

# Hickory Ridge High School

## Senior Notes

### November 2022

*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 Portraits**

Senior picture proofs are ready to be viewed on the Blair Phillips Photography portal. You must follow the directions to select your **yearbook** pose by **November 14th**. If you do not select your pose by this date, one will be chosen for you.

<https://180924112318.proofingphotos.com/tux--drape/hickory-ridge-tux-drape/>

#### **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?

#### **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:

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

#### **Cap and Gown**

Order online at [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) Pay less by ordering now! Prices increase later in the year.

#### **College Athletes**

If you plan to play a sport at a 4-year university, be sure you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Visit the following website to register: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> Registering allows college coaches to contact you.

## Early Decision and Early Action

If you find a college that you know is a right for you, consider applying by the early action deadline. Applying early gets you an answer earlier from the college, but before you commit to anything, be aware of what you are committing to. Early Decision is binding and prevents further exploration of other colleges. This website explains the differences between Early Decision and Early Action: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/104.html>

## SAT/ACT

Most universities have made providing SAT/ACT test scores in your application optional, so they will not be required as part of the admissions process. If your scores will enhance your application, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to order your SAT scores sent to universities. Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to order your ACT scores sent to universities. School Counselors cannot send your scores, because the ACT and SAT charge a fee to send scores.

## Transcript Information

Colleges will require that you send your official transcript as part of your application. Usually, you will send it electronically. Here's how...

Electronic options:

1. Online at [www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org) This is free because you send it yourself through the 'Transcript Manager' to ANY two or four year college in North Carolina.
2. Online at Parchment. Some colleges use this platform and will ask you to enter your School Counselor's e-mail address into your application. Your School Counselor receives a message from Parchment and uploads your official transcript directly to the site. You are notified through Parchment after your transcript has been sent. This counts as one of your free transcript requests.
3. Online at Common App / Naviance. Many colleges use this platform and will ask you to enter your School Counselor's e-mail address into your application. Your School Counselor receives a message from the Common App and uploads your official transcript directly to the site. You are notified through Common App that your transcript has been sent. This counts as one of your free transcript requests.

Paper option: Complete a transcript request form for each place you want to send one. The blank form is available on the senior canvas course and in the School Counseling Office. E-mail the completed transcript request form to [Lisa.ryan@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lisa.ryan@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) or drop off your paper copy in the School Counseling Office. These cost \$5.00 each after you have requested 3 through Parchment, Common App or paper.

Please do not ask your School Counselor to e-mail your transcript to college coaches, admissions officers, scholarships etc. We are not allowed to e-mail your transcript because Cabarrus County Schools does not consider e-mail to be secure for your private information.

## **NC Residency Certification Number**

To be billed the less expensive “In-State” rather than “Out-of-state Tuition” at your college, you will need your Residency Certification Number (RCN). Visit [www.ncresidency.org](http://www.ncresidency.org) and complete the process to receive your RCN. You will then provide this number to colleges as a part of the application process. This can be completed before, during, or after submitting the college application, but your School Counselor recommends completing it before you submit your application(s).

## **Letters of Recommendation**

Many colleges and universities require letters of recommendation along with your application for admission. These letters are an important way for admissions officials to gain insight into your personal strengths, weaknesses, and accomplishments. When asking someone to write a letter of recommendation for you, consider the following tips:

- Ask for letters **at least** 2 weeks before the application deadline.
- Be sure to use a “letter of recommendation request form,” which provides valuable information to the writer. Blank forms are available in your 12<sup>th</sup> grade canvas course.
- Be courteous and polite when requesting letters of recommendation. Remember that you are asking the person to do something extra on top of their usual workload.
- Only ask adults you know can write a strong letter for you. If someone doesn’t know you well enough to advocate for your admission, you should ask someone who knows you better and can write a strong letter on your behalf.
- Provide all necessary information, forms, addresses, and envelopes to complete and submit the letter of recommendation. Make sure you follow the directions on how to send the letter to the college.

## **Financial Aid – The FAFSA went live on October 1, 2022.**

To apply for financial aid, complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). It is a good idea to complete the FAFSA as soon as you can. Higher-earning families should also fill out the FAFSA because they may qualify for more need-based aid than they might expect, and some colleges require a completed FAFSA for merit-based scholarships.

After you apply, you will receive a report explaining what your family is expected to contribute. Colleges use that report to offer you a financial aid package and communicate with students about scholarships. More detailed information is posted in the Class of 2023 canvas course available in every senior’s canvas dashboard. Gather these materials before you start the FAFSA for a smooth process:

- ✓ Student FSA ID and parent FSA ID are created by visiting <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>
- ✓ Social Security numbers.
- ✓ Driver’s license.
- ✓ Tax information from last year.

## Demonstration of Interest (DOI)

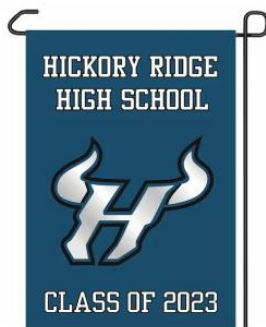
Colleges try to determine which students are really interested in them. They use this information to decide who to admit in the hopes that those who showed a lot of interest will accept the offer. There are many ways to demonstrate your interest in a college

1. Open the colleges' e-mails to you. Colleges have technology that tells them if you open their messages and how many times you check their websites.
2. If a college rep. is visiting your high school, go to their presentation/meet with them.
3. Visit the college campus virtually or in-person.
4. Apply during the 'early action' window.
5. In your essays and anytime you meet a representative from the college, explain why you are interested in this college/program.
6. After you submit your application, answer their messages promptly and apply for the scholarships they recommend.

