

Hickory Ridge High School

Senior Notes

February 2023

This newsletter is e-mailed monthly to all Seniors who provided a functional e-mail address in the 'Senior Profile' assignment in the Class of 2023 canvas course available to all Seniors. If the student provided a functional e-mail for a parent/guardian, we also e-mail it to that address. This newsletter is also available on the HRHS website under: 'Academics'- 'Student Services'- 'Senior Information' and is posted to the Class of 2023 canvas course.

Senior Award Ceremony

Wednesday, May 31st. HRHS Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Cap/Gown should not be worn to this event. Attire is business casual/dressy. If you are receiving an award and/or a scholarship you earned is being announced, your parents/guardians will be notified in advance of the ceremony.

Scholarships

If you have been awarded a scholarship, please complete this form **by Friday, May 26th at 5:00pm**. We want to know about all scholarships you have been awarded, but only scholarships accepted by the student will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 31st.

Please do not use this form for grants. Grants will not be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony. If you have trouble accessing this form, use your school Chrome Book to complete it. <https://forms.gle/AM41oY79c wdQVa5w9>

There are many new scholarships to apply for at the end of this newsletter. Check them out!

Graduation

Scheduled for **Saturday, June 10th at 4:00pm** at the Cabarrus Arena. Details about the ceremony will be communicated in future editions of this newsletter. Stay tuned...

Financial Aid Packages

If you have applied to several colleges and been offered a seat at more than one, you have a decision to make about which college you will attend. It's wonderful to have choices, but it may be hard to decide because there are so many factors to consider. One important factor is cost. Each college will soon send you a financial aid offer, but the offers can be confusing because each college communicates in their own manner. College Board has an online **Aid Calculator** that can help you compare the offers to understand which is the best financial choice. To access the calculator, visit: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/understanding-your-financial-aid-award-offers> Sallie Mae also can help with these tips:



Decoding your financial aid offers



tips

you should know
before making the
big decision



1. The acronyms you need to know

Cost of attendance (COA): an estimate of what one full year of school will cost. It includes tuition, along with room, board, fees, books, and more. Check your school's website for a detailed COA.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC): an estimate that the school uses to determine how much financial aid you could get—the amount you actually pay may be different.



2. You might get a few types of financial aid

Scholarships and grants: free money that you won't have to pay back—seriously!

Work-study: money you earn by working a part-time job through your school

Loans: money you can borrow that you will have to pay back with interest



3. Remember this equation

$$\text{COA} - \text{financial aid} = \text{what's left to pay}$$

Do this equation for every school on your list. If you still owe money, you may need to use savings, private student loans, or other sources to cover the difference.



4. Hold on: don't just pick the biggest offer

A small financial aid offer with more free money may be better than a larger offer with more loans. Why? Because you'll have to pay back those loans with interest.



5. Read the fine print

Before you pick your offer, pay attention to the conditions. Some types of financial aid may be renewable, and some may be for one year only. Also, some scholarships might require you to maintain a certain GPA.



6. Choose what works for you

You don't have to accept all the aid listed in your financial aid offer. Pick the types and amounts of aid you need, and make sure to respond before the deadline.

Learn more at
salliemae.com/finaidoffers

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Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college

College Foundation of North Carolina

CFNC.org

We're with you every step of the way.

Helping You Pay For College series

Get valuable information on finding ways to pay for college.

Hear from the experts today!

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) offers many resources to understand the financial aid process. Visit www.CFNC.org and open the 'Pay for College' tab. Look for this image to access a series of videos on the topic.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you haven't yet applied for financial aid, it's not too late! Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the application. After you apply, watch your e-mail for a Student Aid Report (SAR) containing important information. When you read about the scholarships at the end of this newsletter, you will see that many require FAFSA completion.

