



SENIOR MEMO

LTC Career Festival

March 15, 2018 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Come see all the courses offered at Lexington Technology Center
for ALL Students in Lexington One.*

*There will be food, entertainment, games, interactive activities, prizes, giveaways, etc.
for all ages at no cost.*

ASVAB Test

The ASVAB test (also known as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test) will be administered on Tuesday, April 10 at 9 a.m. at LHS.

This test is available to students in the
10th, 11th, and 12th grade.

ASVAB scores are used to determine if you are qualified to enlist in the military and to assign you to an appropriate job in the military.



OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL AID PROCESS



\$\$\$ 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.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Please follow the procedure outlined below when making applications.

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. Most of these are done on line so 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 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 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 allow them a week or two to process them and update your student's account.



Which College Do I Choose?



CHOOSING A COLLEGE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED

Compare colleges by facts

CollegeRealityCheck.com is a free, easy-to-use tool that shares facts and figures that students, parents, and counselors should weigh when making decisions about college.

The tool works with customized factors to generate a student's best college match, such as:

- Net price based on actual family income
- Projected monthly student loan payments
 - Potential earnings after graduation
 - Graduation rates
 - Desired location

College Reality Check helps students and their families look beyond the cost of college

College Reality Check helps families compare colleges by facts, not fluff at **CollegeRealityCheck.com**



College Open Houses



Benedict College – Open House – April 19, 2018

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

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

Newberry College – **Open House** - March 17, 2018

Paul Mitchell Columbia Cosmetology – **Open House** - March 27, 2018 – 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

SCAD – **SCADAY** – Savannah - April 14, 2018

Explore SCAD Spotlight Day – April 28, May 18, 2018

Seton Hall – **Open House** – April 22, 2018

Spartanburg Methodist – **Open House** - March 17, 2018

USC Aiken – **Open House** - April 13, 2018

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

Western Carolina – **Open House** – March 24, 2018

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



College Representatives Visit LHS



Representatives from the following college will be visiting LHS on the dates listed. Read your daily announcements to know when to come by the counseling office to pick up a pass.

Lander University – March 7 10:15 – 11:30 – Counseling Conference Room

Charleston Southern – March 7 10:30 – 2:00 - Cafeteria



Students and parents may visit our new site to see planned events and 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>

Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus Health Sciences HOSA Day

Friday, April 20, 2018

Check in 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Event 8:45 am – 2:00 pm

Students will be able to tour and participate in activities in Health Sciences Programs.

MTC College Application fee will be waived for those who apply that day.

Seniors who bring their transcripts – reviewed for possible acceptance that day.

Click [here](#) for MTC's flyer for more information.



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in the Criminal Justice Program?

Anderson has developed one of the first Emergency Operations Center partnerships in the nation.

To learn more:

www.andersonuniversity.edu/criminal-justice

Also if you're interested in Business, Anderson has been recognized by Business Week magazine for a unique internship and job recruiting partnership with Enterprise.

To learn more:

www.andersonuniversity.edu/business



Did you know? Anderson University now has a School of Nursing. Anderson University invites you to experience one of the most unique, Christian University Nursing programs in the region. To learn more about Anderson University's traditional bachelor's degree in nursing, or to schedule a visit to campus, visit www.andersonuniversity.edu/nursing, or call 1-800-542-3594, or 864-231-5763



2018 National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) June 27- July 21, 2018

Two high school seniors will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership.

For more information and application visit <http://apply.nysc.org>

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Business Week

The mission of this week is to introduce students to the principles of leadership, team work and the American free enterprise system.

Seniors who have completed their spring semester and are in the top one-third of their class and possess leadership skills through school and community activities are encouraged to apply.

Complete application; Essay

Business week is held on the Presbyterian College campus, July 22-27, 2018.

Application deadline is April 30, 2018.

For more information see Scholarship drawer



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

❄️ Scholarship Application Hints ❄️

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

1. The primary role of the Counseling Department related to scholarships is to promote awareness of opportunities available to you. The criteria for the majority of scholarships have been determined by outside organizations and colleges. We will be happy to assist you in processing scholarship applications as needed.
2. Check the 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 Counseling.
3. Scholarship applications/pre-applications will be available in the file drawer in the Counseling Office. You may access this information without making an appointment with a counselor.
4. Take responsibility for watching deadlines and for completing your portion of applications.

