Scholarships and More! - January

Things to Do:

- 1. Check whether you have a CFNC account (CFNC.org) and complete **Residency Determination Service (RDS)** at <u>ncresidency.org</u> if you are applying to any NC colleges or universities.
 - Have ready from student and parents/legal guardians:
 - Social Security Numbers
 - o Birth Dates
 - Date of Marriage and/or separation
 - Tax Filing Status from the last 2 years
 - o Driver's License Info
 - o Vehicle License Plate Number
 - Voter Registration Info
- 2. The **FAFSA** is open! Complete ASAP!
 - The FAFSA is crucial in securing government-based funding in the form of loans and grants for your education
 - Amount given will be based on family financial need
 - Complete at studentaid.gov. You will need the following materials (if applicable)
 - o Drivers License Numbers of Student and Parents
 - o DOB of Student and Parents
 - SSN of Student and Parents
 - o 2020 Tax Returns and W-2 for Parents and Students
 - Records of untaxed income including workers compensation, disability benefits, child support payments, veterans benefits, and untaxed portion of pensions
 - Month and Day of Marriage (if applicable)
- 3. Follow Mr. Anderson's College Advising Instagram (@nhsgoestocollege) for Important Updates and Guidance!
- 4. Set up a meeting to discuss your post high school plans or the college application process at: calendly.com/nhs-dukecac

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- Feb. 1 Appalachian State University Regular Decision Deadline
- Feb. 1 Catawba College Regular Decision Deadline
- Feb. 1 High Point University Early Decision II Deadline
- Feb. 1 UNC-Charlotte Regular Decision Deadline
- Feb. 1 Western Carolina University Regular Decision I Deadline
- Feb. 15 Meredith College Regular Decision Deadline
- Mar. 1 Queens University of Charlotte Regular Decision Deadline
- Mar. 1 UNC-Greensboro Regular Decision Deadline

Scholarships:

More scholarships at <u>tinyurl.com/northernscholarships</u>. Continue searching for scholarships on scholarship engines like FastWeb, Scholarship Points, CFNC, Unigo, and Cappex.

Local scholarships are listed on the front page of the college advising website, nhsgoestocollege.webnode.com.

Some Scholarships with No Minimum GPA

- Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship
 - Up to \$3,000
 - o Deadline: February 6, 2022
 - o 500-750 word essay on historic preservation in North Carolina
 - Get more information and/or apply:
 ncdames.org/florence-kidder-memorial-scholarship
- AFA Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship
 - Up to \$5,000 dollars
 - Essay contest: 1,500 words describing the impact of Alzheimer's or another dementia-related illness on themselves, their families or their communities
 - o Deadline: March 1, 2022
 - https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/

Some Scholarships with Minimum GPA of 2.0-2.9

- HVAC Scholarship
 - Up to \$2500 towards an HVAC degree or certificate
 - o Deadline: February 1st, 2022
 - o https://egiafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarship
- Dream.US: National Scholarship
 - Up to \$14,500 towards an Associate Degree & \$29,000 towards a Bachelors Degree
 - o Deadline: February 27, 2020
 - o Eligibility:
 - DACA or TPS and arrived to US before 16th birthday
 - Significant unmet financial need
 - Minimum 2.5 GPA
 - Get more information and/or apply: thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship

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Some Scholarships with Minimum GPA of 3.0+

- McDonald's HACER Scholarship
 - Up to \$100,000
 - o Deadline: February 7, 2022
 - o Eligibility:
 - Legal US resident
 - Under 21 years old
 - At least one parent is of Hispanic heritage
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Selection Criteria:
 - Academic achievement
 - Community involvement
 - Personal qualities and strength
 - Submit a transcript, personal statement, letter of recommendation, list of community service projects, and FAFSA report.
 - Get more information and/or apply: mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
 - o Up to \$5,000
 - o Deadline: February 15, 2022
 - Eligibility:
 - Of Hispanic heritage
 - US Citizen, Permanent Resident, DACA, or eligible non-citizen (as defined by FAFSA)
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, non-profit, 4-year university the coming fall
 - Get more information and/or apply: hsf.net
- Jimmy Rane Scholarship
 - Jimmy Rane Foundation scholars are students who exhibit academic excellence, leadership skills and community involvement
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Up to \$5,000
 - o Deadline: February 7th, 2022
 - o https://www.jimmyranefoundation.org/scholarship-about

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<u>Local Scholarships</u> - Local scholarships tend to have smaller awards than national scholarships. Because local scholarships are limited to a region, they also tend to be <u>less</u> <u>competitive</u>, which means you're more likely to get a local scholarship than a national scholarship.

- 1. Triangle Community Foundation offers scholarships for a variety of interests, academic achievement levels, future plans, etc.
 - a. Trianglecf.org
- 2. State Employees Credit Union Scholarship
 - a. For those eligible for SECU membership
 - b. \$10,000
 - c. Due 2/10/2022 as a Word Document to Mr. Anderson
 - d. tinyurl.com/secuscholarship2022
- 3. Moving Forward Scholarship
 - a. For students planning on attending an HBCU
 - b. \$500
 - c. Due 4/1/2022 to Mr. Anderson
 - d. Email Mr. Anderson for application if interested
- 4. Better Business Bureau of Eastern Carolina
 - a. \$15,000 of scholarships available
 - b. Due 1/31/2022
 - c. https://www.bbb.org/local/0593/educational-foundation-of-eastern-nc/bb b-torch-scholarships.html
- 5. Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship
 - a. Planning on attending UNC-CH, NC State, or UNC-G
 - b. Up to \$12,000
 - c. Due 2/14/2022
 - d. https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/aubrey-lee-brooks-scholarship/

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- 1. Inform Mr. Anderson of your college acceptances and the scholarships that you receive via Instagram DM (@nhsgoestocollege) or email (nhs.dukecac@gmail.com)
- 2. Please use tinyurl.com/trackfunding to track your college funding; we want to be able to celebrate your hard work!

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FAFSA Completion Check

If you have made it this far through the newsletter, I want to give you a chance to win a \$25 giftcard to the restaurant of your choice! To be entered to win, please do the following:

- 1. Take a screenshot of your FAFSA completion page
- 2. Email Mr. Anderson at nhs.dukecac@gmail.com with the screenshot