

GHS

Senior Family Meeting

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GRADUATION!!!

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

12:00 noon

Colonial Center

Graduation Requirements

- Bulleted on the “Work in Progress” section of the transcript.
- Must earn credit in all classes bulleted to participate in graduation.
- GPA is printed in the GPA Summary. SC schools use the SC UGP GPA and rank.
- Honor Graduate—Final GPA of 4.0 or top 10% of the graduating class. Recognized with gold cords at graduation.

Your Plans

- Indicated on your transcript
- Information taken from your IGP conference
 - Work or Military
 - 2-Year School
 - Includes 2 year transfer option
 - 4-Year School
 - Includes additional requirements

Destination: Work or Military

- Military—speak with recruiters when they are available during lunch.
- Plan to take the ASVAB-Oct. 18 @ GHS
(sign up in Student Services)
- Julie Rojek is our Career Specialist.
 - Co-Ops and Internships
 - Job interview skills
 - Resume preparation--Crew activity
 - Michelin Scholars

Destination: Two-Year College

- Transfer Programs vs. Career Programs
- Take entrance exam required by the school. Check with your college/program to see if other tests are recommended.
- Watch for MTC Senior Days/College Night

Destination: Four Year College

- Additional Four-Year College requirements are indicated on the transcript.
- Take ACT or SAT. . Register for a Fall administration.
- You may qualify for a fee waiver. See Ms. Berry with questions.
- Consider joining Educational Talent Search.

SAT

- Cost : \$45
- Register on-line at www.collegeboard.org
The essay is now optional. Check with your college to see if it is needed.
- Score reports can be sent to 4 colleges without charge—**take advantage of this.**

ACT

- \$39.50 if no writing test; \$56.50 with writing test. Check with your specific colleges of interest.
- Register online at www.actstudent.org
- Score reports can be sent to 4 colleges without charge.

Applying to College

- Research Possible Colleges
 - Internet Searches/Naviance
 - Ed Op Fair--October 26
 - College Visits
 - Open Houses
 - Campus Tours

2 days are excused for official college visits.
You must present a statement to the GHS attendance office from the college to verify your visit.

Applying to College

Complete an application

- Online applications are preferred by colleges.
- Don't let cost keep you from applying.

SAT/ACT scores will usually need to be sent directly from the testing center.

Apply now even if you plan to take an entrance exam at a later date.

College Application Day--Friday, October 28

Parchment

- Students request transcripts for college applications electronically through *Parchment*. (www.parchment.com) Step-by-step instructions are available in Student Services.
- No transcript fee for most SC colleges.
- Possible \$3-5 fee for out-of-state colleges.

Deadlines

Check college websites
for deadlines.

Recommendations

- A few colleges (and many scholarships) will ask for letters of recommendation.
- Contact your references early—allow them at least two weeks to write your letter.
- Carefully select references—choose someone who can comment on your positive characteristics.
- Provide a brag sheet or resume to assist your reference.

