



Blue and Gold Express February Edition 2010

Financial Aid

If you need help paying for college, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your starting point to applying to most student financial assistance programs, including federal, state, and campus-based aid.

Step 1: Get a Social Security Number (SSN).

If you submit the FAFSA without a SSN, your application will not be processed. To apply for a SSN, visit Social Security Online, www.ssa.gov.

Step 2: Request a PIN.

If you plan to submit your FAFSA online, you (and one of your parents) can request a PIN at the US Department of Education pin registration website, www.pin.ed.gov.

Step 3: Complete the FAFSA on the Internet.

To access FAFSA on the web, visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Apply as soon as you can after January 1, because funding is awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.

Step 4: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).

Your SAR summarizes the data you reported on your FAFSA. When you receive your SAR, carefully review it line by line. Make corrections or changes, if necessary. If your FAFSA information is complete, an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is printed in the upper-right-hand corner. Schools you listed on the FAFSA will receive electronic copies of your SAR.

Step 5: Determine if you need to verify your FAFSA information. *At least 30% of submitted FAFSAs are selected for verification. If you've been selected, an asterisk (*) will appear after your EFC number. When submitting tax returns and other documentations, follow instructions.*

Financial Aid Workshops for Parents and Students

Each workshop will begin at 7:00 and will conclude at 8:30. Representatives from local colleges and universities will be sharing valuable information on applying for various types of financial aid. Information, including brochures, will also be shared concerning the J.E. Serrine Scholarship. The dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday, February 4 JL Mann High School

Thursday, February 11 Greer High School

Thursday, February 18 Carolina High School

COLLEGE VISITS/INFO. ABOUT COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Upcoming Dates

- **USC Upstate Fab Fridays:** February 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7 10:00am – 2:00pm. To register, call 1-800-277-8727 or visit www.uscupstate.edu.

College Goal Sunday--Get the help you need--get money for college Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Greenville Tech 10-2 for additional info go to www.collegegoalsundayusa.org/

Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers' Association Scholarship

South Carolina's PSLEOA (Greenville chapter) \$500 scholarship
Student must be a: high school senior, a legal U.S. resident, younger than 21 years old, min. GPA 2.7, eligible to attend a 2 or 4 yr college or university, and plan to enroll at an accredited post-secondary education institution during the academic year following graduation. For more info, see Ms. Parnell. **Deadline is Feb 3.**

3.0 GPA, rank in top third of senior class, active in school and/or community activities, must not have received notification that you will receive a scholarship of \$5,000 or more by this time (Palmetto Fellows and Life Scholarships are exempt from this). Eastside HS can submit two applications. Applications are available in guidance and must be submitted to Ms. Parnell in Guidance by **Feb 23.**

Pepsi Golf Tournament Scholarship Greenville County Schools

"B. Davis Scholarship" Amount of Scholarship: \$1000 The creators of the **"ScholarshipQuestHelper"** website are

offering a scholarship. Go to <http://www.scholarshipquesthelper.com> to apply for our scholarship. **The deadline for applications is May 28.**

South Carolina Career and Technology Education Administrators Association

Eligibility requirements: Nominee must be a SC high school senior and an occupational completer. They have to have earned four or more occupation Carnegie units of school campus credit. Amount: \$ 1,000 scholarship

How to apply: Fill out application form with reference letters, transcript and essay. See Ms. Parnell for additional info. Deadline is **Feb 21**

Greater Greenville Association of Realtors:

Eligibility Requirements: High School seniors in the Greenville, Laurens and Pickens counties
Amount: \$ 2,500

How to apply: Fill out application, transcript, letters of recommendation and essay **Deadline is Mar 12.** For more information: go to www.ggar.com or Contact Connie Winslow at GGAR, connie.winslow@ggar.com

AHAM Scholarship

Must be of Hispanic descent (Only Spanish speaking countries, 1st or 2nd generation), have legal status in the US, be accepted for full time classes at a college or tech accredited by the USA, minimum GPA of 3.5, have a family income no greater than \$60,000. See Ms. Parnell in guidance for an application. **Deadline is Mar 15**

Rho Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc 2010 Ivies of Intellect Scholarship Application

Eligibility: Open to a local high school senior: Currently a high school senior (grade 12), Has a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), Applicants must include **one (1)** recommendation from an influential adult such as a teacher, supervisor, club sponsor, coach, etc. (Recommendations must be signed) See Ms. Parnell in guidance for application. **Applications must be postmarked by March 8.**

The Rice Vinskus Scholarship

be the child (biological, adopted, stepchild) or dependent of a parent or legal guardian with breast cancer. This scholarship applies whether the parent is currently in treatment, in remission, or has passed. A South Carolina resident and a United States Citizen, have acceptance as a full-time (12 or more credit hours) undergraduate (freshman through senior) at an accredited four-year college or university, have at a minimum, a 2.5 grade or higher average (GPA) based on a 4.0 grade scale, and have need of financial assistance to attend college. Please visit www.RVScholarship.org for application, checklist & more information or see Ms. Parnell for additional info.

Erskine College Presidential Scholarship

is the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship offered at Erskine College. The value of the scholarship over 4 yrs is \$140,000. See Ms. Parnell immediately in guidance for additional info. **Deadline is Feb 8**

Associated Training Service Scholarship

America's premier heavy equipment operator training organization will offer a scholarship valued at \$1000 to one student at Eastside High School who is interested in the Associated Training Service Network School. See Ms. Parnell in guidance for additional information.

JP Coates/SCACT Scholarship

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, fin. need. See Ms. Parnell in guidance **Deadline is Mar 10**

2010 Committed to Lives of Excellence Scholarship Program

Go to <http://delts.org/about/committed.html>
Deadline is Mar 31