"One of the biggest myths about financial aid is that you can't (or shouldn't) submit the FAFSA if your parents have a high income. Everyone, regardless of their parents' income, should submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA unlocks more than federal grants and aid. Many states, aid programs and colleges require that you fill out the FAFSA

to be eligible for other forms of aid including work-study and loans. By not completing the FAFSA, students missed out an estimated \$2.7 billion in free FAFSA college aid in 2016, according to NerdWallet." ~CollegeBoard.org

Financial Aid Night

Cabarrus County Schools is hosting the Spring Financial Aid Night on **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30pm** in the HRHS Auditorium. If you didn't attend the Fall Financial Aid Night presentation, here is your second chance!

Cabarrus County Schools
Engaging minds. Shaping futures.
Join us to learn resources to pay for and prepare for the two- or four-year college experience.

SPRING PLANNING AND PAYING FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

College Foundation of North Carolina

JUANES RAMIREZ
State Representative for Spanish Services
College Foundation, Inc.
Meet in the Media Center

TIMEKA RUFFIN
Regional Manager
College Foundation, Inc.
Meet in the Auditorium

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
6:30 PM
Hickory Ridge High School
7321 Raging Ridge Road
Harrisburg, NC 28075

Atrium Health Rise to Success Program

Provides graduating seniors who have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher a path to a career in healthcare. The program supports students who are earning a 2-year degree in a health-care related field at a local community college while working part-time for Atrium health. Minimum pay is \$16.50 per hour plus tuition, books and fees are paid for by Atrium Health. Senior must be 18 by August 1, 2023. The application is available starting **February 1, 2023**. Please contact lori.shafey@atriumhealth.org for the application and more information. This program continues with financial support for students who wish to pursue a 4-year degree after earning their 2-year degree.

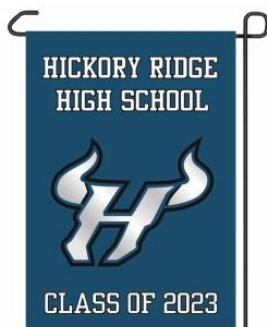
Selective Service

Every male student has 30 days after he turns 18 years old to register with the selective service. Do so online at www.SSS.gov Did you know that registration provides access to college loans/grants, job training programs, all federal and many state government and contractor positions?

Senior Gear

The HRHS PTSO is selling spirit gear. Visit this link to shop/purchase.

<https://my-site-101942-101991.square.site/s/shop>



Class of 2023 Garden Flag
\$21.00



Class of 2023 Yard Sign
\$21.00



Class of 2023 T-Shirt
\$15.00

Final Semester

In just a few months, you will graduate and step out into a world of new possibilities, responsibilities and opportunities. Be as prepared as possible by finishing your time in high school strong! If you are not taking any classes in the Spring semester due to early graduation, please be sure to stay informed about activities like the graduation ceremony by reading this newsletter each month, listening to phone messages from HRHS and watching the announcements online from the HRHS website.

Scholarship searches

Use these online tools to find scholarships. In addition to these search tools, the HRHS School Counselors list some 'featured' scholarships at the end of every edition of this newsletter.

<https://www.myscholly.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
<http://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/minority/>.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Alzheimer's Foundation of America Teen Scholarship

AFA's Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest is an annual competition for college-bound high school seniors. Applicants are asked to write an essay (1,500 word maximum) describing the impact of Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness on themselves, their families or their communities, and what they have learned from it. The grand prize winner receives \$5,000, with additional prizes awarded for runners up. To submit your essay, visit: <https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/>

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Children of Warriors National Scholarship Award: \$5,000. *Requirements:* Be a descendent of a veteran who served in the Armed Forces, excel in academics and dedicated to community service. To apply, visit: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12483/children-of-warriors-national-presidents-scholarship>

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Clare Johnson Marley-Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$2,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior, enrolling in 4-year university with plans to major in fine arts. Top 20% GPA, SAT score 1220 **OR** ACT score 25 minimum, good character, proof of talent in fine arts, extracurricular activities. For application, visit: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/clarejohnsonscholarship23>

Deadline: March 1, 2023

College Board Opportunity (Big Future) Scholarships You can earn a chance at scholarships when you complete tasks to prepare for college. Log into your SAT/College Board account and complete these tasks:

