



If you need a Mid-Year transcript sent to a college you have already applied to, you must use your Parchment account to request the **next grading period** for your mid-year grades be sent electronically to your college. If you have any questions, see your counselor or Mrs. Looney in the Counseling Department.



Students be careful of this very important step when you are registering in Parchment

Problem: Year of graduation

Resolving the problem:

- **If your parent is doing your registration make sure they are entering your information not theirs.**
- **Make sure the grad leave year is 2018.**



**“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible”
via Victor Aguirre**

RESOURCES TO GUIDE YOUR WAY

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Please follow the procedure outlined below when making application.

1. Decide where you will apply.
2. Visit the college's web site. Apply online
3. Fill out application completely - include appropriate fee (credit card or check made payable to the college).
4. Make a request for your counselor to fill out any secondary school report/counselor recommendation form needed for the college to which you are applying. Be sure to give the college your counselor's school email address. This is your responsibility to ensure completion of your application.
5. Register with Parchment (if you have not done so already). Request a transcript for the college where you are applying. Watch for a confirmation via email from Parchment that your transcript request was completed properly.
6. Allow at least 5 school days for your transcript request and all other paperwork to be processed.
7. Watch deadlines.
8. Register for and take the SAT and/or ACT, if you haven't.
9. \$2.00 will be charged for each transcript that Parchment is not able to process if the college does not use the electronic system.



REMINDERS

Some colleges require a counselor form (even if you're applying online and even if you're using the Common Application). Be sure to provide your counselor's correct email address when asked. Ask us if you have questions.

If you have not completed your student resume, please do your best to have it done in the very near future. Counselors or teachers completing a recommendation letter or evaluation form find it helpful. Most adults have a resume, so as a young adult it's important to have your information readily available when completing college and scholarship forms.



Counseling and Advisement Procedures

In any Counseling and Advisement Department there must be procedures and organization. We urge you to stay calm, and understand that there is a process in our sending and the colleges receiving transcripts. Planning ahead is key! Submit your request to Parchment well ahead of the deadline. We know the deadlines of the colleges and we do our best to process your transcripts through Parchment and any other paperwork needed in a timely manner. Understand that colleges have their own procedures. With the number of applications they receive, you should allow them a week or two to process them and update your account.

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL AID \$\$\$

Financial Aid applications are available now! Go to fafsa.ed.gov to apply. Your IRS data from 2016 can be linked to make applying much simpler. FAFSA help is available for free on-line.

FINANCIAL AID WEB SITES

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>/File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on-line for
Free

<http://studentaid.ed.gov>/A Student's Guide to Federal Student Aid.

<http://www.che400.state.sc.us>/The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

<http://www.sctuitiongrants.com>/The South Carolina Tuition Grant for Private Schools.

<http://www.scgrad.org>/The South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program.

<http://www.slc.sc.edu>/The South Carolina Student Loan Corp. offers private loans.

<http://www.gibill.va.gov>/For Veterans of the Armed Forces, the GI Bill is a resource for Veterans Education Benefits.

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1. The **Common Application** is a college application which is accepted by a number of colleges on an equal basis with their own forms. If you plan to apply to several colleges, visit the Common App website www.commonapp.org.
2. The deadline for the February 10 ACT test is **January 12, 2018**. ***The test is here at LHS.***
3. The deadline for the March 10 SAT test is **February 9, 2018**. ***The test is here at LHS***

4. Do you qualify for **free or reduced** lunch? If so, you need to bring a copy of the *award* letter you received from Central Services approving your free or reduced status. See Mrs. Johnston to receive a **fee waiver** to take the SAT and ACT. Four college application fee waivers can be submitted on line at the registration website. You can also receive a fee waiver for the NCAA Clearinghouse (student athletes) application.
5. If you have questions about paying for college, we encourage you to call the **financial aid office** of any college you are interested in attending.



College Open House



The Office of Admissions would like to announce that our new CRM has officially gone live. Students and parents may visit our events page to register for all of our upcoming on-campus events. They may do so by visiting the following link:

<http://www.midlandstech.edu/admissions/visit-campus>

Below are a number of college open house dates. As a senior you are allowed two excused days for college visits. When you finish your visit with the college, have the admissions office give you an excuse on their letterhead saying that you were there visiting the college. Then turn in the excuse to our attendance office here at LHS.

Open House

Converse College – Converse Open House - April 21, 2018 - \$200 travel voucher to visit Converse – <http://converse.edu/TravelVoucher>

Francis Marion University – Open House - February 3, March 3 and April 7, 2018

Lander University – Open House – February 24 – **Bearcat Days** – January, February 13, 2018

Newberry College – Open House – February 17, 2018, March 17, 2018

Seton Hall – Open House – February 18 and April 22, 2018

USC Aiken – Open House - January 20, February 17 and April 13, 2018

USC Upstate – Open House – March 31 and April 28, 2018

Campus Preview Days - Georgia South Western State University – **Preview Days** - January 27, 2018 and April 7, 2018 Contact: 1-800-338-0082

You may also want to check college websites for postings of Open House dates.

