

Senior Year 2015

November Newsletter



November Duties for Seniors!

Students should be contacting the colleges they plan on applying to and finding out exactly what forms they will be needing to apply for financial aid. All colleges will ask that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (FAFSA). Some colleges will also ask for the CSS/ Financial Aid profile form and/or their own institutional financial aid application. Ask the counseling office or the college financial aid office for the forms.

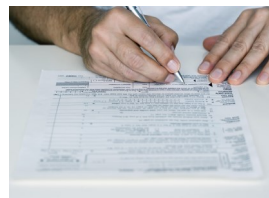
The FAFSA and PRO-FILE forms are available online. Remember FAFSA cannot be applied for until January. If you plan to apply for early decision, find out if your college offers an early estimate of your financial aid and eligibility, and if so, what forms you will need to file.

Complete the draft of your application essays; start to revise them.

The counseling office usually sends a copy of your transcripts to colleges. Return the proper forms to the counseling office at

least two weeks before they are due to give the college ample time to attach your transcripts.

www.fafsa.ed.gov



ACT Test Dates

February 7th test date registration deadline is January 9th!

visit:

www.actstudent.org/start to register!!

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MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Federal student loans offer low fixed interest rates; income-based repayment plans; loan forgiveness; and deferment options, including deferment of loan payments when a student returns to school. Generally repayment of a federal loan does not begin until after the student

leaves school. And did you know that a student receiving a federal loan does not need a credit history or a co-signer? Private loans from banks often do not offer such benefits. So if you need to borrow money to pay for college or trade school, start with federal stu-

dent loans.

Have questions about federal student aid and want to talk to a real person?

Call the Federal Student Aid Information Center @ 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).



**Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff (CALSS)
Gwendolyn S. Duran Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff (CALSS) established the Gwendolyn S. Duran Memorial Scholarship in 1999 to support students in need of pursuing a higher education degree. Based on eligibility criteria, one of more scholarships not exceeding a total of \$1,000 will be awarded in 2015.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for a CALSS scholarship if you

satisfy the following criteria:

- ◆ You have declared the legal field as your major or are enrolled in a legal program, such as a secretary, court reporter, legal assistant, paralegal, or pre-law concentration.
- ◆ You are a full time student.
- ◆ You can demonstrate financial need.

The award is for twelve (12) consecutive calendar months, covers tuition, books and fees,

and is paid on a semester basis or as agreed upon by the Recipient and CALSS.

For further information, call 1-303-255-7201.

To learn more about the Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff, please visit www.calss.org.



Tu Futuro Gets Brighter!

Apply for a \$100,000* College Scholarship

Since the inception of the RHHS/HACER scholarship, more than 16,000 Hispanic students have been awarded over \$24 million in scholarships to support their college education. The program nationally offers four \$100,000 scholarships each year, as well as other local scholarships. Get your application and full details at MeEncanta.com Application opens on October 1st and goes through January 20, 2015. Reach for your goals!

\$25,000 per year over four years with verification of enrollment. Participating RMHS Local Chapters award additional scholarships in varying amounts. Additional eligibility requirements apply. Visit rmhc.org for details.

Local McDonald's franchisees will award \$21,000 in scholarships this year to deserving students. Fourteen student honorees will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the U.S. college or university of their choice.

Winners will be announced and recognized in the spring. For more information, visit <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org> or call 202-585-2632.



San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative



San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. wants to send you on an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. or Glen Eden Resort near Steamboat Springs, Colorado!

The Board of Directors of SLV Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., (SLVREC) is offering two all expense paid programs to high school students in the SLVREC service territory.

Every June, more than 1,600 junior and senior high school students from across the US embark on a weeklong, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by SLV Rural Electric Cooperative.

- **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour**—One (1) all expense paid trip to *Washington, D.C. June 11-18, 2015.*
- **Colorado Electric Education Institute**—One (1) all expense paid trip to the *Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colorado, July 12-17, 2015.*

The contest is open to all students 16 years old to 18 years old in the Fall of 2015 and are at least 16 years old by June 1, 2015, and whose parents or legal guardians are members of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

All you have to do to enter is write a 500-word essay on the topic of electric cooperatives, how they differ from other utilities and how San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. has made a positive impact on your community.

You need to fill out both the Washington D. C. & Energy Camp Applications. The selection committee will then pick two students from the applications; one to attend Youth Tour in Washington D.C. and one to attend the Energy Camp in Glen Eden.

To enter, send the completed forms and essay (located in counseling center) to:

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo

Box 3625, Monte Vista CO 81144 or go to www.slvrec.com.

