

SENIOR MEMO

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. You may go ahead and request that transcript and it will be put on hold until the grades are ready to be delivered to the college. If you have any questions, see your counselor or Mrs. Crapps in the Counseling Department.



How to Connect to Parchment.com can be found [here](#).

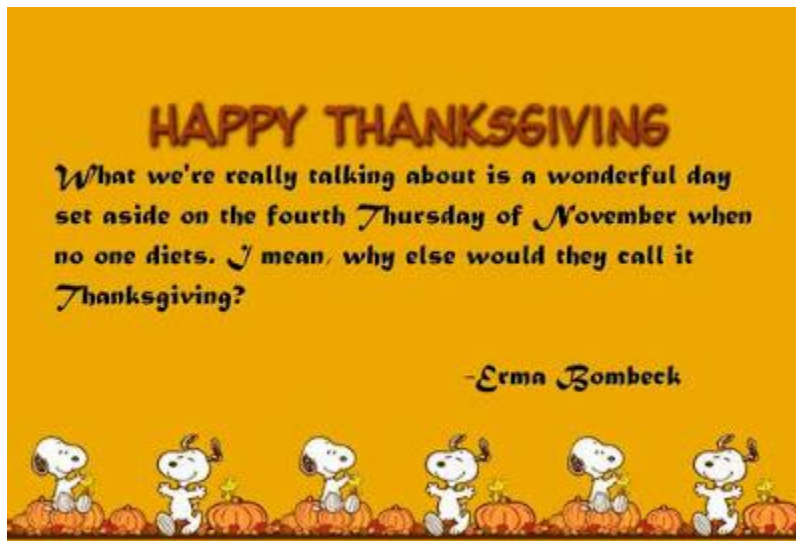


**Students be careful of this very important step
when you are registering in Parchment**

Problem: Year of graduation

Resolving the problem:

- **If a parent is doing your registration, make sure he/she is entering your information not theirs.**
- **Make sure the graduation leave year is 2019.**



2019 National Merit Scholarship Correction

Congratulations to Hoda Abdalla, Mehul Jain, Paul Kim, Raymond Lin, Kevin Shah, and Winni Zheng for being named Semifinalists in the Competition.

Congratulations to Connor Hewson who has been named a Commended student in the 2019 National Merit Program.

RESOURCES TO GUIDE YOUR WAY

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Please follow the procedure outlined below when making applications:

1. Decide where you will apply.
2. Visit the college web site. Apply online (recommended) or download a paper application.
3. Fill out the application completely - include appropriate fees (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. Instructions on Parchment are printed below.
6. Allow at least five 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 have not done so.
9. A \$2.00 fee 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 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 www.Parchment.com well ahead of the deadline. We know the deadlines of the colleges and we do our best to process your transcripts through Parchment and complete any other paperwork needed in a timely manner. Understand that colleges have their own procedures as well. With the number of applications schools receive you should allow them a week or two to process them and update your student's account.



Need Help with FAFSA On your Time?
Midlands Tech is here to help!
Click [here](#)

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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 9 ACT test is **January 11, 2019**. **The test is here at LHS.**
3. The deadline for the March 9 SAT test is **February 8, 2019**. **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.

Announcements from our Career Specialists

JOB SHADOWING

See your career specialists to job shadow. We can help you find someone to shadow or you may shadow someone you know. We will give you all the necessary forms and get the absence excused. Rms. E202-E203.

- Lexington Medical Center has two days in December (**SEE US NOW**)
December 12, December 13
- Palmetto Health Baptist Parkridge offers LHS shadowing February 28, 2019

Other Internships

Seniors wanting to intern in another career field must see the Career Specialists to get an application and return it by the due date: **November 30, 2018**. These internships are individually based and you **MUST** speak with a career specialist to set it up, Rms E202-E203. **Must have GPA of 2.5 or higher.**



The Office of Admissions would like to announce that our new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) 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, 2019 - \$200 travel voucher to visit Converse – <http://converse.edu/TravelVoucher>

Francis Marion University – Open House - February 2, March 2 and April 6, 2019

Full Sail University Behind the Scenes Tour – December 2, 2018

Hamilton College, New York – Saturday visits – November 3, November 10, 2018

Midlands Tech – Senior Day – December 7, February 15, 2019

Samford University, Alabama – School of the Arts Auditions - February 1-2, February 22-23, 2019

USC Upstate – Open House – March 30, 2019, April 27, 2019 – FAB Friday – December 7, 2018, February 1, 2019, March 1, 2019 and April 5, 2019

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. With regard to scholarships, the primary role of the Counseling Department 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 the application.



College and Scholarship Opportunities



RaiseMe

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

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

2019 Journalism Contest SC Governor's Committee on Employment Of People with Disabilities

Full Postmarked by February 2, 2019

Write a three page article on the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. This year's theme is "America's Workforce: Empowering All." 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>.

Agnes Scott College

Trailblazer Scholarship \$25,000/4yrs Deadline: January 15, 2019

Apply to this all women's college and have one of the following at the time of applying: 3.75 GPA; 1250 SAT score OR 26 ACT score. To retain the scholarship once granted, recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA for the entire four years of eligibility. You need only apply to the college to have application to the scholarship.

American Legion Oratorical Contest \$500-\$18,000 Deadline: January 11, 2019

Students in grades 9-12; prepare 8-10 minute speech on any phase of the Constitution; For details, rules and regulations from the Department website – <http://www.scarolinalegion.org> under Legion Programs (Oratorical Contest).

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Full Tuition Deadline: December 1, 2018

To apply you must submit your application for admission along with two Trustee Scholarship essays. Information found here or in the Scholarship drawer.

Christian Connector, Inc. \$2,500 scholarship drawing \$2,500 drawing No deadline

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.

