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January 2, 2009

## ACT/SAT

Registration deadline for the third ACT is: January 6

The ACT test will be given on: February 7

ACT online registration: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Registration deadline for the fourth SAT is: February 10

The SAT test will be given on: March 14

SAT online registration: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



Check out the ACT/SAT study guides in the Media Center.

### **John Baylor ACT Prep Course**

The online version of the John Baylor ACT prep course is now available for FHS students at no cost to students. Students may complete the course independently or in a group session. More information regarding this program may be found on [www.JohnBaylorTestPrep.com](http://www.JohnBaylorTestPrep.com). Log-in instructions and independent study options are available from a guidance counselor. Licensing agreements only allow access to the course content from Fremont High School.

**FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009  
7:00 P.M.  
FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA**

Paper FAFSA forms will *not* be available at the high school. Parents will be able to obtain a paper FAFSA by called the FAFSA information center at 1-800-433-3243 or by visiting [www.edpubs.org](http://www.edpubs.org). FAFSA encourages parents to use the online method for filing the application.

### **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY EDUCATIONQUEST**

#### **Preparation key to applying for financial aid**

Preparation is the key to successfully completing and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for need-based financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA to qualify for low-interest student and parent loans.

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## Check out these *free* FAFSA tools and resources

Visit the “Completing the FAFSA” section at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) where you’ll find:

- **FAFSA Checklist** – This resource helps a student determine his or her dependency status and then provides a list of required documents for the FAFSA.
- **College Funding Estimator** – Families can use this tool to estimate their FAFSA results.
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – The updated tutorial provides user-friendly clarification of each FAFSA question. Families can easily access the tutorial while completing the FAFSA.
- **“Guide to College Funding” Video** – This video uses a typical family to explain the financial aid process, the types of financial aid, and when to apply.

**EducationQuest reserving FAFSA appointments for first-time filers:** Please note that EducationQuest will reserve appointments in January through April for first-time filers. **These appointments will be made for parents filing the FAFSA for the first time.** Parents completing the Renewal FAFSA are encouraged to use the FAFSA Tutorial and apply online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

## COLLEGE VISITATIONS AT FHS (DURING LUNCH 11:30-1:30)

## COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITATIONS

**Augustana College** – January 19. Register at [www.augie.edu/admission](http://www.augie.edu/admission)

### **Midland Lutheran College** –

January 10 – Men & Women’s Basketball Day

January 14 – Anderson Leader Scholar Day (application required)

February 21 – Anderson Leader Scholar Day (application required)

March 13 – Registration Day

March 28 – Football Day

**South Dakota State University** – TGIF visit days: January 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

### **University of Nebraska-Lincoln Red Letter Days:**

January 16

February 16

February 23 Register online at: [www.admissions.unl.edu/open\\_house](http://www.admissions.unl.edu/open_house)

**University of Nebraska-Omaha** –February 16. Register at 554-6281 or online at: [www.unomaha.edu](http://www.unomaha.edu)

**Wayne State College** – January 23; February 6, 20, 27; March 20, 27. Register online at: [www.wsc.edu/admissions/visit\\_campus](http://www.wsc.edu/admissions/visit_campus)

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## SENIOR INFORMATION/SCHOLARSHIPS

### TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF EARNING SCHOLARSHIPS (Provided by EducationQuest)

- **Don't pay for scholarship searches.** Use free search sites including *ScholarshipQuest* at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) with over 1800 state and local awards.
- **Visit the guidance office weekly** for information about scholarships.
- **Get organized.** Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
- **Continually update your activities, honors and volunteer or paid jobs** using the *Activities Resume* at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)
- **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores.**
- **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
- **Get an early start on essays.** Describe your interests, hopes for the future, and leadership abilities – but be sure to tailor your essay to the scholarship topic.
- **Pay close attention to grammar, spelling and neatness.** Ask at least two people to proofread your application.

