



RHS School Counseling Department

Senior Smoke Signals

February 2020 Edition

2019-20 School Dates

For a more comprehensive list of events, please visit our Activity Calendar link located on our School Counseling web page!

February 17	President's Day Holiday
March 20	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
March 23	Inclement Weather Make-up Day 3
March 2	Inclement Weather Make-up Day 1
March 27	3 rd Qtr. Report Card
April 1	Senior Supplies delivered
April 10	Inclement Weather Make-up Day 2
April 13-17	Spring Break
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
May 27	Tentative Graduation Rehearsal @ RHS 9:30 AM
June 1	Graduation Rehearsal @ Bon Secours Wellness Arena – 7:30 AM
June 2	Graduation 9 AM @ Bon Secours Wellness Arena



If you need an official transcript to be sent to a college/university, please submit request Naviance for your counselor to be able to submit your High School Transcript!

Armed Forces Visits at RHS

Visit will be each month on the following days:

1 st Tuesday	SC National Guard
1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Navy
2 nd & 4 th Tuesday	Army
2 nd & 4 th Thursday	Marines

RHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

A, B	Mrs. Rogers
C, F, W, X	Mrs. Blevins
D, E, G, I, T, Z	Mr. Sumerel
J, K, Y	Mrs. Derrick
M, P, U, V	Ms. Peasley
O, Q, R, S	Ms. Hintalla

SAT TEST DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
March 14	February 14
May 2	April 3
June 6	May 8

RHS School Code – 410951
 Register at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT TEST DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
April 4	February 28
June 13	May 3
July 13	June 14

RHS School Code – 410951
 Register at: www.actstudent.org

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Indicates a New Scholarship Posting

SOUTH CAROLINA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$2,800 for the first year only. Students that have a final minimum 3.0 GPA but do not qualify for the LIFE are eligible to receive this scholarship. Students who receive the SC HOPE and earn a 3.0 at the end of the first year of college may receive the LIFE Scholarship for the second year of college. **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

◆ **SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE SCHOLARSHIP** This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$5000 per year. Students must meet two of the three requirements (1) your final, cumulative grade point average must be a minimum 3.0; (2) minimum 1100 SAT (combined critical reading and math sections) or 24 ACT; or (3) rank in the top 30% of your class at graduation. For a two year college students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (the test score and class rank requirements are waived.) **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

◆ **SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP** This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$6700 per year. Students may be eligible to apply if they meet the following three criteria: 1200 SAT/27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, top 6% of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year; or meet the following two criteria 1400 SAT/32 ACT and 4.0 GPA at end of the junior or senior year. Students that meet the criteria will be notified by their Counselor to complete an application.

SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE This state awarded money varies each year dependent on the South Carolina Lottery Revenue. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours a semester and advancing toward a degree at one of the state's two-year institutions. Students must complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1, 2015 as possible. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

South Carolina Tuition Grant NO EFFORT Scholarship \$1,000 given away monthly. Seniors and parents may enter once a month. Go to scstudentloan.or/noeffort to register.

◆ *LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients at the college sophomore level for students pursuing program majors in the following areas: science, math, computer science or informational technology, engineering, science education, math education and healthcare and related disciplines including medicine and dentistry. Incoming freshman must take fourteen credit hours in math and/or science during their freshman year. More information about these state scholarships is available online at www.che.sc.gov*

* **2020 SIRRINE SCHOLARSHIP** Completed application, complete the FAFSA and provide copy of Student Aid Report (SAR). Application available at <https://sirriner.greenville.k12.sc.us/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> Students will create an 2019-20 account. Student should **NOT** use their GCS student email address as these accounts are deactivated after graduation. Use a personal email address! For additional information, visit <https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?title=counselors> **Deadline: April 15**

American Legion Post 3 Oratorical Contest \$1000, \$600 & \$400 Give a prepared speech about some aspect of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the US Government. Must be 8-10 minutes in length. The Post 3 contest will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10 AM at the post in Greenville. The winner will advance to the Quadrant contest in the upstate South Carolina area on Saturday, February 8, 2020 and then hopefully, to the State level on Saturday, February 22, 2020. See your counselor for more information.

