

## Financial Aid and Scholarship Information – Updated January 6, 2015

**Attention Seniors and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Early College Students – NOW is the time to collect your information to fill out the 2015-16 School Year FAFSA.**

- The website for completing the FAFSA is [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
- The link to create a student PIN number (a parent/guardian will need one too) is <https://pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/appinstr.jsp>
- Note: The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available for use starting February 2.
- College Goal Sunday is February 8 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at various host sites. Please check [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org) to find the event site nearest you.

### **Deadlines for filing FAFSA:**

#### **Federal Deadline**

Online applications must be submitted by midnight Central Time, June 30, 2016.

Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight Central Time, September 17, 2016.

#### **State Deadline**

Michigan - March 1, 2015 by midnight, Central Time.

#### **College Deadline**

Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed.

### **Information you *may* need to complete college applications, scholarships, and FAFSA:**

- Social Security Number (This is a requirement for colleges/universities and is needed to officially complete the FAFSA for financial aid.)
- Driver's License number and date issued
- Address/phone/email Information for student and parent(s) as well as County you live in
- Foster/Homeless Status (if applicable)
- Place of birth (city, state, country) along with Date of Birth
- Mother/Father Demographic Information along with Highest Level of Education Completed
- Military Dependent Information (if applicable)
- ACT Scores/MME Scores (transcripts will be available for reference)
- GPA for high school and college (if taking dual enrollment courses, know MMCC log-in information to retrieve)
- List of extra-curricular involvements and references
- **Other FHS Related Information:**
  - **High School 6 digit code: 231410**
  - **School Address: 399 E. Michigan Farwell, MI 48622**

### **Current Available Scholarships:**

#### **Sons of the American Legion Squadron 404 Scholarship: Deadline January 20, 2015.**

- To qualify as a possible recipient of the Son's of the American Legion Squadron 404 Scholarship, an individual must meet all of the following criteria: Be a graduating senior at Farwell, Clare, or Harrison; pursuing a degree at an accredited college, university, or trade school; display leadership and community service involvement at school, church, or in an organization like 4H, boy/girl scouts, etc.; and have a parent or grandparent that has served in the Military in some capacity and must provide proof of this service.
- See Mrs. Rohdy for the application.

## Scholarships Continued...

### Edith Irene (Stinchcombe) Geiseler Scholarship: Deadline January 20, 2015

- A \$2000 scholarship for a Farwell High School senior who is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education, Horticulture, Floriculture or Floral Design.
- See Mrs. Rohdy for an information sheet. The scholarship requires a brief essay on your future plan in one of the above fields and how earning this scholarship will help you pursue your goals.

### Lake Rod and Gun Club Scholarship: Deadline February 20, 2015

- A \$300 scholarship for a graduating senior planning on pursuing a post-secondary degree in life sciences with emphasis on wildlife, fisheries, or forestry research.
- Requirements include a minimum gpa of 3.0; demonstration of leadership and service involvement; 1 letter of recommendation, and a statement of career goals (500 words or less)
- See Mrs. Rohdy for an application.

### Michigan Education Association Scholarship: Deadline February 27, 2015

- Eligible students are high school graduating seniors involved in extracurricular activities and community service with strong academic achievement. Priority given to students from lower income households.
- Go to [www.mea.org/mea-scholarship](http://www.mea.org/mea-scholarship) for more information and the application.

### Clare County Democratic Party Scholarship: Deadline March 1, 2015

- The Clare County Democratic Party is offering college scholarships to students who are actively participating in the political process as well as other civic and community activities. In the spring, the Party will award 2 \$250 scholarships. One scholarship will go to a Clare County high school college bound senior and the other will go to a Clare County resident attending MMCC.
- Additional information and applications available now at [www.clarecountymocrats.com](http://www.clarecountymocrats.com) (under scholarship tab)

### Lake George Boosters Club Scholarship: Deadline March 13, 2015

- The Lake George Boosters will offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduating student from Farwell (*either traditional senior or 5<sup>th</sup> year student*) who resides in Lincoln and Freeman Township.
- Students need to fill out an application, list 3 references, and write a brief essay on who deserving of this scholarship.
- See Mrs. Rohdy for an application.

### Clare County Republican Party Scholarship: Deadline April 1, 2015

- This \$1000 scholarship is for a Clare County resident graduating from high school. Qualifications are a gpa of 2.5 or higher; a completed application, 3 letters or recommendation, and a winning essay about the origin and values of the Republican Party complete with proper citings and a bibliography. (500 words or less).
- See Mrs. Rohdy for an application.
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**Useful Scholarship Web sites:** \*\*Only use free, reputable Internet search services for scholarships. BEWARE of scams and services requiring payment. It is likely you will search 100's of scholarships before you find one that applies to you. Be patient. You will eventually find a match.

Legitimate Web sites include:

- <http://studentaid.ed.gov/tupes/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- [www.michigancap.org](http://www.michigancap.org)
  - [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)
  - [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)