LOOKING FOR A NEW LINK TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

GoodCall.com

<https://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/>

Browse for scholarships by a variety of categories such as Major, Athletics, Religion, Disability, State, College, etc.

Visit the following website filled with information about colleges and college admissions, college life, career schools, scholarships, and financial aid at: < <http://www.college-scholarships.com>>



Visit this website to find hundreds of scholarships to apply for:

<http://usascholarships.com/>

NOTE: Please inform the counseling and advisement office of any scholarship awards received regardless of your intention to accept them. Just bring us a copy of your award letter. We would like to recognize all scholarships awarded to LHS seniors at awards night and on the graduation program.

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

2018 Student-View

Scholarship Program **\$500-\$4000** **Deadline: On-line until April 22, 2018**

Log on to <http://www.student-view.com/> and complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program **\$1,000** **Deadline: June 14, 2018**

To apply for this scholarship you will need to write a 500 to 1,000 word essay on the topic below: Describe your educational career and life goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals. Your essay must be submitted by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com For more information click [here](#).

ABWA – American Business

Women’s Association **\$800 to \$1,600 yr.** **Deadline: Postmarked March 26, 2018**

The Lucretia M. Cayruth Scholarship of the ABWA Midlands Chapter was established to help business women achieve their business or professional goals through education. Criteria for this scholarship is to be a US Citizen, attend an accredited technical school, college or university, and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. Three character reference letters; transcript; acceptance letter from a college and a one-page biographical essay on the candidate’s decision to pursue a professional career. Additional information found in scholarship drawer. Click [here](#)

Anne and Ed Pitts Memorial Scholarship **varies** **Deadline: April 13, 2018**

Seniors pursuing post-secondary education who attended **Anne Pitts Child Development Center** at least 2 years; application, recommendations, etc. Click [here](#) for application

April Lynn Quinton

Memorial Scholarship **\$1,000** **Deadline: March 15, 2018**

Senior planning to attend a South Carolina College or university and major in Special Education. Must have a 3.2 GPA or higher and a SAT score of at least 1100 or ACT score of 22. Complete application, transcript, two letters of recommendation, essay. Turn in to the counseling office when completed. A transcript will then be attached. Application can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#)

Athnet Sports Recruiting Scholarship **\$1,000** **Deadline: June 1, 2018**

Must be a current or former athlete and will be entering a college in the fall. Write a 500-700 word essay describing how the lessons you have learned through playing sports have positively impacted you as you pursue your college education. Email your essay and other required information to scholarships@athleticscholarships.net

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

Black Note \$2,000 Smoke-Free World Scholarship **\$2,000** **Deadline: March 30, 2018**

Black Note is looking to award a scholarship to each student that shares innovative, ingenious or just plain good ideas on ways to help smokers put down cigarettes and join the world's smoke-free movement. To be eligible you must complete an online application, and submit an essay discussing your smoke-free world ideas. Click on <https://www.blacknote.com/scholarship/> to complete the application and to find out information about the scholarship.

Bobby Chapman Junior Golf

Foundation Scholarship \$1,500 (renewing annually) Deadline to Counseling: March 1,

2018 To be nominated the student must plan to attend 4 year college; 3.0 or better GPA, character, leadership, etc.; If nominated, an application, recommendations and a writing sample must be completed. The student recipient may or may not be a golfer. The scholarship program will only accept two applications from each school.

Click [here](#) for the nomination form or a nomination form can be found in the scholarship drawer.

Carrie Mayer-Cowan and Benjamin Mayer

Memorial Scholarship \$1000 Deadline: March 15, 2018

LHS Student; Plan to pursue a degree in science education or engineering at a 4-year college or university in South Carolina. 3.5 GPA & 1150 SAT or 24 ACT; application, transcript, 2 recommendations, 2 short essays. Turn in to the counseling office when completed. A transcript will then be attached. Applications can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#) for the application.

Central Carolina Community Foundation Varies Deadline: March 5, 2018

Specific criteria and an application form can be found at www.yourfoundation.org/scholarship-opportunities. Submit an online application.

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.

Clio Scholarship \$500 Deadline: May 1, 2018

If you are a senior interested in entering the field of teaching as a K-12 social studies teacher this is the scholarship for you. Simply go to <http://www.sccss.org/page-1796036> to apply.

