

# Hickory Ridge High School

## Senior Notes

### January 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.*

#### **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.

#### **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...

#### **Yearbooks / Senior Ads**

Yearbooks are available to purchase online at:

[https://yearbookforever.com/schools/hickory\\_ridge\\_high\\_school\\_buy\\_yearbook\\_303498/fHJa6VT713Fqx2wHN05wHJLz](https://yearbookforever.com/schools/hickory_ridge_high_school_buy_yearbook_303498/fHJa6VT713Fqx2wHN05wHJLz)

The final deadline to order a Senior Ad is **January 27, 2023**. Please see the flyer about senior ads at the end of this newsletter for more information. Senior Ads are available to purchase:

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#### **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>

**College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)** offers many resources to understand the financial aid process. Visit [www.CFNC.org](http://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](http://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

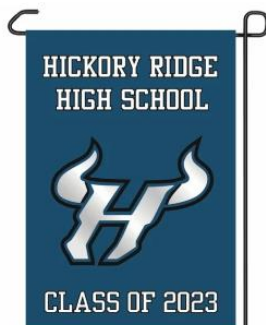
### Selective Service

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](http://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

## Scholarship awards

We will begin collecting information about the scholarships you have earned in the next edition of this newsletter. Scholarships that you have earned and accepted will be announced at a senior award ceremony at the end of the semester. More information coming soon. Stay tuned...

## 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/>

### Army ROTC Scholarship

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$5,000/semester to apply toward tuition OR room/board.

*Requirements:* senior planning to enroll in a 4-year participating university. In NC, App State participates. Students do not have to be in ROTC in high school to apply for this scholarship. Apply and earn admittance at university and pass an Army physical. Students join ROTC in college as an elective. No commitment to service in your first year. After your first year, you are asked to commit to the Army active duty or reserve. For more information, visit:

<https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

**Deadline:** January 16, 2023

### Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$20,000.

*Requirements:* senior of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity who is enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall of 2023. Minimum GPA of 2.7, complete the FAFSA. To apply, visit:

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16225/asian\\_and\\_pacific\\_islander\\_american\\_scholarship\\_program\\_scholarship.php](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16225/asian_and_pacific_islander_american_scholarship_program_scholarship.php) **Deadline:** January 19, 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:



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

**ECA College Scholarship** *Discipline:* Merit / Need. *Award:* \$800.00. Non-renewable.

*Requirements:* high school senior. The NC Extension & Community Association grants a scholarship each year for area graduating high school seniors. Special consideration will be made for applicants planning to study Family and Consumer Sciences or who have a connection with the NC Cooperative Extension Service through membership, 4-H etc. Apply at

[www.go.ncsu.edu/nceca](http://www.go.ncsu.edu/nceca) Look under Appendices - Scholarship Application. **Deadline:** February 1, 2023

## 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:* 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline:* March 1, 2022

**GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$40,000 over 4 years. *Requirements:* graduating high school senior who embodies leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. Minimum GPA 3.0. Plan to enroll full time in an accredited 4 -year university. To apply, visit: [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program | The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute](#) *Deadline:* January 5, 2023

**Live Mas Scholarship** *Award* \$25,000. *Requirements:* senior planning to enroll in 2,4-year college/university or vocational/technical/ trade school. Submit a video answering these questions: What is your passion and how are you pursuing it? How do you plan to use your passion to make a positive change in the world? How will further education enable you to use your passion? For more information and to apply, visit: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16235/live-mas-scholarship-program> *Deadline:* January 11, 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

**Matthew Graziadei Achievement Scholarship** *Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$1,500.00. *Requirements:* student with a disability who will use the award money for any post high school learning experience or for equipment/technology needed for employment after high school. To apply, visit <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/> *Deadline:* February 1, 2023.

### **Mensa US Scholarship**

*Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$2,500. *Requirements:* Senior who must be enrolled in college for Fall 2023. The application includes an essay of no more than 550 words explaining your career, academic or vocational goals and how you plan to achieve them. Apply here: [GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) *Deadline:* January 15, 2023

**Montreat College Honors Program scholarships** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* full tuition or up to \$25,000. *Requirements:* 3.5 minimum unweighted GPA, apply to Montreat college and the honors program **by Jan 13, 2023**, attend scholar's day **on Feb. 3, 2023**. For more information and to apply, visit [www.montreat.edu/honors-scholarships](http://www.montreat.edu/honors-scholarships)