		
Explore Scholarships	Complete the FAFSA	Apply to Colleges
Start Date: July 1, 2022 Deadline: February 28, 2023	Start Date: October 1, 2022 Deadline: February 28, 2023	Start Date: October 1, 2022 Deadline: February 28, 2023
Explore Now	Complete the FAFSA	Apply to Colleges

Bethel Enrichment Center's Community Impact Scholarship

Discipline: merit. *Award:* \$500 - \$1,000. *Requirements:* high school senior who excels academically, exhibits character, leadership, scholarship and community service. To apply: <https://www.becscholarship.org/apply> **Deadline: February 20, 2023.**

Doris Y. Rogers Cabarrus County Agricultural Fair Scholarship

Award: \$1,000-\$5,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior accepted to NC college or technical school and pursuing an Agricultural or Family /Consumer Sciences degree. Resident of Cabarrus County with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Must have participated in the Cabarrus County Fair. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline: April 14, 2023** for complete application to be mailed. This deadline is during CCS' Spring break, so plan accordingly!

Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$2,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* Female, Senior, enrolling in 4-year university in NC. Top 10% GPA, SAT score 1220 **OR** ACT score 25 minimum, good character, extra-curricular activities. For application, visit <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/EuniceRiggins2023> **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* 1st place \$3,000. 2nd place \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior planning to attend a university in NC in Fall 2023. Write an original essay on early immigration (prior to 1770) to America. See the prompt and learn how to apply at: <https://www.ncdames.org/florence-kidder-memorial-scholarship> **Deadline:** February 5, 2023

Foundation 649 Scholarship

Discipline: need/merit *Award:* \$1,000 renewable up to 4 years. *Requirements:* high school senior who identifies as Asian American/Pacific Islander. Financial need as measured by the FAFSA, involvement in AAPI communities, issues or causes. Submit an essay or film describing how your community uniquely contributes to the broader Asian American experience. To apply, visit: www.foundation649.com **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

Engineering Academic Pathways Scholarship to UNC-Charlotte

Discipline: Merit / Need. *Award:* \$10,000 per year for 4 years. *Requirements:* apply to the College of Engineering at UNCC, eligible for Pell Grant after completing the FAFSA, completion of Pre-Calc in high school with the ability to enroll in college Calculus during the first semester at UNCC. Grade of 'C' or better in all high school math courses. Apply for the scholarship [here](#). **Deadline: February 1, 2023**

Founder Viola Tyler Goings Centennial Scholarship

Discipline: Need/Merit. *Award:* \$125,000. *Requirements:* Female senior who qualifies for free/reduced lunch; minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA; commitment to community service. Take the eligibility quiz to see if you are a match for this scholarship here: [Register](#) **Deadline: March 2, 2023.**

Gamma Pi Educational Society of Cabarrus County *Discipline:* pursuing a degree in education. *Award:* \$1,000. (non-renewable). *Requirements:* graduating high school senior in Cabarrus County intending to pursue a degree in education. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline: March 1, 2022**

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Discipline: Merit. *Requirements:* senior of Hispanic heritage with unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, planning to enroll full-time in a 4-year public university in Fall 2023. Completed the FAFSA. To apply, visit: <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>
Deadline: February 15, 2023

The Holcomb Family Scholarship

Discipline: Need/Merit. *Award:* \$5,000 renewable each year for four years. *Requirements:* High School senior enrolling in a 4-year college. GPA of at least 3.0 unweighted, financial need, academic merit and ability, involvement in school and community activities and leadership ability. To apply, visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com> **Deadline is March 3, 2023**

Information Security Undergraduate Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$1,000-\$5,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* GPA 3.3 or higher, plan to pursue a degree with focus on cybersecurity or information assurance. For application, visit <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13484/information-security-undergraduate-scholarship-scholarship.php> **Deadline: February 28, 2023**

Mary Rose Mills-Linda Rankin Memorial Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$2,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior, enrolling in 4-year university. Ranked Top 10% of class, SAT 1290 OR ACT 27 minimum, good character, extra-curricular activities. For application, visit: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/MaryRoseMemorial2023>
Deadline: March 1, 2023

Men's College Scholarship

Award: Varies. Up to \$50,000. *Requirements:* High school senior who identifies as male and excels in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service. To apply, visit: <https://foundation.org/highschoolscholarship/> **Deadline: April 3, 2023**

Minute Man Scholarship

If you are enlisted in the Army National Guard or eligible to enlist, ask your recruiter about the Minute Man scholarship.

