



PPHS Senior Information

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This is the second of senior newsletters that you will receive this year. Enclosed you will find information considered extremely important as you begin to formulate your college and career goals. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Ettredge at 940-686-2189.

If your student is interested in pursuing additional education after high school, here is some helpful information:

1. Visit college/universities/technical schools (including their Internet sites) that interest you. Obtain information that will be helpful in determining what school to attend—admission requirements, housing, financial aid, scholarship, and the department of intended major.
2. Take a college entrance exam (SAT or ACT), if necessary; register online at www.collegeboard.com (for SAT) or www.actstudent.org (for ACT).
3. If you plan to enroll as a full-time or part-time student in a Texas public community or technical college or university, you must take the THEA test unless you are exempted based on TAKS, SAT, or ACT scores; register online at www.thea.nesinc.com.
4. Apply to the colleges/universities/technical schools in which you are interested in attending. This includes housing applications if necessary.
5. Contact the scholarship and/or financial aid office of the college you plan to attend; fill out the necessary applications.
6. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for financial aid. The FAFSA is available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>; paper versions are available by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or by visiting www.edpubs.org; students may request up to three copies of the paper applications. The FAFSA cannot be submitted until after January 1.
7. Athletes planning to participate in Division I or II college athletics should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Important Information – PLEASE READ!

Newsletter – This newsletter includes new information since the October 31 Senior Information newsletter. Please carefully review the information in each newsletter, as most newsletter information will only be included ONCE!

Keep each newsletter as a reference for future deadlines; all *PPHS Senior Information* newsletters are posted on the high school's website, <http://pphs.pilotpointisd.com>. Students are encouraged to stop by the College and Career Center (room 100) and look through the notebook frequently, as this notebook is updated almost daily. Also, seniors should listen to announcements for important senior news or scholarships. Scholarships may also be found on the internet or from businesses or your workplace.

Transcripts – If you need a transcript for a scholarship application or college admissions, please fill out the *Transcript Request Form* available in the high school office or on the website at <http://pphs.pilotpointisd.com>, click on "Guidance and Counseling", and select *Transcript Request Form* from the left column. The form must be filled out completely with required signatures and returned to the high school, allowing for sufficient processing time (at least 5 working days); we must have a written request with signatures to release your records.

Mark your calendars for Senior Commencement

Pilot Point High School Commencement will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at Denton Bible Church. Graduating seniors must attend the scheduled rehearsal held prior to commencement to be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony on Friday evening. Please encourage your senior to "do the work" so that they will be eligible to participate in this important milestone in their life.

Seniors order cap & gown, announcements

In order to participate in commencement exercises in May 2008, each senior must have at least a cap and gown with tassel. If your senior has not placed his/her order, please do so as soon as possible by contacting the Jostens Student Center at 940-382-8948.

Financial Assistance for Latino students

Research conducted by the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) has revealed an overwhelming majority of Latino parents and families value a college education, yet they perceive the cost of higher education to be prohibitive. Many families are not aware that numerous scholarship and grants are available specifically to Latino students, and every year thousands of dollars go unclaimed. To assist these students to access this information, TRPI has released its 2007-2008 edition of *Latino College Dollars: Scholarships for America's Latino Students* (available in room 100); additionally, students may visit www.latinocollegedollars.org, which allows students and families to search for scholarships by type and documentation status without registering or paying a fee.

Texas A&M Will Offer Half-Price Tuition for Second Summer Semester

Texas A&M University will be the site for a state-sponsored pilot program offering half-price tuition for the second session of 2008 summer school as a means of encouraging students to accelerate their course studies and make better use of campus facilities. The pilot program will be open to all Texas resident undergraduate students who are eligible for admission to Texas A&M, notes Association Executive Vice President Dan Parker, who chairs Texas A&M's Tuition Policy Committee, which includes several students. State Rep. Fred Brown authored the enabling legislation, House Bill 1330, and the legislature appropriated funds last session that provide Texas A&M \$3 million to underwrite the initiative to give students added incentive to complete their college studies in the shortest period of time—a long-standing legislative goal. Brown's legislative district includes the Bryan-College Station area. Through a formula process stipulated in the underlying legislation, the per-semester-credit-hour tuition for the pilot program will be \$75, slightly less than half of the \$156 that would normally be charged, Parker points out. Texas A&M officials elected to conduct the tuition-reduction pilot program during the second half of the summer session because that is when enrollment is typically lower and facilities therefore are not as heavily used.

