge/> for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders followed by an online competition usually in January.

### U Promise.com!

[www.upromise.com/aes](http://www.upromise.com/aes) Not a scholarship, but a wonderful way to offset your loan costs to college. If you have not already gone to this site, 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

## 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) (user name: 0047376, password: captain) (this site can be accessed by using any computer with the internet)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fast Web site ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Peterson's Financial Aid 101

\_\_\_\_\_ College Savings Rx

\_\_\_\_\_ Loans and Grants from Uncle Sam

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The A's and B's of Academic Scholarships

\_\_\_\_\_ Don't Miss Out

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Aid Officers: What they do to you and for you

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships, Grants, and Prizes 2004

## 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. Keep in mind that sites are being added, updated, or removed on a daily basis. (sites were verified as of 9/07/06).

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

\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.princetonreview.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.braintrack.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.careersandcolleges.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.petersons.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.octameron.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.campustours.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegeview.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegeboard.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegiatechoice.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://collegebound.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://dailyjolt.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.act.org>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.ncaa.org>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.educationplanner.org>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://sagescholars.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegesurfing.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://maxthetest.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.xap.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://makingcollegecount.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.talbotsbook.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://kaptest.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.number2.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://4Tests.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.schoolfinder.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegeconfidential.com>      \_\_\_\_\_ <http://collegeapps.about.com>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.mapping-your-future.org/>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.bridges.com> (id 0047376 & password: captain)  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm>  
\_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/1150/index.html>

## FINANCIAL AID SITES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.upromise.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.freschinfo.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://college-scholarships.com/>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://collegescholarships.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.salliemae.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.scholarships.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.pheaa.org>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp>
- \_\_\_\_\_ [http://www.collegenet.com/about/index\\_html](http://www.collegenet.com/about/index_html)
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.collegebound.net/studentrewards>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?section=CIP1>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://finaid.org>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.theoldschool.org>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.kaptest.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.scholarship-page.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.students.gov>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://scholarshiphound.com>
- \_\_\_\_\_ <http://www.patap.org>

## RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

### A Great Place to Start:

[www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com) (internet)  
Choices 2007 (computer program)

### SAT & ACT Guides:

Princeton Review: 2006 New SAT  
The Official SAT Study Guide  
Panic Plan for the SAT  
Cracking the New SAT  
The Real ACT Prep Guide  
The Procrastinator's Guide to the ACT '06  
Cliff's Test Prep ACT

### Admissions & Applications

101 Ways to Become the Perfect  
College Applicant  
Admissions Decision-Making Models  
Behind the Scenes: An Inside Look at  
the Selective College Admission Process  
USA Today: Getting Into College  
College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing  
the Best College for You  
Creating Your High School Resume  
(college resume pp.17-21)

### Campus Visits & Interviews

Visiting College Campuses  
Campus Visits & College Interviews

### Also . . .

The Ultimate College Survival Guide  
The Portable College Advisor  
Virtual College  
College.EDU  
Majoring in Success  
Campus Daze: Easing the Transition from High School to College  
Campus Opportunities for Students with Learning Differences  
The Winning Edge: The Student Athlete's Guide to College Sports

### And Don't Forget These Guides:

College & Financial Planner for Seniors  
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  
Colleges With Programs for Students with  
Learning Disabilities or A.D.D.  
Choices: A Guide to Pennsylvania  
Post-Secondary Career Schools  
Great Colleges for the Real World

### Essays: I Need Help!

College Admissions Essay Handbook  
The College Application Essay  
Writing a Winning College Application  
Essay  
Best College Admissions Essays  
College Applications & Essays  
The Adams College Essay Handbook  
Do it Write: How to Prepare a Great  
College Application

### What About My Major?

College Majors Handbook  
Making the Major Decision

## SAT INFORMATION

Port Allegany HS CEEB Code: 394060

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

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Center</u>	<u>Test Center Code</u>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
		<u>Coudersport HS</u>	<u>39-216</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
		<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
		<u>Ridgway HS</u>	<u>39-620</u>
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
		<u>Kane HS</u>	<u>39-344</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
		<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
		<u>Coudersport HS</u>	<u>39-216</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Johnsonburg HS</u>	<u>39-340</u>
		<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
		<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Graduated June 3,2007

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

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

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ACT Dates & Scores \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

**Subjects Taken in Grades 9-12:**

English CP \_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_ English Honors \_\_\_\_  
Foreign Language: French \_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Senior Courses:	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>
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