

# Guidance Corner

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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**WHO:** Who qualifies for this scholarship/award?

**WHAT:** What is the value of this scholarship/award?

**WHERE:** Where can I find an application/information?

**WHEN:** When is the deadline?

Scholarship information is based on materials received by McGuffey High School. Please refer to the "WHERE" sections to see where to find an application. "Guidance Office" will be listed only if a paper application is available. If a website is listed, please visit that site for information on how to apply. Scholarship information will be updated as necessary. This newsletter can also be found in the Guidance section of the McGuffey High School website.

### PITTSBURGH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

**WHO:** Active members of identified high school clubs and organizations can receive a renewable partial tuition grant. McGuffey students who are active members of the FFA are eligible to apply.

**WHAT:** Up to \$6,000 per calendar year

**WHERE:** For an application, visit [www.pti.edu/scholarshipapp](http://www.pti.edu/scholarshipapp)

**WHEN:** February 27, 2016

### PITTSBURGH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (additional scholarships)

**WHO:** Graduating seniors attending PTI are eligible to apply for the following additional scholarships: "I" Inspire Scholarship, Inspiration Scholarship.

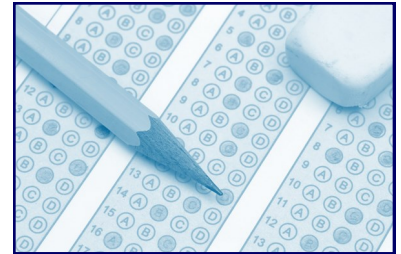
**WHAT:** Amount varies for each scholarship.

**WHERE:** [www.pti.edu](http://www.pti.edu) Go to Admissions & Financial Aid then Grants and scholarships

**WHEN:** Deadlines vary.

### SCHOOL SOUP scholarship search website

**WHO:** Graduating seniors looking for scholarship monies.



## *Test Dates*

### **SAT:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

October 3, 2015

-register by Sep 3

November 7, 2015

-register by Oct 9

December 5, 2015

-register by Nov 5

January 23, 2016

-register by Dec 28

*This begins the redesigned SAT exam:*

March 5, 2016

-register by Feb 5

May 7, 2016

-register by Apr 8

June 4, 2016

-register by May 5

### **ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

September 12, 2015

-register by Aug 7

October 24, 2015

-register by Sept 18

December 12, 2015

-register by Nov 6

February 6, 2016

-register by Jan 8

April 9, 2016

-register by Mar 4

June 11, 2016

-register by May 6

**McGuffey High School Code:**

**390700**

**WHAT:** Create a student profile and let SchoolSoup find you scholarships that match your information.

**WHERE:** [www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory](http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory)

**WHEN:** Deadlines vary.

### **B.DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

**WHO:** Graduating seniors who will be attending a post-secondary institution. Applicants will need to write an essay of 1,000 words or less on a topic listed on the website.

**WHAT:** \$1,000

**WHERE:** <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

**WHEN:** May 23, 2016

### **HORATIO ALGER NATIONAL AND STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**WHO:** Graduating senior with plans to attend a four-year post-secondary institution. Applicant must demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

**WHAT:** National Scholarship: 106 \$22,000 scholarships awarded. State Scholarship: Scholarships valued at \$6,000-\$10,500.

**WHERE:** <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

**WHEN:** October 25, 2015

### **ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP**

**WHO:** High school seniors planning to attend a post-secondary institution. Applicant will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the website listed below.

**WHAT:** \$1,000

**WHERE:** [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm)

**WHEN:** June 10, 2016

### **BUD LUTTY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION (UFCW Local 23)**

**WHO:** Graduating seniors who are either employees or dependents of employees who work at any of the employers listed below. These employers contribute to the scholarship fund.

ACORN SERVICES INC  
WM MOORHEAD FEDERAL BLDG  
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE/PARKHURST  
BROWNSVILLE ROAD SHOP N SAVE  
BUTLER FARM MARKET INC  
CANONSBURG SHOP N SAVE  
CARLOW COLLEGE CAFETERIA  
COMMUNITY SUPER MARKET (LOWER BURRELL, FOX CHAPEL, NATRONA HEIGHTS, PENN HILLS)  
COUDERSPORT JUBILEE  
CVS PHARMACY, INC.  
DUBOIS LOGISTICS LLC  
FORD CITY RIVERSIDE  
HAYMAKER SHOP AND SAVE  
HOLIDAY PARK SHOP N SAVE  
LOCAL 23 HEALTH FUND  
MCDONALD GIANT EAGLE  
MOUNTAINEER PARK INC.  
PENN TOWNSHIP GIANT EAGLE  
RUSSELLTON SHOP N SAVE  
SCOZIO'S BAKERY SHOP  
SLIPPERY ROCK GIANT EAGLE  
SODEXO, INC. (MARRIOTT)  
EINSTEIN BAGEL & COFFEE CART  
MELLON BANK