College Preview Days

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO – Discover CSU-Pueblo

Friday, March 7, 2008

\$5 per person; space is limited; reservations are recommended

Register at www.goCSUPueblo.com or call 1-719-549-2418

Scholarships Available

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TOYOTA MOTOR SALES – Toyota Community Scholars Program

Our high school has been invited to nominate **one** graduating senior who has an outstanding academic record, is an effective leader, and has a well-documented record of service both within and outside the school setting. The Toyota Community Scholars program awards 100 renewable scholarships valued at \$10,000 and \$20,000 over four years for study at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. Nominees must: be a high school senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better; be actively involved in a service organization or project that has a positive impact on the school and/or community, be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident; and plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States. Children or grandchildren of employees of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. or other U.S. Toyota subsidiaries, and Toyota and Lexus dealer principals are not eligible. Information and application available in scholarship file; *application must be returned to High School Office by deadline*; local committee will select one application to be submitted. Deadline: January 3, 2008.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS – TAMU Society of Women Engineers Scholarship

Four scholarships of \$250 each will be awarded during the High School Conference. The scholarships are not need-based and are payable during the student's first semester at Texas A&M University. Student scholarship requirements include: must be senior during the 2007-2008 school year; must be enrolled in the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2008 semester; must attend the High School Conference and the banquet held in the evening on February 22, 2008; and the completed application, essay, and an official transcript must be received by the deadline. Application available in scholarship file in room 100. Deadline: January 14, 2008.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY – Koh Family Engineering Scholarship

The Koh Family Engineering Scholarships are made possible through an endowment of approximately \$2.7 million established by the Koh family. High school seniors may apply for the \$10,000 per year scholarship (up to \$22,000 per year in combination with other scholarships), for the study of undergraduate engineering at Texas Tech University. The online application and information may be found at www.coe.ttu.edu/scholarships/koh/. Deadline: January 15, 2008.

PILOT POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Outstanding Senior Award

The Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Outstanding Senior Award to be presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on February 9, 2008. The Chamber will honor three boys and three girls, with one boy and one girl receiving a \$500 scholarship. Application attached and available in scholarship file. Receipt Deadline: Friday, January 18, 2008 (NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED).

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY – Ottawa University Presidential Scholarship

Seniors may request a nomination for an Ottawa University Presidential Scholars full-tuition scholarship, as the scholarship competition is by invitation only. These scholarships are renewable for up to five years and limited in number awarded. In order for a student be invited to participate in the scholarship program, three criteria must be met: (1) nominated by their high school counselor; (2) submit their formal application for admission by February 11, 2008; and (3) submit a current high school transcript that verifies a minimum GPA of 3.5, a minimum ACT composite of 25 or SAT total of 1130-1200, and rank in the upper 1/3 of the class. If you meet these qualifications and are interested in being nominated, please contact Mrs. Ettredge, high school counselor. Deadline: January 18, 2008.

AMERICAN MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ACADEMY – Scholarships and Admission Auditions

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) will hold auditions in 38 cities throughout the US and Canada for admission to AMDA and scholarships to attend its conservatory training in New York City or Los Angeles. Admission to AMDA is competitive. Students are selected through an audition and application process. For more information call the AMDA Admissions Office at 1-800-367-7908 (New York Admissions Office) or 1-866-374-5300 (Los Angeles Admissions Office) or visit the website <http://www.AMDA.edu>. Deadline: none listed, but auditions will be held in Dallas, TX on Saturdays, January 19, March 1, and May 3, 2008.

TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – TSPE Scholarships

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and its affiliated Texas Engineering Foundation (TEF) will award approximately \$100,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study to become engineers in an engineering program at an ABET–accredited (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) Texas college or university. To be eligible for a TSPE Chapter Scholarship, a student must: be a United States citizen, be a high school senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA entering college in 2008, have scored at least a 600 in math, a 550 in critical reading and a 500 in writing on the SAT, or a 29 in math and a 25 in English on the ACT, and enroll in an ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accredited engineering program (visit <http://www.abet.org/accrediteac.asp> to obtain a complete listing); students may be required to participate in an in-person interview. Application is available on the TSPE web site, www.tspe.org. Deadline: January 21, 2008.

COLLIN COUNTY CHAPTER OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS – Gerald Kendrick Scholarship

The Collin County Chapter of Texas Association of Assessing Officers (TAAO) consists of members active in the fields of property appraisal and taxation. The Gerald Kendrick Scholarship was set up in memory of Gerald Kendrick, a charter member of the chapter and the Tax Assessor Collector for the City of McKinney. Two scholarships valued at \$750 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Applicants will be considered on their grade point average, career goals and evaluation of their personal statement. Application available in scholarship file in room 100. Deadline: Received by February 1, 2008.

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY – Pacesetter Award for College Excellence (PACE)

Texas Lutheran University's PACE, is a premiere scholarship that carries a monetary value up to \$15,000 per year. Students must meet the following criteria to be invited: acceptance as a TLU student; articulated high school cumulative grade point average of 3.50; and SAT/ACT composite score of 1250/28 or higher, OR rank in top 10% of class with a minimum 1100/24 SAT/ACT composite score. All qualified applicants are expected to take part in a competitive event on the TLU campus on Sunday, February 17, 2008. This "Day of Exchange and Excellence" will include an opportunity for each applicant to demonstrate writing skills, interact with faculty and former Pacesetter Scholars, and engage in a personal interview. Each eligible applicant who participates in the campus event is guaranteed the minimum scholarship amount. For additional information and/or applications for admission, call 1-800-771-8521, e-mail requests to admissions@tlu.edu, or visit www.tlu.edu. Deadline: February 1, 2008.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB) – NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award program was established to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America. The scholarships recognize and honor the students who receive them and provide financial assistance to both the students and their parents who must finance higher education. Each year the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation will grant at least 400 non-renewable NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards nationwide in the amount of \$1,000 each, which apply to educational expenses at any accredited, nonprofit two-or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in the U.S. Information available at www.NFIB.com/YEA. Deadline: February 11, 2008.

