

## Blue and Gold Express March 2010



### Financial Aid Info.

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](http://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](http://www.pin.ed.gov).*

Step 3: Complete the FAFSA on the Internet.

*To access FAFSA on the web, visit [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). Apply as soon as you can after*

*January 1, because funding is awarded on a firstcome, 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*

**New B. Davis Scholarship has moved to a new website. Go to <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Tau Omega Chapter Scholarship**  
Financial need, "C" average or rank in the middle fifth of class. See Mrs. Parnell in Guidance for an application. Deadline: March 13

**Bilo Urban Scholarship \$2500** Financial need and strength of essay. See Ms. Parnell for an application ASAP. Deadline: March 11

### SC State Fair Scholarship

50 \$2,000 scholarships are available. For information and application log on to [www.scstatefair.org](http://www.scstatefair.org) Deadline: March 17

### SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports Educator's Scholarship

\$500 scholarship to an enrolling female college freshman planning to major in education See Ms. Parnell for an application. Deadline: March 23

· SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports and Trophies by "M" Medical Scholarship

\$1000 scholarship to an enrolling female college freshman planning to major in the medical field

See Ms. Parnell in Guidance an application. Deadline: March 23

SC Association of Extension Administrative Professionals \$500 to students pursuing a career in the secretarial, computer science or business management field. See Ms. Parnell for application. Deadline: March 29

### Mu Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship

Proof of acceptance and enrollment in college or technical school, financial need, "C" average. See Ms. Parnell for an application. Deadline: April 10

### 2010 Student-View Scholarship Program

No minimum SAT/ACT score or GPA, no essay, no fees. Log on to [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com) and complete an application survey about colleges in your area. Scholarships awarded via random drawing. Deadline: April 22

**Major-Woodruff Educational Scholarship Program**

Minority student attending Abbeville or Greenville County School, GPA of 2.5, enrolling in the fall in a program leading to a degree or certificate, three letters or recommendation, and essay. See Ms. Parnell for an application. Deadline: June 30

**Western Carolina Section 195 Scholarship/American Welding Society**

Will provide up to \$750 per semester to those individuals attending an accredited technical/community college to a student who shows an emphasis on "Welding" in their high school or career center. See Ms. Parnell for application

**Important Information**

College of Charleston Jewish Student Union will host a weekend of accepted students on March 19-21. Please email Maxine Bier at [bierm@cofc.edu](mailto:bierm@cofc.edu) for additional info and to register.

Free SAT/ACT Workshops for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders at the University Center. Please contact the Urban League at 244-3862 for dates and times. Space is limited so register early.

Several scholarships from recent editions of the Blue and Gold Express still have reachable deadlines. Be sure that you review your copies or go to Eastside's website at <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/eastside/guidanc/guidance.asp> to look them up. Several deadlines are coming up.

Remember to access the FAFSA online.

This should be completed as soon as possible. Completion of the FAFSA generates a Student Aid Report which is needed for some scholarship programs including the J.E. Serrine Scholarship and the SC Tuition Grant.

SC Teachers & Career Changers Loan Programs See Ms. Parnell for application. Deadline: April 15