The Silver Pen Writing Competition \$2,500, \$750, \$500 Essay must be original work, applicants can only enter one time, essay must be a minimum of 1000 words and double spaced, quotations may be used sparingly and sources must be clearly identified, completed application, copy of transcript. All items needed to complete this application can be submitted online at silverpen-sic.com **Deadline: February 14**

B. Davis Scholarship The creators of the “Student Award Search Aid” website are offering a \$1000 scholarship. Application and information is available online at <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>
Deadline: May 22

American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program Range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 Completed application, unofficial transcript, 500 word essay. See your counselor for application. **Deadline: May 1**

SC Federal Credit Union Scholarship \$1,500 and \$12,000 Must be a US resident, 3.0 or higher GPA, be in good standing with school, plan to attend a college/university on a full-time basis or technical college in South Carolina. Winner must be able to attend the Scholarship Luncheon and SC Federal Annual Meeting at Monday, April 20, 2020 at 12 PM in North Charleston, SC to claim award. Application can be found at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/southcarolinafcuscholarship> **Deadline: February 14**

Charleston Women in International Trade Scholarship Completed application, must attend a SC school, must pursue a degree specific to international trade or related course of study, must be a US citizen, letter of recommendation, official transcript, resume, personal statement and essay. Females & Males are invited to apply. See counselor for a copy of application. **Deadline: February 28**

***Light Up A Life Scholarship** Be a child of a current employee of Prisma Health or a child or grandchild of an active Prisma Volunteer who has worked at least 100 hours at the time of applying or be an active teen volunteer who has worked a minimum of 50 documented hours within the past 12 months, 3.0 GPA in both math and science, planning on pursuing an associate or bachelor’s degree in healthcare, demonstrate financial need, official high school transcript, essay, 2 recommendation letters, completed application. Applications can be found at www.scholarshipprogram.org **Deadline: March 25**

***Bobby Chapman Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship** \$1,500 May or may not be a golfer, must be a full-time student in the fall working on a baccalaureate degree, completed nomination packet, high school report and two letters of recommendation - one from School Counselor and one from Family friend, Coach, Employer. See your counselor for a copy of the application. **Deadline: March 20**

***SC Education Association-Retired Scholarship** \$1,000 Must attend a SACS accredited college in SC, pursue a major in education, 3.0 GPA, must demonstrate leadership abilities, must need financial assistance, essay, 2 letters of recommendation, completed application. See your counselor for a copy of application. **Deadline: March 12**

South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Foundation Scholarship This scholarship will award three scholarships totaling \$3000. Seniors must be a SC resident and plan to attend a two- or four-year college. Application and information available online at www.scleoa.org **Deadline February 21**

BigSun Scholarship Senior athletes can apply for this \$500 scholarship online at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> **Deadline: June 19**

***AHAM (Asociation Hispnano-Americana de Mujeres) College Scholarship Program** Candidates must be of Hispanic origin or descent (only Spanish speaking countries, first or second generation), have legal presence in US, completed application, official transcript, SAT/ACT scores, copy of household federal income tax return (1040EZ) for 2019, typed essay, letter of acceptance from university/college, copy of document showing legal presence in US. See your counselor for a copy of application. **Deadline: March 14**



BMW Manufacturing Co. Scholars Program

The BMW Scholars Program allows students to attend class fulltime at local community colleges while working part-time at BMW. Students are able to attend Spartanburg Community College, Greenville Technical College or Tri-County Technical College and gain experience. BMW will pay student’s tuition and books. Participants will become candidates for full-time positions at BMW.

To learn more about the BMW Scholars Program at Greenville Tech visit https://www.gvltec.edu/academics_learning/exp_learn/bmw-scholars.html