

February 2011 Blue and Gold Express



Financial Aid Nights - Greenville County Schools will sponsor four separate Financial Aid Nights for our students and families. This year's workshops will follow the following schedule:

- February 3, Eastside High School
- February 10, Woodmont High School
- February 17, Greenville High School
- February 24, Travelers Rest High School

Each meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. We will plan to conclude formal presentations by 8:00 PM with Q&A following. Financial Aid Officers will present current information and strategies for successfully completing the financial aid process

College Goal Sunday on Saturday, Mar 5

Mark your calendars and make sure your students and parents are aware of this opportunity. Many parents are afraid of the FAFSA. They have heard horror stories about how hard it is to complete or maybe they remember the complexity from when they attended college. On Mar 5, financial aid experts from South Carolina's colleges will be available

at sites across the state to provide information and more importantly to provide 'hands on' help with the actual completion of the form. These professionals will sit down with students and parents and ensure the form is accurately completed and submitted. A complete list of locations is available at

www.collegegoalsundaysc.org.

Pepsi Golf Tournament Scholarship

Eligibility: Sr. enrolled in any GCS HS for the entire sr. yr, Plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year post-secondary institution, A cum GPA 3.0 or better grade (minimum 3.0 cum GPA based on a 4.0 scale), Ranked in 30th percentile of sr. class, Active in school and/or community activities, Must not have received notification they will receive a scholarship of \$5,000 or more from another source by date winners are named (Palmetto and Life Scholarships are exempt). Student must complete a 500 word essay indicating "why you are interested in applying for a Greenville County Schools-Pepsi Scholarship" Include your educational and career goals in your essay. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons (not relatives) who have known you for at least one year. Community Service- List your involvement with school/community activities.). Scholarship apps. must be submitted by the school. See your counselor for an ap and other details. **Deadline:** Feb 21

2011 Student-View Scholarship Program No min. SAT/ACT or GPA, No essay, no ap fees Go to www.student-view.com **Deadline:** Apr 18

2011 Minority HS Internship Program/American Advertising Federation of Greenville \$500 scholarship after completion of the internship

This is a 2 week summer internship for a rising college freshman who is interested in Advertising. Student must complete an ap, 150 word essay, letter of recommendations, official transcript, and a signed parental consent form with medical release. See your counselor for an ap and additional details. **Deadline:** Mar 7

Greenville Tech 17th Annual Diesel Rodeo

Greenville Technical College would like to invite you to participate in the 17th Annual Diesel Rodeo to be held on Friday, April 8, 2011. This competitive event is designed to test the skill level of those students who have chosen Diesel Technology as a career path. This contest is open to all students, but the scholarship awarded will be restricted to Diesel Technology.

If interested please pick up a registration form from your guidance counselor before the March 23, 2011 deadline. For further information call Greenville Tech at (864) 250-8441 or 255-8757

www.greenvilletech.com

J.P. Coates / SCACT Scholarship \$1000

Attend an accredited four-year college or university within the state of SC as a full-time student, **plan to pursue a career in education**, academic record, leadership abilities, financial need. **Deadline: Mar 11**

The Erskine College Presidential Scholarship is the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship offered at Erskine. The Presidential Scholarship covers tuition, room, board, and fees, minus any state, federal, and outside scholarships or grants. A \$1,000 study abroad travel stipend is also awarded to the scholarship recipient. The value of the scholarship over four years is approximately \$150,000. The Presidential Scholarship is renewable for a total of four years of study; the recipient must maintain an Erskine GPA of 3.0 and uphold the ideals and standards of Erskine College. If you would like to access the application for the Presidential Scholarship please visit <http://www.erskine.edu/admissions/presidential/index.shtml>
Students have until **Feb 14** to visit the webpage and fill out the essay required to be considered for the award.

American Leprosy Missions Dorothy Marron Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility requirements: Reside in Greenville County, 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, pursuing a degree that will lead to a vocation involving international service to poor and disenfranchised people in developing countries. Amount: \$2,000 annually for up to 4 years
How to apply: Application, 3 letters of recommendation, and essay topic available from your guidance counselor. **Deadline Mar 12**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PSLEOA (GREENVILLE CHAPTER) \$500 SCHOLARSHIP TO A DESERVING STUDENT IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, A STUDENT MUST: BE A HS SR, A LEGAL U.S. RESIDENT, BE YOUNGER THAN 21 YEARS OLD, CARRY A MINIMUM 2.7 GPA, BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A 2 OR 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, PLAN TO ENROLL AT AN ACCREDITED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR GRADUATION. COMPLETE AN ESSAY AND RETURN THE ESSAY VIA EMAIL. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR ADDITIONAL INFO REGARDING ESSAY TOPIC. DEADLINE: FEB 4

South Carolina Career and Technology Education Administrators Association

Scholarship \$1,500 Nominee must be a SC HS senior and a career and technology education completer as defined by CIP code designation, having earned four or more CATE Carnegie units of site-based (school campus) credit. To be a completer, the final level of the instructional training program must be completed. See counselor for ap and essay topic. **Deadline: Mar 22**

AHAM Scholarship Nominee must be born in Hispanic origin (only from Spanish speaking countries, 1st or 2nd generation), speak Spanish and English with fluency, be accepted for full time classes at a college or tech accredited in the US or USA territories in the fall 2011, legal status in the USA, minimum GPA of 3.5, 250 word short essay, have a record of volunteer or community service, and have a family income no greater than \$60,000. See your counselor for an ap.

***This year, AHAM is adding two extra scholarships (\$1,000 each) for "health care related fields" sponsored by Greenville Hospital System. **Deadline: Mar 27**

Best Buy Scholarship---Visit their website to apply online at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com Deadline: Feb 12

The United Way of Greenville County and the Greenville Housing Fund have partnered together to offer a matched savings account program to help the individuals of our community as young as 16 years of age save towards the continuing their education. Through the Greenville Individual Development Account (IDA) program, individuals will have their savings matched at a 3:1 rate. For every \$1 you save, we'll match it with \$3! (receive up to \$3000 in match money)

The Greenville County Financial Stability Network Individual Development Account (IDA) program is a matched savings program to help participants **LEARN, EARN, and SAVE** towards the purchase of a home, continued education, or a small business. See your counselor for more details.

Who is eligible to participate? All program participants must meet the following criteria:

Be a Greenville County resident Have a source of earned income (whether part time or full time) Have an total household income that is 200% below the Federal Poverty Line

Size of Household 200% of Federal Poverty Line: 1) \$21,660, 2) \$29,140, 3) \$36,620, 4) \$44,100
5) \$51,580