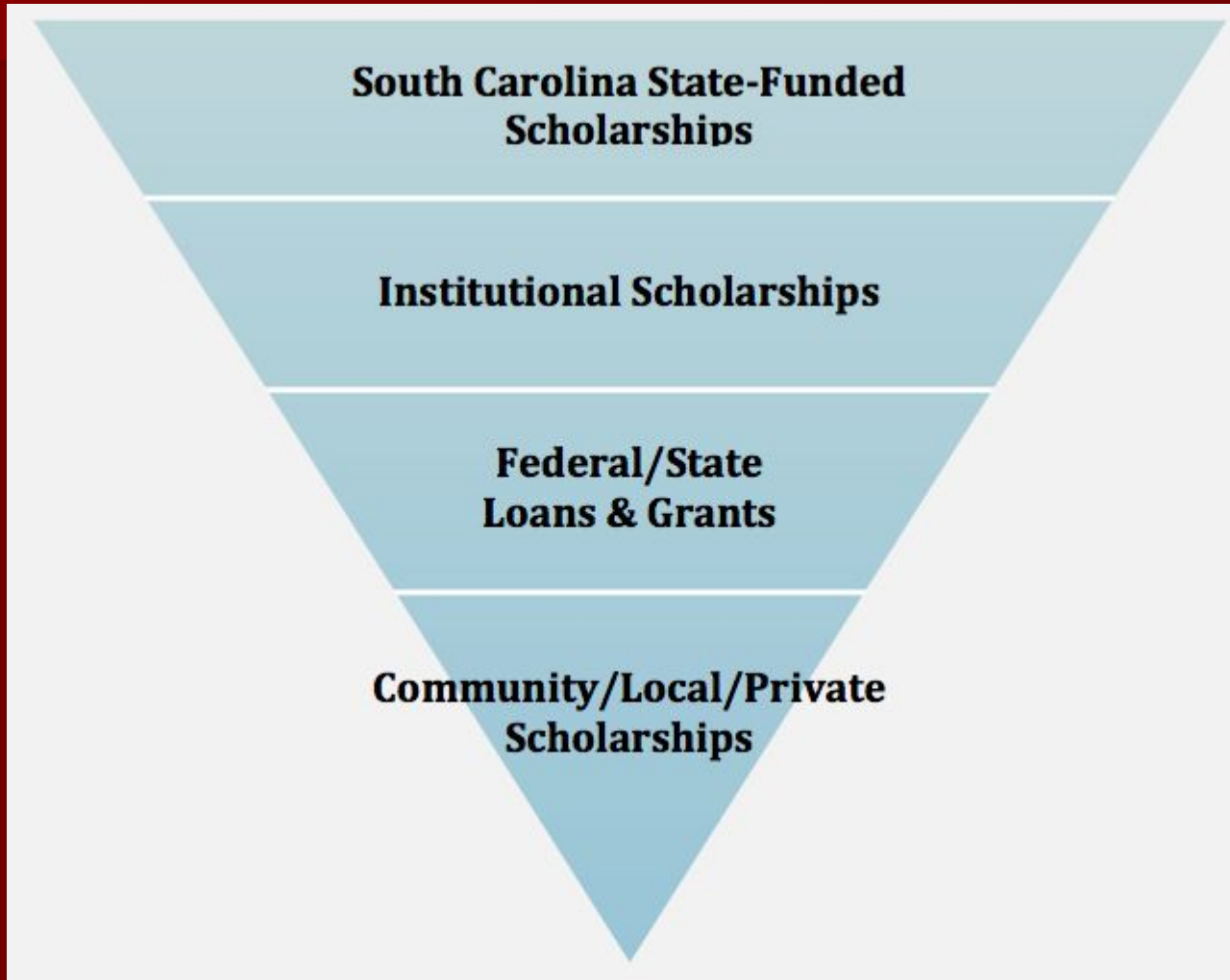
Action points for college application:

- Apply online
- Request transcript from Parchment
- Send SAT/ACT scores from the testing agency
- If applicable, mail recommendations to admissions office

College Athletes

- You may be required to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Registration is online at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- You need to request your final transcript to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center so that you will be cleared to play.

Funding Sources



State Supported Scholarships

■ Palmetto Fellows

- Score 1200 (Reading + Math) on SAT or 27 on ACT, 3.5 minimum GPA at the end of the junior year, top 6% rank in class at the end of sophomore, junior or senior year.

OR

Score 1400 On SAT or 32 ACT and a 4.0 GPA.

\$6,700 in the first year with a possibility of enhancement

State Supported Scholarships

- LIFE Scholarship--No Application
 - Four-Year college--two out of three qualifiers
 - 3.0 FINAL GPA
 - top 30% of graduating class
 - 1100 on SAT or 24 on ACT
 - Two-Year college
 - 3.0--FINAL GPA

Up to \$5,000 in the first year

State Supported Scholarships

- HOPE Scholarship--No Application
 - Only available at Four-Year colleges
 - 3.0 Final GPA
 - \$2,800 for the first academic year
- Lottery Tuition Assistance Program
 - Only available at Two-Year schools
 - Must complete a FAFSA
 - Award money varies by academic year.

Institutional Awards

- Awarded by the college after admittance.
- May require an additional application. Check with your college.
- Applying early can help!

Federal Financial Aid

- Must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Financial Aid Night--Monday, October 24.
You may bring your own device.
- 2015 tax return information will be used.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

Applying for Additional Scholarships

- GHS Senior Newsletter
 - ◆ Emailed to students and parents each month.
 - ◆ Posted on the GHS website.
 - ◆ Directions for applying will be outlined in the newsletter.
- Community Scholarships--church, work, clubs, etc.
- Scholarship websites--www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, www.finaid.org, and [others.](#)

We want to know about it!

- Notify Alysan Berry when you hear that you have been accepted to a college, university, military, or job.
- Submit a copy of your scholarship award letters/emails to Student Services even if you do not plan to accept the scholarship.

Important Dates

- **ASVAB: October 16**--Sign up in Student Services
- **Michelin Scholars Test: October 19**--Sign up with Ms. Rojek
- **Financial Aid Night: October 24** in Learning Commons
- **Ed-Op College Fair: October 26** in The Center
- **College Application Day: October 28** in Learning Commons--Sign up in Student Services

Final Tips

- Social Media/Email Account
- Remind--Text @327fh to 81010

Thanks for coming