SCHENLEY HALL  
U OF PGH JOHNSTOWN  
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES  
THE KROGER CO  
TOMS RIVERSIDE MARKETS  
TOPS FRIENDLY MARKETS (MEADVILLE, KANE, SHEFFIELD, WATERFORD)  
UFCW LOCAL 23  
VALESKYS  
VERONA GIANT EAGLE  
WAYNESBURG GIANT EAGLE  
WEST KITTANNING SHOP N SAVE  
WHEELING ISLAND GAMING INC  
WHITE OAK SHOP N SAVE

**WHAT:** Multiple \$2,500 scholarships are awarded

**WHERE:** To submit a preliminary application, visit [www.ufcw23.org](http://www.ufcw23.org) under the Members tab.

**WHEN:** December 31, 2015

### **NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**College cooperative education (CO-OP)** is a unique academic program combining classroom studies with professional work experience in a field related to your education and career goals. Although individual co-op programs vary, you will most likely begin with an initial period of full-time study, which will then become an integrated program of class time and relevant work experience.

**WHO:** Graduating seniors interested in a co-op program at one of the 10 institution listed below. Applicants must also apply to the college/university for admission.

Clarkson University, Drexel University, Johnson & Whales University, Merrimack College, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), State University of New York Oswego, The University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

**WHAT:** Each institution offers numerous awards in the minimum amount of \$6,000, renewable each year.

**WHERE:** [www.waccinc.org](http://www.waccinc.org)

**WHEN:** Scholarship deadline is February 15, 2016; however, admission deadlines vary. Please check website.

# **Transcript request process**

1. The guidance office is using an online transcript request/sending service. All seniors must create an account with Parchment.com. Registration letters were sent home in September. Please see Mrs. White in the guidance office if you need another copy of your letter.
2. After creating your account, you will be able to request your transcript online. Please make sure to stop in the guidance office to discuss any other necessary paperwork (if any) that you were instructed to send as part of your application.
3. If you need a transcript for your senior project, see Mrs. White in the guidance office. She has these pre-printed.
4. If you need a transcript for any other reason such as scholarship\*, employer, or military recruiter, please stop in the guidance office and complete a Transcript Request Form. A paper copy of your transcript will be printed by the guidance office.
5. \*When requesting a transcript for scholarship(s), the transcript will be given back to you in a sealed envelope. The student is responsible for mailing the scholarship application(s) and sealed transcript.

# Getting Letters of Recommendation

If you're like most students, you may be a little squeamish about asking people for letters of recommendation. Don't worry. Your teachers and advisors are used to students asking them to do so. Follow these easy "rules of the road" to get the best letters.

## What to do before asking for letters of recommendation

Make a list of the teachers, counselors, coaches, ministers/pastors, employers, and other adults who know you best. Then think about 2-3 examples of your achievements that each of them could speak about. Next, ask for a mix of letters. Ideally you'll want someone who can talk about your academic skills, someone who can speak about your community involvement, someone who can highlight your leadership skills, etc. Before asking for letters, be sure to run your list of recommendations by your high school counselor and get their advice on which teachers to ask.

## Seven steps to improve your chances of getting letters of recommendation.

Take a few quick steps to make it easier for people to write a letter of recommendation for you.

1. Write down a quick biography of your work, including top academic achievements, any awards you've received, and extracurricular activities you participate in to help refresh their memory about your best skills. Let them know what schools you're applying to and any particular areas of interest that you have.
2. Be polite. Find a time during office hours or study hall when your teacher isn't in a rush so you can sit down with them for a few minutes, ask for a recommendation, and answer any questions they may have.
3. Ask for the letter at least several weeks in advance so they're not under pressure to write a letter in a hurry. Be sure they know when the deadline is.
4. Fill out any information on the form, such as your home address.
5. Provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the person to mail it in.
6. If someone writes you a letter of recommendation, send them a handwritten thank you note.
7. Once you get your acceptance letters, share the good news with those who took the time to write letters of recommendation for you.

~The Counselor Chronicle

## Still searching for a school to attend after high school?

**Try the College Search tool from the College Board.**

Directions for College/Major search:

1. Go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
2. Click on Students (purple tab)
3. On the left hand side of the page, click on the blue Search button. This will allow you to, "Search by location, major, -any way you'd like."
4. Select filter(s) and search! Filters allow you to search by location, major, size of school, religious affiliation, etc.