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 Chapter of Delta Sigma

Theta Scholarship \$1000 to \$1500 Deadline: Postmarked March 12, 2018

Seniors: male or female planning to attend college/university or planning to attend a historically black college/university or plan to major in the arts – Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Creative Writing or Drama. 400-750 word narrative; 3 letters of recommendations and an official transcript. See application for full instructions. Click [here](#)

Columbia Urban League

Blue Cross BlueShield of SC \$5,000 Deadline to Counseling: March 23, 2018

Graduating African-Americans who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0; community activities and service projects; financial need; must have participated in a Columbia Urban League Program; accepted to an accredited college or university; transcript; photograph; reference letters; essay and tax information. See scholarship drawer for more information and application and you can also click [here](#) for a copy of the application.

Columbia Urban League

Brenda Jones Memorial **\$5,000** **Deadline to Counseling: March 23, 2018**

Graduating African-Americans who have a cumulative 3.0; community activities and service projects; accepted by an accredited college or university; essay; photograph, tax information; transcript; color photograph; recommendations, etc. See scholarship drawer for more information and application and you can click [here](#) for a copy of the application.

Discover Colleges **\$2,500** **Deadline: Complete form on-line**

Go to <http://www.discovercolleges.com/> to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship.

Ernestine and Walter P. Rawl Scholarship **\$500** **Deadline: March 15, 2018**

The criteria for this scholarship is financial need; essay on Agriculture; extracurricular activities and community involvement; personal analysis and interview. This scholarship is for a student pursuing a four year degree in Agriculture and must be an active member in the LTC FFA Chapter. For more information about the application click [here](#) and a copy of the application can be found in the scholarship drawer.

George Rogers Foundation **Award determined by GPA** **Deadline: March 9, 2018**

Applicants must be a first-generation college student; GPA 2.5; transcript; recommendation; application. Award will be based on academic achievements, extracurricular activity involvement, and civic services. Applications can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#)

Greater Columbia

Educational Advancement Foundation **\$1,000** **Nom. Deadline: March 14, 2018**

Student must have a 3.5 overall GPA; at least 95% attendance; involvement in interscholastic athletics; exhibits outstanding character and citizenship. **Please be aware that students receiving full scholarships are not eligible for this scholarship.** A recommendation will be needed if you are nominated. The pre-application can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#). Turn into the counseling office when completed. A transcript will then be attached.

Holocaust Scholarship **\$1,000** **Deadline: Postmarked by Sunday, April 1, 2018**

This scholarship is offered in memory of those who perished during the Holocaust. This scholarship is open to seniors who will attend a two- or four-year college in the state of South Carolina. Requirements for the scholarship are the application form, acceptance letter for the college you will be attending and the assigned essay. The scholarship can be found in the 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](#)

Joye Law Firm Scholarship 6/\$2,000 Deadline: Counseling office by March 23, 2018

Recipients are based on creative entry, school activities, positions of leadership, special honors and awards, community involvement, academic performance, and professional pursuits. Online application; transcript; and creative entry that warns of the dangers of drunk driving and/or distracted driving. Information can be found in the scholarship drawer or apply at <http://www.joyelawfirm.com/scholarship>

Justin Thomas Gustav Pepper Memorial

Scholarship for Lexington/Newberry County Schools \$1,000 Return all materials to the Counseling office by no later than March 8 for us to get them returned to their office by the March 15, 2018 deadline.

The criteria for this scholarship is for the applicant to be active in volunteer activities, evidence of academic standing, work experience, leadership, maturity and character and a written statement that is worthy of this scholarship. Selected finalists may be interviewed. Applications can be found in the Scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Lander University Legacy Scholarship \$4,000 to \$12,000 Deadline: Apply to Lander by March 15, 2018 Scholarship per year is based upon GPA

Each Lander alumnus or alumna must complete a recommendation form for an entering first-time freshman and submit the form to the Office of Enrollment Management. Only children (conventional or adopted), siblings or nieces/nephews are eligible to be recommended. For additional information and the recommendation form click [here](#) or copies can be found in the scholarship drawer.