National Panhellenic Conference Centennial Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$2,000. *Requirements:* female senior who has participated in service and leadership to a women's-focused organization (such as the Girl Scouts). Apply here: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/85476> **Deadline: March 15, 2023.**

NC Alpha Delta Kappa Student Achievement Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$2,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior, enrolling in a 2 or 4-year college/university GPA in range of 2.5 to 3.5, minimum SAT score of 990 to 1130 or ACT composite score in range of 20-24. good character, integrity, leadership potential and service to school, community and church. For application, visit www.nccommunityfoundation.org **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

NC Child Support Council Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Requirements:* Senior, accepted to a 2 or 4-year college/university with a 2.0 or higher GPA. One parent must be a member of the NC Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline to apply: March 24, 2023.**

NC Education Lottery Scholarship *Discipline:* financial need. *Award:* up to \$3,768.

Requirements: be admitted and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at any UNC Public University or Community College as an undergraduate student. Complete the FAFSA and you will be automatically considered for this scholarship. *Deadline:* None, but funds are distributed until they are gone so doing the FAFSA **as soon as possible is best.**

NC Community College Grant *Discipline:* financial need. *Award:* up to \$2,200.

Requirements: complete the FAFSA and you will be automatically considered for this grant. Enroll in community college for 6 or more credit hours (2 classes). *Deadline:* None, but funds are distributed until they are gone so doing the FAFSA **as soon as possible is best.**

PB&J Scholarship

Award: up to \$1,000. *Requirements:* high school senior planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college who has experienced personal challenges and has the drive to succeed. There is no GPA requirement. For application, visit www.bit.ly/pbj scholarship2022 **Deadline: May 31, 2023**

Pegge Haywood Annual Scholarship

Discipline: merit. *Award:* \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to Republican values and activities as communicated in an essay. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline: March 15, 2023** – application must be received by US mail to the address listed on the application by March 15.

Play Scholars Helping Collars Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$1,500. *Requirements:* senior who submits an essay describing the impact they made in the life of a rescue animal or other animal welfare cause. To apply, visit: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12349/play_scholars_helping_collars_scholarship_scholarship.php **Deadline: February 27, 2023**

PFLAG Scholarship *Discipline:* identify as LGBTQIA or straight ally serving and supporting the LGBTQIA community. *Award:* \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior residing in Cabarrus County and accepted to a university, college, community college, or vocational school for the 2022-2023 academic year. Minimum weighted GPA of 2.5 For application, e-mail catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

Rothschild Family Scholarship Fund

Discipline: need. *Award:* \$2,000 renewable each year. *Requirements:* Senior with a cumulative GPA between 2.8 and 3.3 who plans to further education through vocational school, community college or 4-year university. To apply, visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx> **Deadline: March 3, 2023**

State Employee Association of NC Scholarship Foundation

Discipline: Need/Merit. *Award:* unspecified. *Requirements:* child or grandchild of a member of SEANC. Visit: <https://www.seanc.org/scholarship> for application. **Deadline to mail your application: April 15, 2023**

SECU Foundation People Helping People Scholarship *Discipline:* need/merit. *Award:* \$10,000.00 over 4 years. *Requirements:* member of the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) or eligible to be due to parent/guardian membership. High School Senior **accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of NC system (Public Universities) and planning to attend full-time.** US citizen and NC resident. FAFSA completed that shows financial need. Student demonstrates leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement. GPA 2.5 or higher (unweighted). E-mail catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us for application and supporting materials. **Deadline for return of all portions of the application: Friday, February 24, 2023 by 3:00pm.**

Union Power Cooperative Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit/Need/Community Service. *Award* \$1,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school Senior who lives in a home powered by Union Power and will be attending college in the Fall. Apply at: www.union-power.com/collegescholarships **Deadline: March 1, 2023**