College Bound Nebraska Program - If you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, Collegebound Nebraska will cover all your remaining tuition costs, up to 30 credit hours per academic year, after Pell funds and any other grants and/or scholarships are taken into account. You must take at least 12 credit hours per semester but may take more. You must complete the FAFSA to apply. More information can be found at: [www.collegeboundnebraska.com](http://www.collegeboundnebraska.com)

Peter Kiewit Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program – Fifty \$7500 renewable scholarships will be awarded to seniors who are in the top 20% of their graduating class. Applicants must attend a four year college or university in Nebraska and be able to demonstrate financial need by submitting the results of the College Funding Estimator (instructions included in the application).  
Deadline: January 5

Hastings College Walter Scott Scholarship Program – This full-tuition scholarship is available to seniors who have superior academic achievements. Criteria for this program: top 20% class rank, 3.0 or higher GPA, ACT Composite of 26 or above or SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1170 or above. Applicants not selected to receive the Walter Scott Scholarship will qualify for other scholarships.  
Deadline: January 6

National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship – The local chapter of the NWTF will award a \$250 scholarship to a graduate planning to attend any post-secondary institution. Applicants must have a current hunting license, a 3.0 GPA, involved in school and community activities, and be a member of the NWTF. If you would like to apply for this scholarship and are not a member of the NWTF, see Mr. Ronspies in the high school registrar's office.  
Deadline: January 8

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Gates Millennium Scholars Program – This scholarship program is for African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American students. Applicants must have a 3.3 GPA, have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities, and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. This is an extensive application which must include the Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form and a Recommender form.

Deadline: January 9

Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association Scholarship – This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a Nebraska senior who will attend a post-secondary institution and pursue a career in an office-related profession. Applicants must have completed two or more business education courses (four semesters) to include computer courses, keyboarding, accounting, or office practices.

Deadline: January 14

Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees Scholarship – This renewable scholarship will pay full tuition to one of the three Nebraska state colleges (Peru, Chadron, Wayne) and is worth over \$14,000 in four years. Applicants must have an ACT composite of 25 or higher or SAT of 1700 and submit a letter of recommendation. An applicant may apply for a scholarship at ONLY ONE state college.

Deadline: January 14

UNL Lester Walker Journalism Scholarship – Students applying to the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications department are eligible for this scholarship. Scholastic ability and need are criteria for awarding these scholarships. Students must apply to the UNL College of Journalism by January 15 to be eligible.

Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial Scholarship – This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a **female** high school graduate planning to enroll in a college or university and major in **English**. Selection is based on intellectual promise, creativity and character of applicant.

Deadline: January 28

Peru State Cooperating School Scholarship – One scholarship worth one-half tuition (approximately \$7400 over a four-year period) will be awarded to a graduate planning to attend Peru State. You must rank in the upper ½ of your graduating class and possess leadership qualities. Leave your name and resume with Mrs. Ball in the guidance office.

Deadline: January 28

Excel Physical Therapy Scholarship – Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to graduates of several school districts within the Excel Physical Therapy area. Students must pursue a career in physical therapy at a four year college or university. Other criteria include a minimum 3.5 GPA, and active involvement in a varsity sport or other school sponsored extracurricular activity.

Deadline: January 29

University of Nebraska-Kearney Scholarship Honors Program Scholarship - To apply for the honors program, you must have a minimum ACT composite of 26 and class rank in the top 25%

Deadline: January 29

Apply online at: [www.unk.edu/acad/honors](http://www.unk.edu/acad/honors)

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Burger King Scholarship – Scholarships, worth \$1000 each, are available to graduates enrolling in a two or four year post-secondary institution. Criteria: 2.5 GPA or higher, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year, actively involved in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. Apply online at: [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) Access key: BKS  
Deadline: February 1

NROTC Scholarship/Marine Corp – These scholarships are worth up to \$150,000 to be used at over 60 highly ranked participating universities. Applicants must take the SAT or ACT by the December test date and have a minimum ACT composite score of 22 or minimum score of 1000 on the SAT. Applicants must be physically qualified by Marine Corp standards. More information is available at [www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com) and [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)  
Regular Deadline: February 1

Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship – Two scholarships, worth \$1000 each, will be awarded by the NeSPE and the Eastern Chapter of the NeSPE. Applicants must enroll in an accredited engineering program in Nebraska. Other criteria include: minimum 3.5 GPA, minimum ACT Math and English scores of 29 or SAT Math score of at least 700 and SAT Verbal score of at least 600.  
Deadline: February 4

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program – Scholarships, worth \$5000 per year for four years, will be awarded to graduates of Nebraska. This program is dedicated to assisting students with financial need. Applicants must enroll in a public, in-state 2 or 4 year postsecondary institution and have a minimum GPA of 2.75. Applications are available online at: [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org).  
Deadline: February 10