Lexington Chamber's

Doris Burkett Scholarship \$3,000 LHS Deadline: March 21, 2018

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior from Lexington School District One. The award is based on need, moral integrity, and potential of individual to be productive citizen; complete application, essay, and recommendations. Turn in to the counseling office to provide an official transcript.

***Two students from Lexington School District One will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.**

Return applications to the Counseling & Advisement office.

Click [here](#) for the application or you can find a copy of the application in the scholarship drawer in the Counseling office.

Lexington County Clemson Club \$1500+ Deadline: Postmarked by March 16, 2018

Students must be accepted and plan to attend Clemson. Students accepted into the Bridge program are not eligible. Complete application with copy of income tax information. Return to the counseling office in time for the counselors to do their part. Applications can be found in the scholarship drawer.

Lexington Medical

Center Auxiliary Scholarship \$1,000 to \$3,000 Deadline: March 15, 2018

All materials should be at the medical center address provided by this date.

Lexington County students who are planning to pursue a 2 or 4 year nursing degree; complete application, essay, recommendations, etc. You may apply for the Eunice R. Medhurst/Marjorie S. Norton/Beverly A. Telfer Scholarship or the Ann Bethea Scholarship but you **cannot apply for both scholarships**. Application and instructions for the scholarships are in the Counseling and Advisement office scholarship drawer, or on the Lexington Medical Center website or click [here](#).

Lexington School District One

Educational Office Professionals \$1,000 Deadline to Counseling: March 29, 2018

Plan to pursue a career in a Business program (Computer Science, Advertising, Marketing, Accounting, etc.). Maintain a 3.0 GPA. Plan to enter a post high school, accredited two or four-year institution. Demonstrates commitment to the business profession through grades and character. Submit application, written response to two essay questions and three recommendations. Click [here](#) for the application and more information about the scholarship.

Lexington Woman's Club

Anne Pitts Home Life Scholarship **varies** **Deadline: March 21, 2018**

Senior (male or female) entering the field of medicine at an institute of higher learning **in the state of South Carolina** with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications will be judged on character, need, purpose, achievement and academics. This is a one-time only scholarship. Complete application, obtain two letters of recommendation and complete an essay; transcript. For a copy of the application Click [here](#)

Lexington Woman's Club

Education Scholarship **varies** **Deadline: April 10, 2018**

Students attending LHS, River Bluff, Pelion, Gilbert or White Knoll High School who are planning to pursue a degree in Education; financial need, leadership, academics, community service; application, essay, recommendations. Turn in to the Counseling and Advisement office when **completed**. We will attach a transcript. Click [here](#) for more information and application. Application can also be found in the scholarship drawer.

Lighthouse Guild **up to \$10,000** **Deadline: March 31, 2018**

Lighthouse Guild offers an annual scholarship program for college bound high school and graduate students who are legally blind. Complete application form online, proof of legal blindness, US citizenship, three letters of recommendation, two personal statements, etc. Apply online www.lighthouseguild.org/scholarships

Midlands Technical College Foundation

Scholarships **Various** **Deadline: April 15, 2018**

MTC college foundation offers numerous scholarships. Go to <http://www.midlandstech.edu/scholarships> for more information.

Nate Boyer Memorial Scholarship **\$1,000** **Deadline: March 15, 2018**

High School senior interested and has been involved in the arts – music, poetry, visual arts, philosophy or religion and has been involved with athletics at any level (e.g., rec. club, school) while in high school. Must plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Complete application and essay questions. Request official high school transcript; recommendations, etc. Application can be found in scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

OMBAR "Aspiring Business Professional" Scholarship **\$1,000** **June 1, 2018**

This scholarship is to promote business and its related fields as a career and to encourage students to research a career in business. Scholarship will be rewarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in business at an accredited college, has demonstrated a record of academic success and has shown that they have a passion and drive for a business career. Application and essay are submitted online at

<http://www.onlinembareport.com/2018-aspiring-business-professional-scholarship-application>

General information about the scholarship click [here](#)

Perrin “Ricky” Love Memorial Scholarship **\$500** **Deadline: March 15, 2018**
LHS senior with a 2.5 GPA who plans to attend a 2 or 4 year college in South Carolina; character, sincerity of purpose and potential; application, 2 recommendations, short essay. Turn in to the counseling office when completed. A transcript will then be attached. A copy of the application can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. **1,250** **Postmarked by March 27, 2018**
This chapter will award eleven scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each to graduating seniors in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield school districts. All applications are based on financial need, GPA, SAT/ACT results, essay, letters of recommendation, and extra-curricular activities. For information about the scholarships and the application click [here](#) or the information can be found in the scholarship in the counseling office.