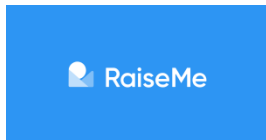
College admissions representatives are available to talk with students during lunch periods in the Counseling Office at scheduled times throughout the year. These visits will be listed on the morning announcements and may also be announced in the senior memo (time permitting). See Mrs. Johnston for a pass if interested in talking with a representative.

\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$\$\$

1. The primary role of the Counseling Department related to scholarships is to promote awareness of opportunities available to you. The criterion for the majority of scholarships has been determined by outside organizations and colleges. We will be happy to assist you in processing scholarship applications as needed.
2. Check Senior Memo and pay special attention to deadlines. Usually, we must pre-date the scholarship deadline for processing and therefore, the deadline on the Senior Memo is your deadline to submit the application to *LHS* Counseling.
3. Scholarship applications/pre-applications will be available in the file drawer in the Counseling and Advisement office. In most cases, you may access this information without making an appointment with a counselor.
4. Take responsibility for watching deadlines and for completing your portion of *application*.



College and Scholarship Opportunities



Raise.me allows high school students to earn scholarships from colleges for their achievements in and out of the classroom.

Starting in 9th grade, students can be eligible to start earning scholarships for their achievements, like getting good grades, having perfect attendance, leadership roles, participating in sports and clubs, community service, test scores, and more. Sign up online at <http://www.raise.me/>



**The American Legion
Need A Lift?**

Scholarship and financial aid information at your fingertips!

College Financial Aid Handbook is now available on-line at:
www.legion.org/needalift

Michelin Scholars Program

The next Mechanical Aptitude
Test and Math Reasoning Test is
February 8, 2018 at 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
It will be held at Lexington Technology Center
You can sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/4dOoMml137EmTILD3> or
in the Counseling office.
A permission form is needed to take the test



Do you want a full time professional career after college, but also want to serve part-time in the Georgia Army National Guard? UNG is an excellent pathway. It pays nearly all college expenses, and recipients actually make \$30,000-\$40,000 over four years more than the cost to attend. There are 42 scholarships available per year.

Have questions? Email them at cadetrecruiting@ung.edu



FURMAN UNIVERSITY

Find out the latest about Furman University [here](#)

(Please come by the counseling office if you need help in accessing the listed scholarship websites.)

2018 Journalism Contest

SC Governor's Committee on Employment

Of People with Disabilities

Full

Postmarked by February 1, 2018

Write a three page article on the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. This year's theme is "Inclusion Drives Innovation" (Information can be found in the Counseling Scholarship Drawer.) Also for more information and complete rules and eligibility requirements, visit <http://www.journalism.scvrd.net>

ACT College & Career Readiness Champions \$500 Deadline: December 31, 2017

This challenge is for someone who has overcome challenges and can present how they plan to get through the education process and go on to a successful career. Student must have a composite ACT score of a 22 on a single test date or a 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Preference will be given to underrepresented or first-generation college students. Application will consist of academics, demographic data, and short essays. Visit www.act.org/readinesschampions for more information and the application.

Ron Brown Scholarship \$40,000 (\$10,000/yr.) Postmarked by January 9, 2018

Academically talented African-Americans; strong record, leadership, community service need apply; see www.ronbrown.org for details & application. Information found in scholarship drawer.

B. Davis Scholarship \$1,000 Deadline: May 22, 2018

Write an essay of less than 1000 words on the topic: Three Characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe these traits are so important and how you feel they are developed in an individual. This is not an academic scholarship but they would like to know where you are going to school now and what your future academic plans are. Send submissions to awards@studentawardsearch.com

Christian Connector, Inc. \$2,500 scholarship drawing

A Free online Christian College Scholarship Resource Program allows students to search for the different types of scholarships that are of interest. Students can log onto www.christianconnector.com to request information and automatically be entered in the \$2,500 scholarship drawing.

Clemson Lyceum Scholars Program

Clemson Institute for the study of Capitalism up to \$10,000 Apply to Clemson and to the Program. Early application Deadline is December 11, 2017

This Program is dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society. Need only to apply to Clemson and to the CISC Lyceum Scholars Program. For more information: www.clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum.html. A flyer can be found in the scholarship drawer.