## 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 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

## Burger King Scholars Program

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* up to \$50,000. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a senior in high school and have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Student must plan to enroll full-time for the entire 2023-24 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applications can be found here:

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10533/burger-king-scholars-program-scholarship.php> **Deadline:** December 15, 2022

## Cheatham-White Scholarship to NC A&T University

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* Full ride. *Requirements:* US citizen, Minimum 4.0 Weighted GPA. Exceptional qualities of character and leadership. Significant involvement in extracurricular activities. Demonstrate a strong commitment to service. For more information and to apply, visit

<https://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/scholarships.php> **Deadline:** November 15, 2022

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

		
<b>Explore Scholarships</b>	<b>Complete the FAFSA</b>	<b>Apply to Colleges</b>
<b>Start Date:</b> July 1, 2022 <b>Deadline:</b> February 28, 2023	<b>Start Date:</b> October 1, 2022 <b>Deadline:</b> February 28, 2023	<b>Start Date:</b> October 1, 2022 <b>Deadline:</b> February 28, 2023
<a href="#">Explore Now</a>	<a href="#">Complete the FAFSA</a>	<a href="#">Apply to Colleges</a>

## **Dell Scholars Program**

*Discipline:* Need. *Award:* \$20,000. Senior must be on track to graduate from an accredited high school in the current academic year, demonstrate a need for financial assistance by completing the FAFSA and plan to pursue a bachelors' degree. Applications available at:

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9745/dell\\_scholars\\_program\\_scholarship.php](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9745/dell_scholars_program_scholarship.php)

**Deadline:** December 1, 2022

**Elks Most Valuable Student Competition** *Discipline:* community service. *Award:* \$50,000 over 4 years. *Requirements:* academically outstanding, service-minded high school senior; citizen of the US. [GO TO APPLICATION](#) **Deadline:** November 14, 2022

**Equitable Excellence Scholarship** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* varies from \$2,500-\$5,000 per year. This scholarship is renewable each year. *Requirements:* Senior planning to enroll full-time in a 2-year or 4-year college. Leadership, determination and resilience as evidenced by outstanding accomplishment in school, community or work-related activities. To learn more and apply, visit

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>

**Deadline:** Dec. 16, 2022

**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

**Greenhouse Scholarship** *Discipline:* Financial need / students who have overcome obstacles. *Award:* up to \$5,000.00 for one year. Renewable. *Requirements:* Unweighted GPA 3.5 or higher, annual household income \$70,000 or less, excellent leadership skills, commitment to their community. Plan to enroll in a 4-year university in Fall 2022. There are 4 rounds to apply. Visit <https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/>

**Deadline:** for round one: Nov. 1, 2022

**Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards.** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$10,000 one-time grant. *Requirements:* Latino high school senior who excels in the classroom and community. Categories include: Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Education, Engineering, Green Sustainability, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Public Service & Social Justice, and Technology. Graduating from high school in the spring of 2023, minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA, enrolling at an accredited higher education institution in the Fall of 2023. To apply: <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/> *Deadline:* November 13, 2022

**KPMG Women's Leadership Program Scholarship.** *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$10,000 over 4 years of college. *Requirements:* female senior interested in a career in business enrolling in a 4-year college in Fall 2023. Selected students also attend a leadership retreat and are paired with a business leader. For more information including deadline to apply, send an e-mail to: [christopherlambert@kpmg.com](mailto:christopherlambert@kpmg.com)

**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)

**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.

**NC State Goodnight Scholarship** *Discipline:* NC State need/merit based. *Award:* \$22,000 each year. This scholarship will reach out to students who have applied to NC State and meet the following criteria: family income of less than \$110,000 (confirmed via the FAFSA), interested in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math major or STEM education major, and a history of exceptional academic performance. An invitation to apply to the scholarship will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the student on their application for admission. Students who do not receive an invitation, but would like to be considered, can self-nominate starting on Nov. 1st by completing an online form at: <https://goodnight.ncsu.edu/apply/first-year>

**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**

**Robertson Scholars Leadership Program** *Discipline:* merit based for Duke University or UNC-Chapel Hill. *Award:* full ride. Part of your application will be an essay answering one of these prompts: (both with a 500-word limit).

**Prompt 1:**

How does the way you spent your time over the past year align with your values? What story does it tell about you and your leadership?

**Prompt 2:**

Tell us about a time your curiosity was sparked by a particular book, piece of music, work of art or experience. What did you do with that curiosity? What is different now?

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://robertson.myvideointerview.co/120810-high-school-robertson-scholars/428884-application-references/en>

**Deadline: November 15**

**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**

**Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships** *Discipline:* Community Service *Award:* \$5,000. High School Senior who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services. Applications available at

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8850/stephen\\_j\\_brady\\_stop\\_hunger\\_scholarships\\_scholarship.php](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8850/stephen_j_brady_stop_hunger_scholarships_scholarship.php) **Deadline: December 7, 2022**





# 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
Full Page (12 photos)	\$360	\$400
1/2 Page (6 photos)	\$230	\$250
1/4 Page (3 photos)	\$130	\$150
1/8 Page (1 photo)	\$85	\$100

# Ad Orders final deadline 1/27/23