HOUSTON ALUMNI ORGANIZATION – UH Alumni Scholarships

The Houston Alumni Organization (HAO) and its constituent associations and clubs are excited to support incoming freshmen with scholarship awards. Visit www.myCougarConnection.com/scholarships for a list of current alumni scholarships along with a description for each award. Deadline: March 7, 2008 for most.

AXA FOUNDATION – AXA Achievement Community Scholarship

The AXA Achievement Community Scholarship Program brings advice and access to higher education into every community in which AXA has a presence. Every AXA Advisors' branch office nationwide distributes up to twelve \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live and attend high school in their area. Selection of winners, known as AXA Achievers, is made by our nonprofit partner, Scholarship America. An AXA Achiever must demonstrate: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and ability to succeed in college. Information and application available at www.axa-achievement.com. Deadline: February 15, 2008.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER'S COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – Partnership for Primary Care (PPC) Program

This program is designed to provide primary care physicians for rural and underserved areas of Texas—areas that are currently disproportionately underserved in terms of primary care physicians. Through this innovative program, outstanding students from rural regions, medically underserved communities, or areas with health professional shortages have the opportunity to gain automatic acceptance into medical school upon completing their undergraduate degrees at one of eight Texas A&M University System universities. High school students must meet the following eligibility criteria for program consideration: must have a GPA of 3.5 or equivalent; be predicted to rank in the top 10% of the graduating class; have a minimum 1200 SAT (CR + Math) or 26 ACT equivalent; and reside in a rural, medically underserved, or health professional shortage area in Texas. Additional information and online application available at <http://www.medicine.tamhsc.edu>, select “admissions” then “Partnership for Primary Care” link. Deadline: February 15, 2008.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES – RMHC National Scholarship Program

Local Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC Chapters), with support from RMHC Global, offer scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. These scholarships are part of RMHC's ongoing commitment to education. The RMHC National Scholarship Program is comprised of 4 individual scholarship programs: RMHC/ASIA, RMHC/African American Future Achievers, RMHC/HACER (Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources), and RMHC Scholars. The student must be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college with a full course of study. Completed application, along with transcript, personal statement, letter of recommendation, and parent/guardian's IRS Form 1040 are required. Visit www.rmhc.org for details and application. Deadline: February 15, 2008.

FORT WORTH SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION, INC. – Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship

The scholarship competition is open to students from all school districts in the 35 counties of Texas, which are part of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite membership area; no more than two scholarships may be awarded to any school or graduating class. Applications are reviewed and graded on merit/student achievement basis; SAT/ACT scores will be used to determine scholastic merit; recommendation required. Along with completed application, you must include official transcript, SAT/ACT scores, two personal reference letters, and two academic reference letters. Application available in scholarship file or at www.fortworthscottishrite.org. Deadline: March 15, 2008.

SLOUGH FOUNDATION – Charles, Lela, and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship

This charitable trust fund was established for the express purpose of helping needy students from Texas attend college. Applicant must be a Texas resident and US citizen at the time of application and must demonstrate that they have financial need through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process. Applicant must demonstrate their academic/scholastic achievement with a minimum of 3.0 GPA by providing a copy of the high school transcript that includes class rank, GPA, and ACT or SAT scores; must also be a U.S. citizen and a Texas resident at the time of application; application also requires essay/letter. Application available on the web at <http://www.midland.edu/admissions/aid/forms/slough.pdf>. Deadline: must be postmarked by March 29, 2008 and received by the first working day of April 2008.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO – Lone Star Grant Program

SCU-Pueblo students participating in the Lone Star program pay 44% less than the published non-resident tuition rate, making Colorado State University-Pueblo an affordable out-of-state option for college. To qualify for the Lone Star Grant, you must meet the following eligibility requirements: meet or exceed the minimum admissions standards; be a resident of Texas; be a U.S. citizen; enroll at CSU-Pueblo as an undergraduate, full-time, degree-seeking student. The Lone Star Grant is fully renewable for students who continue to meet the eligibility requirements and maintain satisfactory academic progress. To apply for the Lone Star Grant, visit www.colostate-pueblo.edu/sfs. Deadline: none listed.

HENDRIX COLLEGE – Odyssey Honors and Distinction Awards

The Odyssey Awards are designed to recognize these accomplishments at the secondary school level and encourage students to pursue similar experiences at Hendrix. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year for up to four years of full-time enrollment (may be awarded in addition to other scholarships), and are presented in six categories: Artistic Creativity, Global Issues Awareness, Leadership Experiences, Professional or Work Experiences, Service to the World, Research, and Distinction in a Subject Area. Students who submit a completed admission application to Hendrix are automatically considered; recipients are selected by a scholarship committee and the amount of the award is determined by the committee members based on their assessment of out-of-class accomplishments in high school. For additional information visit www.hendrix.edu. Deadline: considered upon acceptance to Hendrix; none listed.