

JUNIORS & SENIORS

Announcements

SAT's | SATs are offered in May and June at MGRHS. We recommend students take them at least once in the spring of junior year and again in the fall of senior year. You must register by **April 7th for the May 6th exam** and by **May 9th for the June 3rd exam**. Register online at www.collegeboard.com using our school code 222415. If you're interested in the ACT exam, stop by guidance or visit www.act.org.

SAT Prep | Students should consider SAT tutorial help to prepare for the spring exams. Tutors are available at Williams College on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 for free. Please sign up in the Guidance Office if interested to ensure there are enough tutors available.

➡ **SAT Math Prep Class** – Mr. Thistle is hosting math prep beginning April 6th from 6-7pm and will continue throughout April and May on Thursday evenings. There is an \$80.00 fee which includes a test prep book. Sign up with Patsy in the main office. Checks made payable to MGRSD.

College Planning

Prospective College Athletes | Students who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a NCAA Div. I or II institution must register with NCAA prior to playing sports. Access registration materials at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and click on "Prospective Student-Athletes." For more information about NCAA, visit www.NCAA.org, pull down the Parent/Prospect page and click on "Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete."

Financial Aid | **All** students should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Applications can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Some students may also need to submit a CSS PROFILE. Check your individual college for requirements. Applications must be submitted online at www.profileonline.collegeboard.com. Vermont residents can find financial aid information at www.vsac.org.

Events

Springfield National College Fair | **April 3, 2017** - Students can gather information, attend workshops and talk to representatives from many schools at Spring National College Fair Springfield. The event is free to high-school students, parents and anyone else interested in higher education. In addition to gathering brochures and catalogs about the colleges, students can meet one-on-one with admissions representatives at their booths to discuss entrance requirements, campus life, application deadlines, and majors.

Mt. Anthony Union College Fair | **April 6, 2017** – Mt. Anthony is hosting over 100 colleges for students to gather information and speak with representatives to express interest in schools. Open for interested juniors and sophomores. Permissions slips and bus fee (\$6) is required. Sign up in guidance.

Scholarships

Some websites for scholarship searches are www.scholarships.com; www.fastweb.com; www.wiredscholar.com; www.scholarshipguidance.com .

The **MOUNT GREYLOCK SCHOLARSHIP** is enclosed in this bulletin for seniors. Every senior should complete this scholarship application in order to qualify for over 70 school-based awards. Seniors will receive scholarship(s) at Class Night in June. *Applications are due April 10th.*

i For a list of local scholarships by the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, visit <http://www.berkshiretaconic.org/bReceivebNonprofitsIndividuals/SearchApplyforScholarships.aspx>

March Deadlines

Girls Inc. of the Berkshires Scholarship Program | (postmarked by Mar 31st) **\$1000** – The Girls Inc. program of the Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center offers a scholarship program for graduating female high school seniors. All are need based and income eligibility is required. Scholarships included are: **Ruth P. Boraski Fund** (multiple scholarships totaling \$6,000); **Berkshire Community College Foundation** (\$1,000); **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** (\$1,000); **Rotary Club of Pittsfield** (\$1,000). Eligible female seniors must have a minimum 2.80 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and have demonstrated extraordinary initiative, energy, and creativity in community service for application to be considered. Essay, letters of recommendation, official transcript, and Activities and Achievements Form required at submission. See guidance for application and forms.

April Deadlines

Berkshire County Selectmen's Association | (due April 1st) **\$400** – Scholarships are awarded to one senior based on community service, future educational plans, academic achievement, and quality of application. Financial need is taken into consideration. See guidance for application.

Valley Press Club | (due April 1st) **\$1000** – Students pursuing a career in journalism and have experience such as participation in the school newspaper or various writing clubs are encouraged to apply. Recipients must also demonstrate financial need. See guidance for more info and to apply.