Application for National Rural Electric Cooperative Associate Youth Tour and Colorado Electric Education institute **must be post marked or in the office by 5 p.m. on December 18, 2014.**

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! For further questions, contact Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo at 719-852-6660 or ajaramillo@slvrec.com

Dottie R. Walker

The LEAD Foundation sponsors this onetime \$1,000 scholarship to students with specific learning disabilities and ADHA, with or without hyperactivity, i.e., Dyslexia, ADHD, perceptual or communicative disabilities, etc. The award is given in recognition of Dottie (Dorothy) Walker's efforts and advocacy for individuals coping with the challenges of learning disabilities. It is meant to recognize students in Colorado that

have succeeded in advancing their educational process of recognizing their learning difficulties and developing strategies to meet and exceed their life goals. The ideal candidate for this scholarship is a student who has faced the challenges of having a learning disability and/or ADHD, and understands that self-advocacy and self-knowledge are powerful tools in overcoming those challenges, and is willing to serve as

a role model for other students with learning disabilities.

Applications must be sent and received by **March 7th, 2015** to LEAD Foundation, PO Box 38895, Colorado Springs CO 80937.

Applications are available in the counseling center.

Free Speech Essay Contest

High School juniors and seniors for the 2014-2015 school year are eligible to participate in FIRE'S essay contest. To enter, students must submit an essay between 800-1000 words on the provided topic.

One \$10,000 first prize, one \$5,000 second prize and three \$1,000 runner-up prizes will be awarded for the best essays. Four \$500 winners will be chosen from the remaining entrants in the drawing. FIRE will accept essay contest entries from August 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015. Winners will be notified by January 31, 2015. FIRE is the *Foundation for Individual Rights in Education*. To enter, visit: thefire.org/contest

Deadline January 1, 2015

College Preparation Checklist

- *Encourage your parent(s) to complete income tax forms early. If your parent(s) have not completed their tax forms, you can provide estimated information on your federal student aid application, but remember to make any necessary changes later.*
- *As soon after Jan. 1 as possible, complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) along with any other financial aid applications your school (s) of your choice may require. You can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or on paper, but completing the application online is faster and easier. You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the school to which you are applying, usually by early February.*
- *If you have questions about the federal student aid programs or need assistance with the application process, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).*
- *After you submit the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within three days to three weeks. Quickly make any necessary corrections and submit them to the FAFSA processor.*

COLLEGE Preparation Checklist Pamphlets are available in the counseling center.

C.A.M.P. @ ASU

The College Assistance Migrant Program (C.A.M.P.) at ASU is a program federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education.

The program's goal is to provide academic, social and financial support services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers or their dependents; to assist them in the successful completion of their first year of college; and to develop a persistence toward degree attainment.



C.A.M.P. @ ASU provides services and resources in the areas of academic guidance, career planning and development, intellectual and cultural enrichment, as well as financial assistance based on individual need. C.A.M.P. participants also receive follow-up services after successful completion of their first year.

To be eligible to participate in C.A.M.P. @ ASU, the student or at least one parent must be a seasonal or migrant farm worker. A "*seasonal farmworker*" is a person who, currently or within the past 24 months, was employed for at least 75 days in farm-work and whose primary employment was in farm-work on a temporary or seasonal basis (i.e. not a constant year-round activity). A "*migrant farmworker*" is a seasonal farm worker whose employment requires travel that prevents him or her from returning to his or her home within the same day. Students may also be eligible if they are participated in a Chapter 1 Migrant Education Program or the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP).

Additionally, students must have a high school diploma or GED, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, be FAFSA Pell eligible and have been accepted to Adams State University.

Benefits and Services include:

Academic Guidance

- Course selection and registration assistance
- Academic skills development
- Tutoring
- Academic monitoring and follow-up
- Career planning and development

Career Exploration

- Personalized career planning
- Job/internship information
- Job search skills development

Supportive Services

- Financial guidance and planning
- Personal counseling
- Health and wellness education
- Integration into campus life

Intellectual and cultural Enrichment

- Social and cultural exploration
- Leadership development

For additional information contact:

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Mason's Scholarship

The Colorado Mason's Benevolent Scholarship/Grant Programs are open to all graduating seniors in public high schools in the state of Colorado who have been accepted to, and will attend a Colorado institution of higher learning. There is no advantage given to any race, creed, sex, national origin, or Masonic relationship. The Mason's Scholarship is worth \$7,000 per year, renewable annually for up to four years. The Vocational Grant is a one-time award of \$3,000 intended to assist student in obtaining a vocational skill from a vocational training program within the state of Colorado. The scholarship applications are due **NO LATER** than **March 15, 2015**. Applications as well as more information can be obtained @ www.cmbfa.org/