Rotary Club Scholarship **2/\$4,000 for LHS** **Deadline: April 9, 2018**
LHS student who plans to attend a 4-year college; financial need, academics, extra curricula's, interview, cannot be child of Rotarian; applications can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Sale-Cromer Scholarship Fund **\$3000** **Deadline: March 15, 2018**
3.5 GPA/1000 SAT; Leadership and financial need. Someone who would have a hard time attending college if not for assistance with scholarship money. Applications available in the scholarship drawer in the counseling office or click [here](#). There will be interviews for this scholarship. Turn application in to the Counseling Office when completed. A transcript will then be attached.

Shari Smith Musical Study Scholarship **\$5,000** **Deadline: April 20, 2018**
LHS senior who is pursuing study of vocal performance, choral music, musical theatre, instrumental music, and music or theatre education. Application; recommendations. Return application and recommendations to the counseling office. Click [here](#)

SC Association of Extension Administrative Professionals **\$1000** **Deadline: Postmarked by March 2, 2018**
Any senior pursuing, planning to enter, or further his/her career in administrative office technology, accounting, business management, or business administration field. Recommendation; resume; essay; transcript. Applications must be mailed by the student. Click [here](#) for the application and a copy will be in the scholarship drawer.

SC Coaches Assoc. of Women’s Sports Educator’s Scholarship **\$1000** **Pre-Application Deadline to Counseling: March 13, 2018**
Female seniors planning to major in Education; SAT/1000 and/or ACT/22; extracurricular activities, essay, recommendations, transcript. Pre-Application found in scholarship drawer or Click [here](#)

SC Coaches Assoc. of Women’s Sports and Trophies by “M” Medical Scholarship **\$1000** **Pre-Application Deadline to Counseling: March 13, 2018**
Female seniors planning to major in the medical field. SAT/1000 and/or ACT/22; extracurricular activities, essay, financial need, recommendations, transcript. Pre-Application can be found in scholarship drawer or Click [here](#)

SCEAR – South Carolina Education

Association Retired Scholarship \$1,000 per year Deadline: Postmarked by March 15, 2018

Senior planning to attend a four year college in the field of education; Maintain a 3.0; demonstrate leadership and need financial assistance; picture required. Application and essay required. Essay Topic: “My Choice of Teaching as a Profession.” See application in Counseling drawer for more information. Click [here](#)

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/>

Thomas Day Caughman

Memorial Scholarship \$2000 Deadline: March 15, 2018

LHS senior who plans to attend 2 or 4 year college in SC; financial need, character, achievement, academics, complete application, essay, recommendations. Turn in to the counseling office when completed. A transcript will then be attached. Click [here](#) for a copy of the scholarship or you can find a copy in the scholarship drawer in counseling.

Universal Retirement Scholarship \$1,000 Deadline: July 31, 2018

Record a one to two minute video answering the following question: Why is it crucial to start saving for retirement at an early age? Click [here](#) for all the rules and information about the scholarship.

Vivint Smart Home Scholarship \$5,000 Deadline: May 1, 2018

This scholarship requires you to make a video concerning home safety against home invasion, burglary or vandalism or of a time when a security system was a benefit to you or someone you know. For eligibility requirements go to their website at <http://www.vivint.com/scholarship>

William M. Long Scholarship

Oak Grove Elementary School PTA (2)\$500 Deadline to Counseling: April 13, 2018

Lexington School District One Senior who attended OGES at least 4 years; extracurricular, character, etc; plan to attend 2 or 4 year college in S. C.; complete application and recommendations or for a copy of the application Click [here](#)

FYI FYI FYI

For those of you who may be experiencing “**senioritis**”, remember how important these final grades can be. Colleges make decisions based on the final transcript and that could also mean the difference in receiving the \$5,000 LIFE scholarship. Many of you are very close to the 3.0 GPA so work hard in your classes during this term.

The deadline for the April 4 **ACT** test is March 9, 2018. This test **is** here at LHS.