Susie Dugan Scholarship for Drug-Free Youth – These \$500 scholarships will be awarded to seniors who have never used alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or any other illegal drug, have promoted drug-free lifestyles and have taken a leadership role in fighting drug abuse. This scholarship may be used at any university, college or community college. Applications are available in the guidance or online at: [www.pride.org](http://www.pride.org)  
Deadline: February 10

UNO Phillip Schragar Scholarship Program for Student Leaders – This program at UNO was established to recognize students with outstanding leadership capability. Leadership activities in high school and/or community involving time commitment, planning, organizational and management skills, together with academic achievement will be the primary criteria for scholarship selections.  
Deadline: February 10

Nebraska Machinery/Central Community College Scholarships – Nebraska Machinery is providing six sponsorship scholarships for students attending Central Community College in Hastings to study diesel technology. The Sponsorships provide tuition, tool allowance and books – approximate value - \$14,000. Sponsorship recipients must agree to work for Nebraska Machinery for a minimum of two years upon completion of the two-year program at CCC in Hastings. Nebraska Machinery is also awarding the Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship worth \$1000 to a student attending CCC in Hastings in the diesel technology program. There is no obligation required to receive this scholarship.  
Deadline: February 12

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Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals Scholarship – Scholarships, worth \$500 each, will be awarded to graduates pursuing a career as an administrative office professional. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or above and plan to attend a Nebraska or Iowa college, university or business school. Apply online at: [www.iaap-aksarben.org](http://www.iaap-aksarben.org).

Deadline: February 12

Cargill Community Scholarship Program – Three hundred fifty \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who enroll in a two or four year post-secondary institution. Recipients will be selected based upon academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and community activities. A signature from a manager or employee of the Cargill plant in Blair is required on the application. Applications are available online at: [www.cargill.com](http://www.cargill.com) keyword: scholarship.

Deadline: February 12

Best Buy Scholarship – Over two million dollars will be awarded to more than 1700 graduates nationwide who have an outstanding academic record and outstanding community service. For every Best Buy store, one scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to seniors living within 50 miles of that store. One hundred scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to applicants living more than 50 miles from a Best Buy store. Sixteen national \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of the student's application. You must apply online at: [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships).

Deadline: February 15

Wayne State College Art Scholarship Competition – These scholarships will be awarded to graduates who have shown exceptional artistic merit at the high school level. Recipients must major in art at Wayne State College. Selection will be based on the criteria of artistic ability, scholastic achievement, and letters of recommendation. Applicants must submit 5-10 art works or 5-10 slides in Power Point on CD ROM, letter including activities and accomplishments in art and two letters of recommendation.

Deadline: February 20

Nebraska American Legion Maynard Jensen Memorial Scholarship – This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend a Nebraska post-secondary institution. Applicants must be the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter or a great-grand child of a member of the American Legion. Selection of recipients will be made on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need.

Deadline: February 26

Fremont Area Medical Center Auxiliary Health Career Scholarship – Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to area high school graduates planning to pursue a career in the medical field. Scholarships will be awarded based upon academics, character, leadership and dedication to a health care career.

Deadline: February 27

U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program – Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students planning to attend a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution. Scholarship award recipients are selected through a random drawing process. Apply online at: [www.usbank.com/studentbanking](http://www.usbank.com/studentbanking).

Deadline: February 27

University of Nebraska-Omaha Music Scholarship – An audition is required for a music scholarship and admission to the Department of Music at UNO. Two letters of recommendation are required along with the scholarship application. One letter must be from vocal or instrumental music teacher.

Deadline: February 27

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The Nebraska Academy of Sciences Scholarships – Several scholarships are available to graduates planning to attend a Nebraska college or university. Scholarships vary from \$100 to \$1000. All information about these scholarships can be found at: [www.neacadsci.org](http://www.neacadsci.org) Click on Info; high school scholarships for seniors.  
Deadline: February 27

Central Community College Scholarship Program – This scholarship application allows students to be considered for each scholarship program for which they qualify at any of the campuses of Central Community College. Applications are available online at: [www.ccnneb.edu](http://www.ccnneb.edu).  
Deadline: February 27

Ray Warren/Tom Forst Memorial Scholarship – This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Nebraska graduate in the upper ¼ of their graduating class and a minimum ACT composite score of 26. You must be involved in or have been involved in agriculture, ranching, horses, general livestock, 4-H or related field.  
Deadline: February 27

Altrusa Club Scholarship – This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Fremont High or Bergan High School graduate planning to attend a four-year post-secondary institution. Applicants must rank in the upper ¼ of their graduating class.  
Deadline: February 27