## **National Beta Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* up to \$20,000. *Requirements:* Senior who is an active member of the National Beta Club. Academic excellence, leadership, character, community and school service, enter your National Beta Membership number into the application. *Apply:* [GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) *Deadline:* January 19, 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](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org) *Deadline:* March 1, 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.**

**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](mailto:catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline:* March 1, 2023

**The John F Kennedy 'Profile in Courage' Essay Contest** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$10,000 for first prize; \$3,000 for second. *Requirements:* write an original essay answering this prompt: Describe an act of political courage by a US elected Official who served during or after 1917 (the year of JFK's birth). For more information, visit:

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/getting-started>  
*Deadline:* January 13, 2023

## **Path to Pro Scholarship Program** *Discipline:* Trade-related training. *Award:* \$2,000.

*Requirements:* High school senior, planning to enroll in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school (technical/vocational school or college) in the United States, focused on Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing or Construction Management. Employees or

dependents of employees of The Home Depot are not eligible to apply. Visit: [Path to Pro Scholarship Program](#) **Deadline: December 31, 2022**

**Ron Brown Scholarships Program** *Discipline:* Merit and financial need. *Award:* \$40,000 over 4 years of college. *Requirements:* community-minded and intellectually gifted African American high school senior. Economically challenged; demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. For application, visit: <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/> **Deadline: January 9, 2023**

**Transportation YOU High School Scholarship** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$2,500. *Requirements:* female senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA who intends to pursue a degree and career in a transportation-related field. This scholarship is sponsored by the 'Women's Transportation seminar'. To apply: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/charlotte-metro/scholarships> **Deadline: December 28, 2022**

**Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$5,000. *Requirements:* senior planning a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. To apply, visit: [https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington\\_crossing\\_foundation\\_scholarship\\_scholarship.php](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington_crossing_foundation_scholarship_scholarship.php) **Deadline: January 15, 2023**



# Hickory Ridge Senior Ads

7321 Ragin Ridge Road

Harrisburg, NC 28075

School Office (704) 260-6630

**Congratulations to all Hickory Ridge Senior parents!** The 2022-2023 Hickory Ridge High School yearbook staff is now accepting orders for ads. Ads are spaces in the yearbook that give you an opportunity to express your love, pride, and congratulations upon your child's achievement this school year.

### Ordering:

To order, purchase online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and then enter the school's name to get to the online submission page. You can also [click here](#) to be taken directly to the page.

### Ad Placement:

All ads are sold on a "first come, first served" basis until the ad pages in the yearbook are full. We cannot guarantee an ad for you even if you meet the deadline because our ad space is limited. Therefore, we encourage you to place your ad order early to ensure a place in this year's Hickory Ridge Yearbook.

### Deadline:

The final deadline for ads is **Friday, January 27, 2023**. Get your ad in early because you'll save money by meeting an early deadline!

### Thank You!

We thank you for your patronage! The Hickory Ridge Yearbook staff depends on your support in this endeavor to produce a successful yearbook.

If you have any questions concerning an ad, please call (704-260-6630) or email Sarah Kincaid ([sarah.kincaid@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.kincaid@cabarrus.k12.nc.us)), Yearbook Adviser.

- Yearbook Staff

***Please make sure to read the Guidelines and Instruction below before submitting your ad.***

## Guidelines & Instructions *for ad submission*

### Photos:

- Each ad has a photo limit; supply up to that # of pictures. If you include extra pictures, our staff will decide which one(s) to exclude **without notifying you**.
- Photos that include alcohol, guns, or are taken on railroad tracks **will not be accepted**.
- We will enlarge or reduce your photos as necessary. We will also "crop" (focus on key parts of) the picture to its best advantage.

### Text:

- We will choose a font (typeface) for your copy when we compose your ad. We will also correct grammar, punctuation and spelling errors. Therefore, if a word needs to be spelled a certain way, make sure we know it.
- Take into account the size of your ad when writing your message to your child. A large quantity of text in any ad will end up being set in very small type which may not be easy to read.

The Hickory Ridge HS Yearbook staff reserves the right to change or rearrange any ad which is not appropriate for the yearbook without notifying you. This includes but is not limited to the exclusion of photos and/or text.

## Types of Ads/Size

Ad Size & Maximum Photos	Early Deadline 10/15	Final Deadline 1/27
<b>Full Page</b> (12 photos)	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>1/2 Page</b> (6 photos)	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>1/4 Page</b> (3 photos)	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>1/8 Page</b> (1 photo)	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$100</b>

# Ad Orders final deadline 1/27/23