The deadline for the May 5 **SAT** test is April 6, 2018. This test **is** here at LHS.

...If You Don't Get In...

"...You are what you are, and you are not greater if you get into your first-choice school or less if you do not. You will make the best of life's opportunities and your own gifts, if you believe in yourself. If you do not have confidence in yourself and respect yourself, you will be defeated by disappointment.

...Go to the school that both accepts you and most closely resembles the sort of school you want...Withhold judgment until you are admitted, and then take seriously the school that wants you. I have spent my entire career in Ivy League universities. Believe me; they have no monopoly on great scholarship-far from it. They have no corner on good teaching or happy student life. They offer a good education. So do a great many other colleges and universities. That is a simple fact. Please accept it from me. If you are not admitted to the school you really thought you wanted, but are admitted to one lower down on your list, go to that school with respect for the school and regard for yourself.

Greatness comes from within. Achievement is what you do, not what other people say. Lives of worth and service take shape in every kind of circumstance. We are what we do, and not what people say about us. If you are disappointed, pick up your life and go on. You are better for it. So too will be the many people to whose disappointment you can relate because of your own, the many whose lives will be better and richer because of you."

Jacob Neusner, *How To Grade Your Professors and Other Unexpected Advice*. (Boston: Beacon Press, 1984, pp. 87-88)

“Impossible only means you haven’t found the solution yet.”
Anonymous

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.

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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<https://scvspconnect.ed.sc.gov/> SC Virtual School

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.college-scholarships.com> American Educational Guidance Center

<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

What are the skills every 18-year-olds need?

1. An 18-year-old must be able to talk to strangers — faculty, deans, advisers, landlords, store clerks, human resource managers, coworkers, bank tellers, health care providers, bus drivers, mechanics—in the real world.

The crutch: We teach kids not to talk to strangers instead of teaching the more nuanced skill of how to discern the few bad strangers from the mostly good ones. Thus, kids end up not knowing how to approach strangers — respectfully and with eye contact — for the help, guidance, and direction they will need out in the world.

2. An 18-year-old must be able to find his way around a campus, the town in which her summer internship is located, or the city where he is working or studying abroad.

The crutch: We drive or accompany our children everywhere, even when a bus, their bicycle, or their own feet could get them there; thus, kids don't know the route for getting from here to there, how to cope with transportation options and snafus, when and how to fill the car with gas, or how to make and execute transportation plans.

3. An eighteen-year-old must be able to manage his assignments, workload, and deadlines.

The crutch: We remind kids when their homework is due and when to do it— sometimes helping them do it, sometimes doing it for them; thus, kids don't know how to prioritize tasks, manage workload, or meet deadlines, without regular reminders.

4. An 18-year-old must be able to contribute to the running of a house hold.

The crutch: We don't ask them to help much around the house because the check listed childhood leaves little time in the day for anything aside from academic and extracurricular work; thus, kids don't know how to look after their own needs, respect the needs of others, or do their fair share for the good of the whole.

5. An 18-year-old must be able to handle interpersonal problems.

The crutch: We step in to solve misunderstandings and soothe hurt feelings for them; thus, kids don't know how to cope with and resolve conflicts without our intervention.

6. An 18-year-old must be able to cope with ups and downs of courses and workloads, college- level work, competition, tough teachers, bosses, and others.

The crutch: We step in when things get hard, finish the task, extend the deadline, and talk to the adults; thus, kids don't know that in the normal course of life things won't always go their way, and that they'll be okay regardless.

7. An 18-year-old must be able to earn and manage money.

The crutch: They don't hold part-time jobs; they receive money from us for whatever they want or need; thus, kids don't develop a sense of responsibility for completing job tasks, accountability to a boss who doesn't inherently love them, or an appreciation for the cost of things and how to manage money.

8. An 18-year-old must be able to take risks.

The crutch: We've laid out their entire path for them and have avoided all pitfalls or prevented all stumbles for them; thus, kids don't develop the wise understanding that success comes only after trying and failing and trying again (a.k.a. "grit") or the thick skin (a.k.a. "resilience") that comes from coping when things have gone wrong.

Remember: our kids must be able to do all of these things without resorting to calling a parent on the phone. If they're calling us to ask how, they do not have the life skill.

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