

# The Jacket Journal

Thomas Jefferson High School

## Important! Important! Important!

### FAFSA Assistance

Cost: Free  
When: February 18th, 9-12  
Where: Kaplan University in  
Council Bluffs

**You must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for financial aid and many scholarships.**

**ACT February Review -**  
Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT test prep. For more information come to the counseling Center.

### College Click

Thursday Afternoons  
3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Library Computer Lab

Ms. Devrieze, Mrs. Kiser, and Mrs. Booms-Ryan are there to help and guide you through the college and scholarship application process.

**Come and enter for a strong chance to win a new laptop!**

**Come to College Click. We will help you with scholarships, essays, organization, and anything else you need**

## Very Important Message: SWIEF

The Southwest Iowa Education Foundation awards and manages scholarships in order to provide opportunity for Southwest Iowa students to pursue post-secondary education. The application is due March 30 to the Foundation, but you **MUST** have your application in to the counseling center by March 27 to ensure completion and delivery.

### Application Packet

Each applicant must complete a single Application Packet, which will be used for consideration of all scholarships that are indicated on the List of Scholarships.

### Each Application Packet must include the following:

- o List of Scholarships Form (Available scholarships listed on page 2)
- o High School Transcript
- o Completed Scholarship Application
- o Two (2) Recommendation Forms

The List of Scholarships Form, Scholarship Application, and Recommendation Forms are all available on the Application web page at [www.southwestiowaeducationalfoundation.org](http://www.southwestiowaeducationalfoundation.org).

## **SOUTHWEST IOWA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

List of Scholarships: Due March 27, 2012

Adam Cline Memorial Scholarship	\$250
Alan V. Christensen Memorial Scholarship	\$500
Dr. Arthur Strohbehn Memorial Scholarship	\$650
Barbara Willson Memorial Scholarship	\$1,400
Ben and Delia Wilson Memorial Scholarship	\$400
Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee Scholarship	\$500
Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony Scholarship	\$500
Council Bluffs Hy Vee Scholarship	\$1,000
Council Bluffs Jaycess Scholarship	\$500
Cutler-O'Neill Service to the Council Bluffs Community Scholarship	\$600
Daniel Reason Memorial Scholarship	\$450
Dorothy Horn Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Eddie Lee Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Elizabeth H. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship	\$930
Ernst Walter Nennemann Memorial Scholarship	\$930
Fox Family Scholarship	\$500
Frank W., Sr. and Gladys Pechacek Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Glenwood State Bank/Frontier Savings Bank Scholarship	\$1,000
Grace Birkby Nennemann Memorial Scholarship	\$984
Gutttau-Eyeborg-Liddell Memorial Scholarship	\$350
Harry and Jane Paul Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
H.H. "Red" and Ruth H. Nelson Scholarship	\$1,000
Hoff Family Scholarship	\$5,000
Hoff Scholarship	\$2,000
Iowa West Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Jack Hyler Memorial Scholarship	\$650
Jacob Grote Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
James R. and Stella Knott Scholarship	\$1,000
Janet Mitchell Memorial Scholarship	\$300
Karen J. Nielson Memorial Scholarship	\$325
Mills County Pork Producers Scholarship	\$500
Misty Dawn Tamayo Memorial Scholarship	\$600
Nick Benzing Memorial Scholarship	\$1,200
Pottawattamie County Bar Association Scholarship	\$1,000
Pottawattamie County Cattlemans Association Scholarship	\$500
Pottawattamie County Community Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Robert Heithoff Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000
Rotary Club of Council Bluffs Centennial Scholarship	\$1,000
Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship	\$1,000
Thelma Nennemann Aspregren Memorial Scholarship	\$2,006
TJHS Class of 1965 Quandt Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Western Iowa Mutual Insurance Association Scholarship	\$2,000
Willson and Pechacek P.L.C Scholarship	\$1,000
Witt Memorial Scholarship Award	\$250

The release of the 2012-13 Iowa Financial Aid Application is set for January 1, 2012.