The Christopher Conner Foundation Scholarship up to \$2,000 Deadline: February 28, 2019

The "Here Today" Scholarship is to help musicians or aspiring musicians further their music education. Applicants must meet at least three of the following qualifications: Demonstrate talent and music ability, provide documented plan to further their music education, should maintain a good academic record, demonstrate financial need, or the student should be a resident of South Carolina. Applicant should submit the application, a short, written description (or video/audio tape) detailing why they deserve the scholarship, history of music experience and a letter of recommendation. The application and details of the scholarship can be found [here](#) or a copy will be in the scholarship drawer in the counseling office.

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 10, 2018

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

The College Plan \$250 Deadline: drawing will be April 1, 2019

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](#)

B. Davis Scholarship \$1,000 Deadline: May 24, 2019

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 by email to: awards@studentawardsearch.com

Discover Student Loans \$10,000 (11) Deadline: Begins October 1 and ends January 31, 2019

Scholarships are geared toward seniors of the United States and who are planning to attend college next school year. Students can get tips and resources on paying for college and enter for a chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship. Go to the Discover website at <https://scholarship.collegecovered.com> for scholarship information and details.

FIDM National Scholarship Competition total of more than \$300,000 Deadline: March 29, 2019

FIDM awards more than 28 scholarships, including eight full one-year scholarships worth \$31,500. Seniors who are interested in global industries of fashion, visual arts, graphics, interior design, social media, and entertainment. Visit <http://bit.ly/FIDMscholarship> for entry details.

Francis Marion

Robert E. McNair Scholarship Full Apply to Francis Marion by December 1, 2018

Apply to Francis Marion; a score of 1100 or higher; 24 or higher on the ACT; have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; have an interest in a career in public service, broadly defined and be willing to commit to study abroad and service learning opportunities while enrolled at FMU. Applications on-line at: www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/scholarship. To be considered for the McNair Scholarship, one must complete and submit the following by December 1, 2018: McNair Scholarship Application, two Letters of Recommendation and two essays. Complete information found in scholarship drawer.

**GE- Ronald Reagan Foundation Scholarship \$10,000/4yrs Nominations to Counseling :
December 3, 2018 Deadline for Application: Online January 4, 2019**

Exhibit the values of Ronald Reagan: leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. Provide information regarding academics, financial and extracurricular backgrounds, nominations from a community leader and an academic recommendation. Information and nomination forms can be found in the scholarship drawer or click [here](#).

Harry Hampton/

**Wallace Pate Scholarship \$2,500 (1 yr.) \$5,000 (4 yrs.) Deadline postmarked:
January 31, 2019**

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](#)

Harry Hampton;

**James O. Thomason Scholarship \$2,000 per year/4yr. Deadline postmarked: January 31,
2019**

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,
2019**

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](#)

Jefferson Scholars Program

(University of Virginia) Full Nomination Deadline: December 3, 2018

It is highly recommended that the nominee be interested in attending UVA, but not required of nominees; exceptional ability in leadership, citizenship and scholarship; Complete pre-application found in scholarship drawer or click [here](#) to be nominated.

Kittie M. Fairey

Educational Fund Scholarship up to ½ tuition, rm & bd LHS Deadline January 9, 2019

Seniors seeking Bachelor's degree from S.C. College; academics and financial need – must have 3.0 GPA, You may apply on-line at www.csascholars.org/kmfr Click [here](#) for more information.

Midlands Technical College Foundation

Scholarships Various Deadline: April 15, 2019

MTC college foundation offers numerous scholarships. Go to Midlands Tech financial aid site for more information. Go to: <https://www.midlandstech.edu/FoundationScholarships> to apply.

Navy ROTC Scholarship \$180,000 Deadline: December 31, 2018

Earn a 4 year scholarship with no obligation to the Navy until your sophomore year. Program completion and graduation will result in Commissioning in the US Navy. A 5 year minimum active duty obligation as a naval officer is required. Must be at least 17 years of age and not older than 23 with a combined SAT Score of 1050 and a score of 22 in the ACT or Top 10% of Graduation Class. For more information: apply on line at <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>

NHS Scholarship

(National Honor Society) Up to \$25,000 Deadline: November 29, 2018

The NHS Scholarship has been in existence since 1946 and more than \$15 million in scholarships has been awarded to NHS senior members. The on-line application can be found at www.nhs.us/scholardollars. Watch a webinar to get tips and best practices for transforming your leadership and service experiences into compelling stories for your scholarship application. Information about the scholarship can be found [here](#) or in the scholarship drawer in counseling.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

U.S. Scholarship Program \$1,000 Deadline: January 18, 2019

Graduating high school seniors, for more information or apply today at <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/corporate-scholarships/ronald-mcdonald-house-charities-rmhc-scholars-award> Columbia has a local chapter for the RMHC Scholars program.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) (15)\$3,000 Deadline to Counseling: January 29, 2019

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.

The Silver Pen Up to \$1,500 Deadline: December 7, 2018

Wellmore of Tega Cay, a retirement community located here in Lexington is offering this writing competition. Silver Pen is an opportunity to bridge the communication gap between younger and older generations. Essay Topic and Essay rules can be found in the scholarship drawer and [here](#).

SACAC Southern Association

For College Admission Counseling

Horizon Award Student Scholarship \$1,000 Deadline: January 15, 2019

This scholarship will be awarded to five high school seniors to a college of their choosing. For more information and to access the online application, visit <https://www.sacac.org/knowledge-center/for-students-and-parents/horizon-award/>.

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstake \$500 Apply online until May 13, 2019

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 December 7, 2018

This scholarship is one of the nation's 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, 2019

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.todaymilitary.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:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cost of attendance} \\ &\text{– Expected family contribution} \\ &= \text{Your financial “need”} \end{aligned}$$

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