# 5 Ways to Find Career Ideas

Many high school students feel that they need to have their whole lives planned out before graduation. That's a lot of pressure to take on, and it really isn't practical because your goals and desires change over time. At this point, the best way to prepare for the process of career planning is to take some steps to get to know more about yourself. Start by considering your options. You can take many paths, and you may discover new talents and passions in the process of exploring. The quick exercises below can help lead you in the right direction.

## 1. Think About What You Love

What classes have you found especially inspiring? What activities keep you so absorbed that you don't even notice how much time has passed? Listing 10 things you love can help reveal possible paths.

Can you make connections between elements on your list? Are a group of items related to the arts or social activities or technology? What can you build by combining your passions?

## 2. Identify Defining Experiences

Think about three experiences that taught you something about yourself. Choose the one that gave you the greatest sense of satisfaction and write a sentence that explains why that was so. If you can pinpoint what makes you happy, you can aim toward a career that will provide those types of experiences.

## 3. Create a Self-Portrait

Are you friendly, creative, impatient, funny, organized? Try writing down a list of 10 qualities you feel describe your personality. Ask your friends and family to name some of your qualities — sometimes other people see us more clearly than we see ourselves. Add their suggestions to your list. Now think about what sort of career fits the person your list describes.

## 4. Consider Your Strengths and Weaknesses

Make a list of your five top strengths and weaknesses. What sorts of employers would be interested in your strengths? If you're a good public speaker, for example, explore what types of careers call for that skill.

Your weaknesses can also tell you a lot about where you might go. You can either steer away from careers that require skills you're not confident about or work to improve weaknesses that may keep you from your goals.

## 5. Explore Careers

What do actuaries or archaeologists really do? What sorts of opportunities will there be in the future for architects or art directors? Imagine yourself in different roles as you explore Major and Career Search. You can find information on more than 300 careers here, which range from air traffic controller to wildlife technician.

Remember, even if you know someone who has been planning to be a doctor since the age of seven, most young people don't know what they want to do or be. Many adults actually work in a few different jobs before selecting a career path. You have time to get to know yourself and find a career that suits you.

~bigfuture by The College Board

**Follow this like to explore the bigfuture Major and Career Search:**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>

# VISIT THE WWWEB

FOR CAREER, COLLEGE, AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

*NEW Find scholarships, career and salary info...	<a href="http://www.StudentScholarships.org">www.StudentScholarships.org</a>
Explore the trades: Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical...	<a href="http://www.ExploreTheTrades.org">www.ExploreTheTrades.org</a>
Explore University profiles/videos.....	<a href="http://www.collegemajors101.com">www.collegemajors101.com</a>
Find your major, college, career, & scholarships	<a href="http://www.MyMajors.com">www.MyMajors.com</a>
Virtual college tours.....	<a href="http://www.ecampustours.com">www.ecampustours.com</a>
Register for the SAT/college search.....	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>
Register for the ACT.....	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>
Scholarships for students with disabilities.....	<a href="http://www.Disability.gov">www.Disability.gov</a>
Find millions of college reviews and rankings.....	<a href="http://www.collegeprowler.com">www.collegeprowler.com</a>
College information and more.....	<a href="http://www.CollegeView.com">www.CollegeView.com</a>
Christian college information.....	<a href="http://www.christianconnector.com">www.christianconnector.com</a>
Saving, planning, and paying for college.....	<a href="http://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/">www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/</a>
Scholarships, Financial Aid.....	<a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a>
Careers, scholarships, student loans, financial aid	<a href="http://www.TuitionFundingSources.com">www.TuitionFundingSources.com</a>
Military Service.....	<a href="http://www.military.com">www.military.com</a>
National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA).....	<a href="http://www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a>
Scholarships, Internships, career planning.....	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>
Best college rankings.....	<a href="http://www.usnews.com/rankings">www.usnews.com/rankings</a>
Job Search, resumes, career resources.....	<a href="http://www.monster.com">www.monster.com</a>
Federal Student Aid.....	<a href="http://www.studentaid.ed.gov">www.studentaid.ed.gov</a>
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).	<a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>
Education planning for students and parents:	<a href="http://www.educationplanner.com">www.educationplanner.com</a>
On-line database of scholarships.....	<a href="http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory">www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory</a>

# Scholarship Request Form

- Please indicate the name of the scholarship(s) for which you are requesting information and return this completed form to the Guidance Office.
- All information (guidelines, requirements, application, etc.) will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

**Please list only those scholarships where paper applications are available in the Guidance Office. Refer to the “WHERE” sections of the newsletter. Guidance Office will be listed only if a paper application is available. If a website is listed, the Guidance Office does not have a paper application.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

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