The Iowa Financial Aid Application for the 2012-13 academic year will be available beginning January 1, 2012, on the IHaveaPlanIowa.gov web portal. The Iowa Financial Aid Application combines applications for six undergraduate student financial aid programs into one application process. Collectively, these programs provide over \$7 million in funding each academic year. Students can apply for the following programs through the Iowa Financial Aid Application process:

**All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (AIOS)**

**Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP)**

**All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant (FCG)**

**Education Training Voucher (ETV)**

**Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship**

**Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship**

To complete the application, go to IHaveaPlanIowa.gov, create or sign in to your account, and click on the blue Iowa Financial Aid Application banner.

The new Iowa Financial Aid Application simplifies the application process for state aid and ensures that students apply for each state program they may be eligible to receive. This application does not replace the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students need to complete the FAFSA to be considered for other need-based state and federal financial aid. The 2012-13 FAFSA can be completed beginning January 1, 2012 at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

## Scholarships

This newsletter cannot begin to cover all the resources and scholarships available to students who are looking to attend college. The following websites are extremely helpful; it is essential that you take an active and responsible role in achieving your goals. Scholarships will not fall into your laps; YOU have to apply!

<http://knowhow2go.org/>

<http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov>

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://scholarships4students.com>

<http://www.findtuition.com/scholarships>

<http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com>

<http://www.schoolsoup.com/>

Visit the EducationQuest website and you'll find:

-Guided tours for college planning steps

-Activities Resume

-College Profiles with information about Nebraska and Midwest schools

-Scholarship Quest with over 1,500 local and statewide awards

-College funding estimator to estimate your FAFSA results

-Student loan repayment calculators

## Scholarships With Approaching Deadlines

### **Union Pacific Latino Employee Network Scholarship**

Deadline: January 31, 2012

Awards \$1000 scholarships to local Latino students enrolling in first through 4th years of an undergraduate program. Students need to submit applications, transcript, ACT or SAT score, and two reference letters. Application available in the counseling center.

### **Suburban Rotary Club of Omaha**

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Awards 10 scholarships of \$2500 each to metropolitan-area seniors who are presently eligible to receive special education services and meet the Federal Government guidelines for physical or mental disability. Information and application available in the counseling center or contact Jennifer Jirak-Brungardt at [jennifer@suburbanrotary.org](mailto:jennifer@suburbanrotary.org).

### **Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship**

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrated a strong academic record, communication skills, and a need for financial assistance. An evaluation by a school official is also required, and finalists will be asked to appear before the committee for a personal interview. Applications available in the counseling center.

### **Iowa State University Hixson Opportunity Award**

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Half-tuition scholarship offered to 100 students who will attend Iowa State University. Online application available at [www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application).

### **James P. Morris Scholarship**

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Awards scholarships to twenty-four qualified minority students from around the state. Currently, Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, the University of Northern Iowa, Drake University, Simpson College, Grand View University, William Penn University, Wartburg College, Des Moines Area Community College, AIB College of Business, and Mercy College of Health Sciences have agreed to match MSF funds, thus doubling the amount of aid available to recipients. Information and Application available at [www.morrisscholars.org](http://www.morrisscholars.org).

### **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program**

Deadline: February 8, 2012

Awards are up to \$20,000 for high school seniors with financial need and an entrepreneurial spirit. Online applications available at [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org).

### **Iowa Newspaper Foundation**

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Scholarships available for students preparing for a newspaper career. Information and application available at [www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php](http://www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php)

### **HyVee Scholarship**

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Program guidelines and application form available at [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com).

# New Scholarships

## **Learning Disabilities of Iowa**

Deadline: March 31, 2012

LDA-IA is offering three one-year \$1000 scholarships to students with learning disabilities who plan to attend 2- or 4-year colleges or technical schools. More information and application available at [www.Idaiowa.org/Scholarships.asp](http://www.Idaiowa.org/Scholarships.asp).