NPG 2017 Photography Scholarship Contest | (due April 7th) **\$500-\$1500** – Submit an original photo with a 40 to 50 word description that shows how the environment of the U.S. is being damaged by population growth. For more information visit <http://www.npg.org/scholarship/npg-2017-photography-scholarship-contest.html>

Uel Wade Music | (due April 9th) **up to \$5000**– You are encouraged to apply if you sing or play: trumpet, piano, percussion, violin, flute, French horn, cello, saxophone, tuba or any other band or orchestra instrument. All high school students eligible, not just seniors. For details visit www.uelwave.org

Student Broadcaster Scholarship Program | (due April 14th) **\$2000** – Must be a MA resident who plans to enroll at a two or four year school with a major or intention of studying over-the-air broadcasting or related field. http://www.massbroadcasters.org/scholarship_program

Katherine A. Duby Memorial Scholarship | (due April 15th) **\$500** - Seniors who are planning a career in education and have been admitted to a fully accredited, degree-granting educational institution. Applicants should have demonstrated scholarship, community interest and leadership qualities through their grades, activities and work/volunteer experience and should be able to effectively describe their passion for education in the required essay. See guidance for application.

Runabees Scholarship | (due April 15th) **\$500** – Write an interesting, creative and convincing 800-1000 word essay about running, fitness or another sport-related topic you feel strongly about. Visit <http://runabees.com/for-students/> for submission guidelines.

Community Enrichment Scholarship | (due April 21st) **\$500** – Awarded to students by Greylock Federal Credit Union who exemplify positive community spirit and demonstrate respect and concern for their peers in everything they do. Write an essay addressing the question: “What does community mean to me?” Should be no more than 300 words. See guidance for application.

The \$1000 Sleep Ridiculously Well Scholarship | (due April 21st) **\$1000** – Write an essay on two topics: 1) The importance of sleep on our health. How does sleep affect our lives from a health perspective? What happens when people neglect a proper night’s sleep? 2) Assess your current sleep habits. Research 5 ways you can improve your sleep habits. Describe the sleep improvement and why it aides in sleep quality. Describe how you can implement each method in your life. Your essay must express your opinion in a thought-provoking and creative way. Must be original, well-researched, and convincing piece of content. <http://www.sleepridiculouslywell.com/scholarship/>

Grasshopper Entrepreneur Scholarship | (due April 30th) **\$5000** – Write a 500-700 word essay on the following topic: “Since it was created, the internet has both helped and complicated the rise of entrepreneurship. How would you leverage the internet to develop a business? In addition, how would you manage the increased competition and other complexities that an online marketplace produces?” For guidelines and submission info visit <http://grasshopper.com/entrepreneur-scholarship/>

May Deadlines

BHS Kermit Gordon Scholarship | (due May 1st) **\$500-\$1000** – Scholarship’s primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in one of the following fields of study: *medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, health and health science* related programs. Financial need, superior academic performance, commitment to chosen field, and potential for success are taken into consideration. See guidance for application.

Nicole Wilson Beebe Scholarship | (due May 1st) **\$1,000** – Awarded to a female graduate of Berkshire County who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service during her high school career. Requirements include a 200 word statement describing the volunteer activities and references from the school or organization(s) she volunteered for. See guidance for application.

Adams Outdoorsmen for Youth | (due May 1st) **\$500** – ADY is an organization which was founded by a group of avid sportsmen who wanted to do something for the youth in our area. Club members are given first consideration. See guidance for application.

Credit Union of the Berkshires | (due May 1st) **\$500** – Eligible recipients must be a member or child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a member of the Credit Union of the Berkshires. Applications available in guidance or online at <http://www.cuotb.org>

Lanesborough – New Ashford Scholars for Dollars | (due May 1st) **\$2000** – Any graduation senior who resides in Lanesborough or New Ashford and has contributed to at least one LNADS fundraiser during their high school career should apply via their website <https://lanesborough-newashford.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=1225>

Bianchi-Barbarotta Scholarship | (due May 5th) **\$1000** – High school seniors who have participated in a varsity sport and furthering their education with a minimum 3.0 GPA and performed volunteer work are eligible. See guidance for info and application.

William B. Menard Memorial Scholarship | (due May 10th) **\$4000** – Students interested in studying golf management or pursuing a career in the golf industry. See guidance for application.