

# Senior Bulletin #7

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See Mr. Dawson for further details.

## **REMINDER:**

It is not too late to apply to a college or technical school for next year. See Mr. Dawson for instructions if you are uncertain of the application process.

## **FAFSA**

Students who will be attending school after graduation should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Keep in mind that some schools have suggested FAFSA completion deadlines. A booklet is available in guidance on how to get started.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

**Seniors** are reminded that if they are absent more than 20 days for full year courses and 10 days for semester courses without a doctor's excuse, they will lose credit for courses, social probation may occur and/or they may not graduate!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Check out these scholarship websites

[www.highfivescholarships.com](http://www.highfivescholarships.com)    [www.pittsburghfoundation.org](http://www.pittsburghfoundation.org)    [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships](http://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships)    [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

See Mr. Dawson for more information on the following scholarships:

★ Indicates that this scholarship will be awarded to a Yough School District student as long as someone meets the criteria.

★Westmoreland County Community College – [www.wccc.edu](http://www.wccc.edu)

\***President's Scholarship** – Top 10% in Class Rank guaranteed. **PRIORITY - DEADLINE April 15th**

\***Trustee's Meritorious Scholarship** – 3.0 Competitive scholarships. **PRIORITY – DEADLINE April 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 1) Apply to WCCC and send transcript
- 2) Complete the FAFSA
- 3) Test prep for Accu-Placer with Mrs. Rogge and Mr. Schmook.
- 4) Take the WCCC Placement Test
- 5) Schedule Classes
- 6) Send Final Transcript in June

★**Yough Cougar Leadership Scholarship** is awarded to a graduate(s) of Yough Senior High School. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 90% or above and demonstrate leadership within Yough Senior High School or within the Yough community. The scholarship is not based on financial need. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

★**Rotary Club of West Newton** is offering scholarships for Yough students who are attending a 2 or 4- year college. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

★**Yough High School Character Scholarship** – Criteria: Extra effort in academics and activities, 90% or higher, Essay. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

★**Elaine Adelsberger Memorial Scholarship** – Criteria: Majoring in Early Childhood Education or Consumer Science. Academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, Essay. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

★**Deno Castelli Scholarship** – Criteria: 4-year college, financial need of any type (loss of employment, free or reduced lunch, increased family responsibilities, caring for others in the home, etc.), approximately 10-13 students have qualified for this scholarship per year. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Three Rivers Club** – Criteria: Must be majoring in petroleum, energy or allied industries. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**YEA, Minich and H.W. Good Education Scholarship** – Criteria: Students must be majoring in education. See Mrs. Tierney for scholarships. **Deadline: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Lions Club of West Newton** – Offering one scholarship for a senior with a West Newton or Sutersville address that is going to college for a 4- year degree. **Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**West Newton Library Scholarship** – 2 scholarships to seniors who participated in community service. Extra consideration will be given to applicants with a West Newton address and volunteering at West Newton Library. **Deadline: April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Court Time Foundation Scholarship Application** – Criteria: Participation in activity at Court Time Sports Center, letters of recommendation and essay. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PMAHCC Scholarship Program** – Criteria: Hispanic ancestry, 2 or 4-year school or vocational school, financial need, essay. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon Valley Hospital Nursing Scholarships** – Criteria: Acceptance into an approved nursing school, 3.25 GPA, Essay, Commitment to work at Mon Valley Hospital. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**First Commonwealth Bank** – [www.fcbanking.com/scholarship](http://www.fcbanking.com/scholarship)

**SME Chapter 8 Scholarship Application** – Criteria: Must be majoring in Engineering and Science, Essay. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Pittsburgh Job Corp** – Free tuition at Community College of Allegheny College, \$110 stipend a month, Books and supplies paid. Criteria: Free or possible reduced lunch, Pass drug test. See Mr. Dawson for more information

**Columbus Foundation Scholarships** – Various scholarships at [www.columbusfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.columbusfoundation.org/scholarships)

**Pittsburgh Italian Scholarship Fund** – Criteria: Italian Heritage, financial need, academic excellence. See Mr. Dawson for more information. **Deadline: April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Jacob Creek Watershed** – Criteria: Major in Environmental Science, Engineering or a Science related field. **Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon Valley Quilt Club** – Criteria: 2 or 4-year school or Trade school majoring in fashion design, art education, interior or visual art. Essay. **Deadline: April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Audubon Society** – Majoring in Environmental Science area. [www.aswp.org/pages/awards](http://www.aswp.org/pages/awards)

**APPRENTICESHIP:** See Mr. Dawson for more information.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Logan Family Farms:** Looking for students to work at farmers markets.

**Shusters Building:** Looking for students to work on shipping dock that are 18 years of age.

**Epilepsy Foundation:** Looking for summer camp counselors.

FREE APPLICATION  
FOR FEDERAL  
STUDENT AID

# Tipsheet

## The basics on filing the FAFSA & getting financial aid

Visit [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) to complete & submit your application for financial aid.

### WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is the most important application you must complete in order to qualify for almost all types of financial aid including federal, state, local, and private grants and scholarships.

### WHY COMPLETE A FAFSA?

The U.S. Department of Education uses the information provided on your FAFSA to determine your eligibility for aid from federal student financial assistance programs. In Pennsylvania, the FAFSA is used to determine State Grant eligibility. Schools also use FAFSA data to award their own financial aid.

### WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

See Chart Below. Financial aid deadlines vary by school, state, program of study, and more. To ensure that you are considered for all financial aid programs, the FAFSA should be filed by the earliest application deadline date for each school you are considering attending. Check with your school for details.

**YOU MUST COMPLETE A NEW FAFSA APPLICATION EACH YEAR.**

### FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANT APPLICANTS, THE FAFSA DEADLINES ARE:

- **MAY 1** – For students attending colleges, universities and college-transferable programs (excluding community colleges) and for all renewal students
- **AUGUST 1** – If you plan to enroll in a community college, a business, trade, or technical school, a hospital school of nursing, an “Open-Admission” institution (visit [PHEAA.org](http://PHEAA.org) for a list of these schools), or a non-transferable 2-year program

### WHAT DO I NEED TO FILE MY FAFSA ON FAFSA.GOV?

- Your Social Security Number
- Your driver’s license number, if you have one (optional)
- Your alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Your W-2 forms
- Records of other untaxed income received, including workers’ compensation, child support, payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans, etc.
- Your federal income tax return – (1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) from the prior-prior year, for example, if completing the 2018-19 FAFSA application, use 2016 income tax return information.
- Your current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds and other investments

#### If you are a dependent student, you will also need:

- Your parent’s Social Security Number(s)
- Your parent’s income and financial records (as listed above)

### FSA ID

The FSA ID is a username and password that you will use to log into certain U.S. Department of Education websites, and electronically sign the FAFSA. Students interested in receiving federal student aid should create a FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). You and any parent electronically signing the FAFSA will need their own separate FSA ID.

### IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

If you complete your FAFSA online, you have the option of retrieving your income and tax data from the Internal Revenue Service and having it automatically transferred into your FAFSA.

### WHICH TAXES DO I USE ON THE FAFSA?

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018	October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018	2015
<b>July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019</b>	<b>October 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019</b>	<b>2016</b>
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020	2017