Better Business Bureau Scott Mecham Student of Integrity Award Scholarship Program – Three \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to seniors who reside in the geographic area served by the BBB. This award recognizes character, commitment to honesty, integrity and accountability. Applicants must be nominated by a teacher, principal, guidance counselor or community leader. Application materials can be found at: [www.bbbnebraska.org](http://www.bbbnebraska.org).  
Deadline: March 4

Nebraska Aviation Trades Association Scholarship – One \$500 and one \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate planning to continue their education. An essay on “How Agricultural Aviation Helps Farmers & Consumers” must be included in the application. Other criteria: scholastic achievements, leadership, and merit. Applicants must be recommended by a member of the NATA. The area representative is Bill Shannon of Shannon Aerial Spraying at 727-5287.  
Deadline: March 10

Metro Omaha Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society Scholarship – Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Metro area seniors planning to pursue careers in nursing. Students must enroll in an accredited nursing program, have a 3.25 GPA or higher, and actively participate in school and community activities. Special consideration will be given to students with an interest or special commitment to Oncology Nursing.  
Deadline: March 10

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship – Forty scholarships up to \$1500 each will be awarded to graduates with at least a 30 ACT Composite Score. Recipients may attend any institution of higher education in any state. Recipients will be selected in a manner that ensures equitable geographic distribution within the state. You must apply online at: [www.nde.state.ne.us/byrd](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/byrd).  
Deadline: March 13

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Gus Swanson Memorial Communications Scholarship Program – One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Nebraska graduate who plans to pursue a degree in advertising, marketing, mass communications, communication studies, public relations, journalism, or graphic design/desktop publishing at a Nebraska college or university. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.25. Apply online at:

[www.swansonrussell.com](http://www.swansonrussell.com)

Deadline: March 13

Roger G. Nannen Memorial Scholarship – One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate planning to pursue a degree in education. Other criteria include academics, financial need, leadership and sportsmanship.

Deadline: March 30

Fremont Choir Booster Club Scholarship – Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to FHS graduates who are actively participating in the Varsity Choir. Recipients must enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution, but do not need to major in music. Criteria include: contributions made to the FHS Varsity Choir, character, leadership, contributions to the community and letters of recommendation.

Deadline: March 30

Association of Information Technology Professionals Scholarship – The Omaha Chapter is offering several \$1000 scholarships to graduates planning to further their education in Information Technology or related computer field of study. Applicants must attend a college or university in the Omaha, Eastern Nebraska or Western Iowa region. Apply online at: [www.aitpomaha.com](http://www.aitpomaha.com).

Deadline: April 4

The Fountainhead Ayn Rand Essay Contest – This essay contest is based upon Ayn Rand's novel, The Fountainhead. Essays will be judged both on style and content. To see the rules and guidelines and to submit your essay, go to [www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests).

Deadline: April 23

Southeast Community College Educational Foundation Scholarship – Scholarships are available to students planning to attend one of the campuses of Southeast Community College. Preference will be given to students who rank in the top one-half of their graduating class or who have demonstrated classroom performance that would indicate potential success at SCC. **Students must apply online at:** [http://www.southeast.edu/admissions/fin\\_scholarships.asp](http://www.southeast.edu/admissions/fin_scholarships.asp). A transcript must be sent upon completion of the online application. There are several open application dates: November 1 – 22; December 1 – February 1, 2009; May 1-22, 2009; August 1-22, 2009.

Midwest Student Exchange Program – This is a tuition reduction program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. Over one hundred and forty colleges and universities in Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and Wisconsin are part of this program. Visit [www.msep.mhec.org](http://www.msep.mhec.org) to learn more about this program and search for participating institutions.

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## Metropolitan Community College NOW program

Metropolitan Community College, Fremont campus, is offering 50% off tuition for all credit classes. High School students at least 16 years of age must follow enrollment procedures and have an initial meeting with a MCC academic advisor. General registration for Spring and Summer quarters begins on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes start on March 5<sup>th</sup> for Spring Quarter and June 5<sup>th</sup> for Summer Quarter. Call 721-2507 to make an appointment to visit with an academic advisor. Take a copy of your ACT scores with you to the appointment.

Scholarship information is available on the Fremont Public Schools website: [www.fpsweb.org](http://www.fpsweb.org).

- 1) Click on High School
- 2) Click on Guidance
- 3) Click on This Week's Scholarships