CollegeNet.com varies

CollegeNet.com is the first social network that gives students the power to decide who wins scholarships. Rewards students for thinking about, framing, and discussing current issues. Doesn't require essay submissions. Opens the debate so that students learn from each other. Allows students to compete and win every week. Gives students the power to decide who wins. For more information see the scholarship drawer.

The College Plan \$250 Deadline: drawing will be April 1, 2018

Student must be accepted into an accredited college, university or technical school. Drawing will be held by April 1st for the upcoming year. Complete the scholarship form that can be found in the scholarship drawer and returned to the Counseling and Advisement office or click [here](#)

Columbia College McNair Scholarship full tuition Application Deadline: January 6, 2018

Students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in high school, possess a commitment to service and leadership, and embody Christian values of community, responsibility, and concern for others. Candidates will be top students and strong community leaders. McNair Scholars serve as leaders on campus and receive special guidance and mentorship from the program's advisor. Click [here](#)

Discover Colleges \$1,000

Go to <http://www.discoverColleges.com> to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship. Just fill out the on-line form.

Harry Hampton/

Wallace Pate Scholarship \$2,500 (1 yr.) \$5,000 (4 yrs.) Deadline postmarked: January 31, 2018

Student planning to attend a S.C. college majoring in wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry or marine science. Download application at www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html to complete application; via email at jim.goller@hamptonwildlifefund.org or by phone at: 803-600-1570. You can apply to both of these scholarships but are only eligible to be awarded only one. . (NOTE: General biology, pre-medical biology and veterinary science are NOT eligible for this scholarship.) See details in scholarship drawer or click [here](#)

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James O. Thomason Scholarship \$2,000 per year/4yr. Deadline postmarked: January 31, 2018

Student planning to attend a S.C. college majoring in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications. To qualify, maintain a 2.5 GPA and must submit an essay (see criteria and application). Download application at www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html to complete application; via email at jim.goller@hamptonwildlifefund.org or by phone at: 803-600-1570. See details in scholarship drawer or click [here](#)

Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund

David M. Cline Scholarship \$2,000 (One year) Deadline postmarked: January 31, 2018

Students must be planning to attend a S.C. College and further their education in law enforcement/criminal justice/forensic science to qualify. Download application at www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html to complete application; via email at jim.goller@hamptonwildlifefund.org or by phone at: 803-600-1570. See details in scholarship drawer or click [here](#)

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship (3 to 4) \$2,500 one time Deadline: March 31, 2018

Senior planning to attend a four year college with a 3.0 or higher GPA; need based; academics; writing skill; demonstrate leadership abilities through participating in community services or other extra-curricular activities with required documentation. Transcript and recommendations required. All other requirements are listed on the complete application form in the scholarship drawer in Counseling and Advisement or click [here](#)

Scholarship awarded to sons and daughters of SRNS employees. Employees may request scholarship applications for their children by contacting Edith Hughes at (803)952-8210.

S. C. Junior Golf Foundation

Scholarship **\$1,500** **Deadline: January 9, 2018**

Plan to attend 4 year college in South Carolina; have competitive or recreational interest in golf; 2.75 GPA; apply on-line at www.scholarshipprograms.org

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes **\$500** **Apply online until May 14, 2018**

Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Fifteen chances to win with two winners chosen every two weeks from October to May. Enter online at <https://offtocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/>

University of Texas at Dallas

The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program **Full Tuition** **Apply to UT Dallas by January 3, 2018**

This scholarship is one of the nations most generous and selective undergraduate merit awards. Qualifications and deadlines are online. Applicants must apply to The University of Texas at Dallas.

WACE – National Co-Op Scholarship Program **160 Merit Scholarship totaling \$4.2 Million**
Deadline: Postmarked by February 15, 2018

Go to the online version of the Best of Co-op Guide for the most informative source about college level co-op programs. Students who are admitted to one of the eleven institutions listed in the scholarship brochure can apply for one of the scholarships. Go to www.waceinc.org to apply. Click [here](#) for more information.

Until more scholarships come in for us to publicize you can also visit:

www.fastweb.com

FinAid-www.finaid.org

Libraries

US Dept. of Education

Any college's financial aid office or website



**For additional scholarships go to
Student Scholarships.org and the link to receive their newsletter
www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php**

Helpful Websites for All Students

College Testing & Test Prep (4 year & 2 year Health Field)

www.collegeboard.com College Board (SAT)

- Test Prep, registration & amend registration

www.actstudent.org ACT

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College Search

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> College Navigator

www.collegeboard.com College Board (SAT)

www.actstudent.org ACT

Scholarship Search

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/> Federal Student Aid-An Office of the US Dept. of Education

<http://www.fastweb.com/> Free Scholarship Search

<http://www.finaid.org/> The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid

www.collegeboard.com College Board (SAT)

www.actstudent.org ACT

<http://www.sccango.org/> SC College Planning and State Scholarship Info

<http://www.che.sc.gov> SC Commission on Higher Education

- State Scholarship (Palmetto Fellow, Life and Hope)
- Academic Common Market

College Athletes

www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.com/ NCAA Eligibility Center

Register at the beginning of Senior year with clearinghouse if you plan to play college sports.

