

COUNSELORS' REPORT

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2024-2025 Class Registration: *Students will soon be receiving class registration forms for the 2024-25 school year. Selecting courses is a very important process that we encourage all parents to be involved with. Please take the time to talk to your child about his/her course selection. Several questions to discuss are:*

- *What classes are required for graduation?*
- *What classes will prepare you for the transition options you are exploring (college, NCAA, military)?*
- *Will this schedule challenge you? Is the schedule too challenging?*
- *Are there classes you need to take now to prepare you to take more advanced NCHS courses in the future?*

Course descriptions (including dual credits, NCAA, and prerequisites) can be found on the Guidance page of the school website.

FAFSA Completion Night: *One of the first steps of the college financial aid process is completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The FAFSA enables students who qualify to receive federal/state grants, scholarships, as well as to participate in work-studies programs. NCHS will offer a free workshop to assist students and/or their parents in completing the FAFSA form. Those attending should bring the following information: student's driver's license, student's social security card, records of untaxed income, and information regarding net worth of family and student assets. Parents and students MUST have their FAFSA id number created before the workshop. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create the accounts. The workshop will be at NCHS on **Thursday, February 8 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. State law in Illinois requires all graduating seniors to submit the FAFSA or complete a FAFSA Nonparticipation Form.*

Kaskaskia College Foundation Scholarships: *ALL students planning to attend KC should apply for their Foundation Scholarships. Students can find the application at: <https://kaskaskia.smapply.io/> Attached below are some handouts that may be helpful as you go through the process. The priority deadline is February 1, 2024.*

Scholarships: A full list of scholarships is posted on the Counseling Office webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/nashville-k12.org/scholarships>

- **KASKASKIA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Kaskaskia College Foundation offers hundreds of scholarships for students attending Kaskaskia College. Students are able to complete one application to apply for all the scholarships. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.kaskaskia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/grants/foundation-scholarships/>. See the scholarship tab on the Guidance page of the NCHS website for more directions on applying. Deadline to apply is February 1.
- **ILLINOIS SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATION POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP** - Students who will be completing high school in 2024 are eligible for this non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship. Access the application can be gained by going to the scholarship tap on the Guidance page of the NCHS website. The deadline to apply is February 16.
- **EGYPTIAN REGION IPA SCHOLARSHIP** - High school seniors interested in becoming a teacher are encouraged to apply for a \$500 scholarship. The application is available on the scholarship tap on the Guidance page of the NCHS website. The deadline to apply is February 16.
- **FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP** - Applicants should be intending to enroll in a field related to agriculture. The application process is online at: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships> The deadline to apply is February 29.

College Representative Visits at NCHS: Students who are interested in visiting with college representatives should listen to announcements/check their email for sign up. Currently scheduled college representative visits:

- McKendree University (McK) – September 28

Youth to Washington Trip: Tri-County Electric Cooperative wants to encourage high school students to learn more about government and their role in it. They are sponsoring a trip to Springfield in March and a trip to Washington DC in June. Students who are sophomores, juniors, or seniors may apply. For more information see: <https://www.tricountycoop.com/youthtour> The deadline to apply is February 2.

Golden Apple Scholars: The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program is a teacher preparation and tuition assistance program for high school students who have the determination and drive to be highly effective teachers in Illinois schools of need. Scholars Receive: tuition assistance, up to \$23,000, paid Scholar Institutes that include courses and extensive classroom/work

experience, academic and social-emotional support, job placement assistance, and mentoring from an award-winning teaching faculty. Students with at least a 2.5 GPA interested in becoming teachers in the State of Illinois and agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need may apply. To view a list of schools of need and to apply visit: www.goldenapple.org

ACT Testing Dates: *The next ACT test date open for registration is April 13. Registration is due by March 8. Additional ACT testing dates for the year are June 8 and July 13. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.ACTStudent.org. Our high school code is 143-110.*

SAT Testing Dates: *The next SAT test date open for registration is March 9. Registration is due by February 23. Additional SAT testing dates for the year are May 4 and June 1. Starting with the March date, the SAT will be given digitally. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.collegeboard.org. Our high school code is 143-110.*