Presidents Leadership Program Colorado State University-Pueblo

Automatic Scholarships

Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$8,000 per academic year and the scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years. To receive the \$1,000 scholarship, students must meet two of the following criteria: 3.2 cumulative GPA, 22 ACT, or be in the top 20 percent in their class. These scholarships cannot be combined with other institutional scholarships, with the exception of the First Generation Scholarship, which is an automatic \$1,000 scholarship for First Generation college students with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Deadlines:

- March 1:** FAFSA and Institutional online scholarship application deadline
- May 15:** Housing application deadline
- August 1:** Admission application deadline

Campus visits:

Daily tours Monday through Friday, at 11 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 15, 2014 Discover CSU-Pueblo Visit Day

Saturday, March 7, 2015 Discover CSU-Pueblo Visit Day

Saturday, April 25, 2015 Discover CSU-Pueblo Visit Day

www.csupueblo.edu

Dennis Kay Memorial Scholarship 4 Year Agriculture

This four year, \$6,000 scholarship will be dispersed (to the student and at the end of each semester) as follows: \$500 per semester for years one and two. \$1,000 per semester for years three and four. Major must remain "AG Related" to qualify.

The four year scholarship will be renewed at the end of each semester upon proof of fulltime attendance and adequate grades. Student must have an accumulative 2.5 GPA for the first year and 2.75 for the following three years. With the exception of the summer session, the student must be enrolled in college full time and in consecutive semesters.

Mike Kelley Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is dispersed (to the student and at the end of each semester) as follows: \$500 per semester pending submission of the previous semester's grades. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

SCHOLARSHIP PRE-REQUISITES:

- ♦ The applicant or an immediate family member must be a member of the Monte Vista Co-op.
- ♦ Regardless of age, the applicant must be a high school graduate, have a GED or be a graduating senior, contingent upon graduation.
- ♦ A transcript of current grades is required.
- ♦ Applications must be received at the Monte Vista Co-op on or before January 31st, 2015.
- ♦ An "in-person" interview is required, pending completed scholarship. No phone interviews.

APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

- * CAREFULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION. Please apply for only one scholarship.
- * Proof of current grades
- * 3 letters of recommendation
- * School/community involvement
- * Your future plans and goals
- * Current photo

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

The Monte Vista Cooperative was started back in 1949 for the purchase of fertilizer by a handful of forward-thinking farmers and has become a full service business with many products and services to offer.

The Monte Vista Co-op is dedicated to our communities and committed to helping grow our local youth into outstanding citizens. Our scholarship program is one the many ways to support our community.

The key to the success of the MVC is the support of our local members. By trading with us, you bolster the economy of this area. As a member, you also strengthen your own operation because "*this is your business.*"

Colorado State Scholarship Fund

Colorado State Chapter Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 by the Colorado State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The Sisterhood was established in 1869 by seven young women attending Iowa Wesleyan College, and is a philanthropic educational organization interested in furthering educational opportunities for women. The Colorado State Scholarship Fund is an annual award with a minimum of \$1,000 each. Preference is given for: Non-traditional /vocational areas of study.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

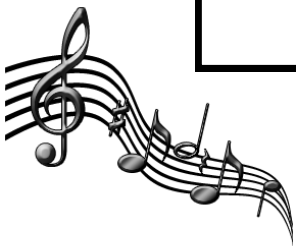
- ◆ Female Colorado resident and United States Citizen
- ◆ 2014 or 2015 high school or GED graduate
- ◆ Fulfillment of all application requirements:
 - Completed and signed application (available in counseling center)
 - Two (2) letters of reference of character, from non-family members
 - Description of school and community activities and involvements
 - Most recent transcripts
 - Personal Statement, letter or essay including: discussion of your plans and goals, emphasis on how this scholarship will be beneficial to you, any special circumstances/family situations which will give insight for the selection process
 - Any important experiences or significant people who have inspired or encouraged you
- ◆ Postmark Deadline: January 31, 2015

Mail completed application and all required materials to:

Joanne Graham, Chair, CSSF
 2932 Whitney Ln.
 Grand Junction, CO 81504-6399
 Email: ljcsurvivorx3@bresnan.net



Music Scholarship Auditions



Application deadline: February 9, 2015
2015-2016 Scholarship Dates
Friday, February 20
Saturday, February 21
Sunday, February 22
Lagerquist Concert Hall
Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Apply online at www.plu.edu/music

Recorded audition submission deadline: Received by February 18, 2015
Scholarships are available to all students regardless of major, who have skills in the following areas: voice, winds, brass, strings, percussion, keyboards, composition, guitar/harp
For more information call 253-535-7602 or toll free 1-877-254-7001