## **Bluff City Lodge #71**

Deadline: April 1, 2012

Scholarship awarded to someone who will be attending a college or university or vocational school, and involved in school and community activities. Application available in the counseling center.

## **CBYSA Scholarship**

Deadline: April 23, 2012

Eight scholarships available of a minimum of \$500 each to students who have participated in CBYSA. Application available at [www.cbysa.org](http://www.cbysa.org)

## **Edison Elementary Scholarship**

Deadline: April 13, 2012

Awarded annually to a former Edison student who will be continuing their education following high school graduation. The \$500 scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of academic excellence, extra-curricular participation, and commitment to service within the community.

## **Black Hills Energy Iowa Young Leader Scholarship**

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Awards six scholarships of \$500 to students who meet eligibility. Criteria and application available at [www.blackhillsenergy.com/scholarships](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/scholarships).

## **Alegent Healthcare**

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Awards 12 \$1500 scholarships to high school seniors graduating May 2012 with intent to pursue a post secondary degree in a health care field. Email Mrs. Booms-Ryan at [cbooms@cbscd.org](mailto:cbooms@cbscd.org) to have the application sent to you.

## **Buick Achievers**

Deadline: March 31, 2012

Scholarships up to \$25,000 / year. Applicants are encouraged to apply if they... will be enrolling for full-time study as a first-time freshman at a 4year college or university; plan to major in one of the following: science, technology, engineering, math, business administration, finance, marketing, or design; are interested in a a career in the automotive or related industries. Visit the following website for more information and to apply: [www.buidckachievers.com](http://www.buidckachievers.com)

## **Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship**

Deadline: May 1, 2012

Between 70-80 \$400 scholarships awarded to students who are of Protestant faith, a resident of the State of Iowa, and a full-time student at the University of Iowa. Application available in the counseling center.

## **American Legion Auxiliary National President's Scholarship**

Deadline: Varies

Many scholarships available at [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships).

## **AK-SAR-BEN Scholarship**

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Up to \$1000 scholarship awarded to high school graduate planning to attended an accredited Nebraska or Iowa college, university, or business school. Student must plan to pursue a career as an administrative office professional. Application available at [www.iaap-aksarben.org](http://www.iaap-aksarben.org).

## **Franklin Elementary Staff and Booster Club Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1, 2012

Awarded to a student who attended Franklin for at least three years and is in the top 50% of the class. Application available in the counseling center.

## **Walnut Grove Booster Club Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1, 2012

Awarded to a student who attended Walnut Grove for at least three years and has a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. Application available in the counseling center.

# New Scholarships

## **First Friday Breakfast Club**

Deadline: March 31, 2012

Awards \$2500 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues and reduce homophobia in this or her school and/or community. Application available in the counseling center.

## **Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education**

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Awards scholarships of \$2000 each to students interested in the automotive industry. Application available in the counseling center.

## **VEISHEA Scholarships**

Deadline: February 17, 2012

Two \$500 Community Involvement Scholarships, Two \$500 Leadership Scholarships, One \$1000 Central Committee 1972 Doug Harms Memorial Scholarship awarded to students who have been accepted to Iowa State in the Fall of 2012. Students must rank in the upper 15% of their high school class and have an ACT composite score of 26. Application is completed online at [www.veisha.iastate.edu/scholars](http://www.veisha.iastate.edu/scholars).

## **General Martin G. Colladay Scholarship**

Deadline: March 12, 2012

The Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of the Air Force Association will award several \$1000 scholarships to college-bound graduating seniors in the Omaha metropolitan area to students pursuing technical academic studies at a college or university with a long-term goal of an Air Force career. Application available in the counseling center.

## **Robert D. Blue Scholarship**

Deadline: May 10, 2012

Scholarship awarded to an Iowa student who plans to attend an Iowa college or university. Applicants are expected to demonstrate literary and scholastic ability; exhibit qualities of truth, courage, and fellowship. Information and application available at [www.rdblue.org](http://www.rdblue.org).

