



# RHS School Counseling Department

## Senior Smoke Signals

January 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!**

January 10	Job Shadowing Day
January 13	ASVAB Testing
January 20	MLK Day – No School
January 24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Card
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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Secour Wellness Arena – 7:30 PM
June 2	Graduation 9 AM @ Bon Secour 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	SC National Guard
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Navy
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Army
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### ACT TEST DATES

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
February 8	January 10
April 4	February 28
June 13	May 3
July 13	June 14

**RHS School Code – 410951**

Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.che.sc.gov)*

**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.

**John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Courage Essay Contest** \$10,000, \$3,000, \$1,000 & \$100 Write an original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage. Essay must be 700 to 1,000 words, include a bibliography of at least five varied, reliable sources. For complete guidelines, visit [JFKLibrary.org/essaycontest](http://JFKLibrary.org/essaycontest) **Deadline: January 17, 2020**

**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](http://silverpen-sic.com) **Deadline: February 15**

**Harry Hampton Scholarship** This a four year \$5000 per year scholarship. Students must be a full-time SC resident, plan to major in the natural resources (wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry or marine science), plan to attend a SC university/college and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applications and details are available at [www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org](http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org) **Deadline: January 31**

**David M. Cline Scholarship** This \$2000 scholarship is for students who wish to further their education in law enforcement, criminal justice or forensic science and plan to attend a SC university/college. Applications and details are available at [www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html](http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html)

**Deadline: January 31**

**James O. Thompson Scholarship** This a four year \$2000 per year scholarship. Students must be a full-time SC resident, plan to major in electronic, print or photojournalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications, plan to attend a South Carolina university/college and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applications and details are available at [www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org](http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org) **Deadline: January 31**

**Wallace F. Pate Scholarship** This is a one-year \$2500 scholarship. Students must be a full-time SC resident, plan to major in the natural resources (wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry or marine science) and plan to attend a South Carolina university/college. Applications and details are available online at [www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org](http://www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org) **Deadline January 31**

**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**

**Mensa Essay Scholarship** America Mensa Education and Research Foundation and the local chapter, Piedmont Area Mensa, offer scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$1000 based on 550 word essays about educational, career and life goals. Application forms and contest rules are available online at [www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships) **Deadline:**

**January 15**

**Ron Brown Scholar Program** \$10,000 Must be a US citizen or permanent resident, Black/African American, , should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership, participate in community service activities and demonstrate a financial need, transcript, letters of recommendation, SAT/ACT scores. See your counselor for a copy of the application. **Deadline: January 9**

**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/southcarolinafcus-scholarship> **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**

**\*EGIA Foundation Scholarship** Awarding 20 \$2,500 Scholarships. Applicants must be pursuing a career in HVAC as an associate degree, Certificate or Diploma at an accredited community/technical college, be a US citizen or US Permanent reside, minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher. To learn more and to apply visit [www.EGIAFoundation.org/Scholarship](http://www.EGIAFoundation.org/Scholarship) **Deadline: January 30**

**\*SME Education Foundation** \$1,000 up to \$40,000. Students must register first. Once registered, the online application process will match students to every scholarship for which they are eligible. Visit [www.smeef.org/scholarships](http://www.smeef.org/scholarships) **Deadline: February 1**

**\*Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship** Seniors must plan to attend a four year college/university. Seniors must also show leadership potential, demonstrate evidence of community service; present financial need; and have either a minimum 1000 SAT score or 21 ACT composite. Application and information is available online at <https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/> **Deadline: February 1**

**\*The James F. Byrnes Foundation Scholarship** \$4500 Students who have lost one or both parents. Students must be a SC resident, US citizen, who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited 4-year university/college. Student must also demonstrate excellence in character and ability and must have a satisfactory academic record and financial need. Visit [www.byrnesscholars.org](http://www.byrnesscholars.org) to obtain an application packet. **Deadline: February 1**

## EARLY AWARDS PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

In order to be eligible to apply for the Early Awards of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship high school seniors must meet one of the following criteria:

Score a minimum 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT (in order to determine the highest combined score - the score on the SAT must be calculated by using the highest ERW score combined with the highest MSS score); earn a cumulative 3.5 GPA on the Uniform Grading Scale at the end of the junior year; and rank in the top six percent at the end of the sophomore or junior year.

*OR*

Score a minimum 1400 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT (in order to determine the highest combined score - the score on the SAT must be calculated by using the highest ERW score combined with the highest MSS score) and earn a cumulative 4.0 GPA on the Uniform Grading Scale at the end of the junior year.

★ **IMPORTANT** ★

**If you think you qualify for the Early Awards of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and have NOT been contacted by Mrs. Derrick then please see Mrs. Derrick in the Counseling Office IMMEDIATELY! DEADLINE TO APPLY IS April 15.**



## 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\\_learning/bmw-scholars.html](https://www.gvltec.edu/academics_learning/exp_learning/bmw-scholars.html)