Military

<http://www.todaysmilitary.com/> Military Information

- Browse military careers for those enlisted and officers & Much More

Career Planning/Search

<http://www.careeronestop.org/> Career One Stop

- Statistics, Self-Assessments, Paths to Careers (training or education), and job listings

<http://dew.sc.gov/> SC Department of Employment and Workforce

<http://mebasc.com/> Midlands Education and Business Alliance

- “Building your Career Piece by Piece” (Great resources) & other resources

5 Things Students Should Do After Filling Out the FAFSA

The Department of Education recently published a list of 5 things students should do after filling out the FAFSA. It is a nice list of tips so we are republishing it here for you:

1. Review the FAFSA Confirmation Page

After you complete the FAFSA form online and click “SUBMIT,” you’ll see a confirmation page. This is not your financial aid offer. You’ll get that separately from the school(s) you apply to and get into. Your school(s) calculate your aid.

The confirmation page provides federal aid estimates based on the information you provided on your FAFSA form. It’s important to know that these figures are truly estimates and assume the information you provided on the FAFSA form is correct. To calculate the actual amount of aid you’re eligible for, your school will take into account other factors, such as the cost to attend the school. Additionally, these estimates only take into account federal aid and not outside scholarships or state and institutional financial assistance you may also be eligible for.

TIP: Each school you are accepted to and include on your FAFSA form will send you a financial aid offer. Until you receive this notification, it may be difficult to know exactly how much aid you might be eligible to receive from a specific school.

2. Review your Expected Family Contribution (EFC):

The information you report on your FAFSA form is used to calculate your EFC. It’s very important to note that the EFC, in most cases, is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college. Instead, the EFC is an index number used by financial aid offices to calculate your financial need. The formula they use is:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of attendance} \\ - \text{Expected family contribution} \\ = \text{Your financial “need”} \end{array}$$

Each school will do its best to meet your financial need. Some schools may meet 100% of your financial need, and other schools may only meet 10%—it just depends on the school and the financial aid they have available that year. You should complete the FAFSA form annually because there are many factors that can change from year to year.

NOTE: Contrary to popular belief, the EFC formula considers more than just income. Factors such as dependency status, family size, and the number of family members who will attend college are just a few of the additional factors considered.

3. Apply for as many Scholarships as you can:

Many schools won’t be able to meet your full financial need, so you’ll need a way to pay the difference between the financial aid your school offers and what the school costs. Scholarships are a great way to fill the gap. (Who doesn’t like free money?)

But don’t wait until after you receive your financial aid offer to start applying for scholarships. There are thousands of scholarships out there, but many have early deadlines. Set a goal for yourself; for example, maybe you aim to apply to one scholarship per week. There’s tons of free money, but you can’t get it unless you apply. Make scholarship applications your focus while you wait for your financial aid offer. The applications may take some time, but the possible pay out makes it all worth it.

4. Be on the Lookout for your Aid (Offers):

The 2018–19 FAFSA form was made available on Oct. 1, 2017. Even if you submit it early, that doesn't mean you'll get an aid offer right away. Each school has a different schedule for awarding and paying out financial aid.

Remember that your school disburses your aid, not the "FAFSA people" (Federal Student Aid). Contact your school's financial aid office for details about when they send out aid offers. If you want to report significant changes in your family or financial situation, contact your school's financial aid office.

TIP: After your FAFSA form has been processed successfully, it's a good idea to make sure the schools you listed on your FAFSA form have received everything they need. You should find out if your school requires additional applications or documentation and submit any required documentation by the appropriate deadlines.

5. Make FAFSA Corrections if you need to:

Lastly, after your FAFSA form has been processed (which takes about 3 days), you can go back and submit a correction to certain fields. This includes correcting a typo or adding another school to receive your FAFSA information. Log in with your FSA ID, and then click "Make FAFSA Corrections." You can add up to 10 schools at a time.

NOTE: Parents of dependent students cannot initiate a FAFSA correction. Students have to begin the correction process by logging in with their FSA ID, clicking "Make FAFSA Corrections," and creating a Save Key they can share with their parent.

Nondiscrimination Policies - Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX. Inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504 for elementary students go to the Coordinator of ESOL/RtI and for secondary students to the Director of Counseling and Advisement. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II. Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at P. O. Box 1869, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803)-821-1000.