## **H & H Chevrolet**

Deadline: March 29, 2012

Offers up to five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors planning to attend a college, university or technical school. Preference is given to applicants majoring in automobile technical skills or collision repair. Application available at <http://www.hhchevy.com/section/secondary/scholarship-program/>.

## **Jackie Robinson Scholars**

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Through its Education and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,500 annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. Information and application available at [www.jackierobinson.org](http://www.jackierobinson.org)

## **Lowe's Scholarship**

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Awards 140 \$2500 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college or university in the fall. Information and application available at [http://careers.lowes.com/college\\_recruiting\\_scholarship.aspx](http://careers.lowes.com/college_recruiting_scholarship.aspx).

## **Samsung 2012 Scholarship**

Due Date: April 30, 2012

\$1000 scholarship. More information and application available at [www.Samsungscholarship.com](http://www.Samsungscholarship.com).

## **American Liberties Scholarship**

Enter online for a \$5,000 Scholarship. Visit the following website: <http://www.americanlibertyscholarship.com/?lt=2&source=G1>

## **Kohl's Kids Who Care**

Deadline: March 12, 2012

Awards up to \$10,000 scholarships for students who help to improve their communities. Information and application available at [www.kohlkids.com](http://www.kohlkids.com).

# Scholarships

## **Wayne State Music Scholarships**

Audition Dates: February 17, 2012 and April 13, 2012. More information available at [www.wsc.edu/schools/ahu/musc/](http://www.wsc.edu/schools/ahu/musc/)

## **Waldorf College Scholarship Day**

Attend Waldorf College Scholarship Day to compete for one full tuition scholarship (\$17,900) or five \$2000 scholarships. All other participants will receive textbooks at no cost during their first fall semester. Scholarship days are October 22, 2011, January 14, 2012, and April 21, 2012. More information and registration available at [www.waldorf.edu/scholarships](http://www.waldorf.edu/scholarships).

## **Robert Smiley Scholarship**

Deadline: March 23, 2011

The recipient of this award must have lettered in one varsity sport sponsored by the IGHS AU each year of high school in addition to having a minimum 2.5 GPA. Extra attention is given applicants showing a specific need. Each high school is limited to one nomination. Scholarship award is \$1000 will go to expenses from a Iowa college or university. Information and scholarship application available at [www.ighasu.org](http://www.ighasu.org)

## **Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarships**

Deadline: March 1, 2012

The recipients must exhibit potential to be of service to their communities and must complete a comprehensive written application and in-depth interview. Applications available in the counseling center.

## **US Bank Internet Scholarship Program**

Deadline: March 31, 2012

Forty \$1,000 scholarships awarded in a random drawing. Apply online at [www.usbank.com/scholarship](http://www.usbank.com/scholarship).

## **BBB Foundation Scholarship**

Deadline: March 2, 2012

Better Business Bureau (BBB) values integrity and ethics in both businesses and in students, our future business owners and employees. Therefore, the BBB Foundation will now annually reward six high school juniors or seniors each with \$2,000 scholarships, which honor character and commitment to honesty, integrity and accountability. Two students from the Omaha metro area/southwest Iowa will be honored. Application available at <http://swiowa.bbb.org/studentaward/>.

## **Offutt Officer's Spouses' Club (OOSC)**

Deadline: March 16, 2012

Awards several \$1000 academic merit scholarships to students on the basis of academic excellence, an essay, and involvement in school, community, and work place. Students must be a dependent of a military member, a YB-3 (GS-7 equivalent) or above employed, or retired from employment at Offutt Air Force Base or a military member assigned to a local military unit assigned to Offutt Air Force Base. Information and application available at [www.offuttosc.com](http://www.offuttosc.com)

## **Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship**

Deadline: March 1, 2012

The Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship recognizes outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have actively participated in the Iowa State Fair. Up to four scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are awarded each year. Scholarships are awarded for the recipient's first year of college only. Details on the scholarship and required application materials are provided at the following link: <http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/ScholarshipsGrants/statefairscholarship.html>.

## Scholarships

### **Conservation Districts of Iowa Scholarship Program**

Deadline: March 2, 2012

Provides scholarships to Iowa high school seniors to be used for their first year of education at the college level while pursuing programs of study in any field of Agriculture of Natural Resources. Considerations is based on leadership and scholastic achievement. Three scholarships awarded in amounts of \$1800, \$1200, and \$1000. Six scholarships in amounts of \$300. More information and application available at [www.cdiowa.org/awards.html](http://www.cdiowa.org/awards.html).

### **Student Scholarships.org Scholarships**

Deadline: May 30, 2012

Vancouver Restaurant Scholarship awards \$500 scholarship.  
Healthy Lifestyle Scholarships awards \$5000 scholarship.  
Big Dig Scholarship awards \$3000 scholarship  
Man Mac Automatic Scholarship awards \$500 scholarship.  
All applications available at [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

### **Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship**

Deadline: May 1, 2012

70-80 scholarships awarded in the amount of \$400 to students of Protestant faith, residents of Iowa, and who will be full-time students at the University of Iowa. To request an applications, contact Lia Lovelace at [llovelace@midwestone.com](mailto:llovelace@midwestone.com) or 1-800-247-4418.

### **MOC/ONS Nursing Scholarship Awards**

Deadline: March 11, 2011

Two \$500 scholarships awarded to Metro Omaha area high school seniors planning to pursue careers in nursing. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and participate in both school and community activities. Special consideration will be given to students with an interest in oncology nursing. Applications available in the counseling center.

## *Tips for Writing an Essay*

Many scholarships will require an essay. Your essay needs to spotlight you and your accomplishments. A good essay doesn't try to say it all. Instead, it focuses on one event that highlights one positive quality, and provides evidence of that quality.

**What Makes a Strong Essay?** Characteristics of an effective essay:

- **Focused:** Describes a single event or experience. Clearly answers the essay question.
- **Convincing:** Supports claims you make about yourself with specific, strong details.
- **Descriptive:** Provides several vivid details about the experience – makes readers feel like they're there.
- **Organized:** Starts with a strong opening; provides a clear purpose; clear, logical transitions; ends with strong conclusion.
- **Personal:** Shows clear, insightful thoughts and feelings; reflects personal strengths.
- **Easy to read:** The language is conversational and easy to read aloud; writing is clear.
- **Grammatically correct:** Does not contain grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.]

## **Types of Essay Questions**

### **Tell Us About Yourself**

These questions ask to tell about who you are, a significant experience, or how you've become the person you are today. Examples:

- Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you. (Common Application)
- Identify a person or an experience that has had a significant influence on the formation of your values.
- Life is a process that challenges us to respond, grow and change. Select an experience or event that has challenged you this past year and describe its impact on you.

**Strategy:** While this is a great way to reveal your personality, be sure to keep your essay focused on one or two qualities. Remember, you're telling about yourself, so keep the tone conversational.

### **Tell Us What You Think About...**

These questions ask you to reflect on something beyond yourself or the school, such as a national issue, a famous person, a work of literature, or a quotation. Or it may tap into your creativity. Examples:

- It has been said that high school is "four years of being misunderstood." What do you think?
- Respond to the statement, "We do not read great books, they read us."
- We are a global community. Choose a national or international issue and describe its importance to you.
- Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.

**Strategy:** Your essay should reflect your creativity and the breadth of your knowledge. Be sure your essay is well informed and honest — it should reflect your views. Don't be afraid to be creative, but use common sense.

## Why Go To College?

- **Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.** Most college graduates earn more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school earn.
- **The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.** According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.
- **Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation.** Today most good jobs require more than a high school diploma. Businesses want to hire people who know how to think and solve problems.
- Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits, including **meeting new people, taking part in new opportunities to explore your interests, and experiencing success.**

### Average yearly income by educational attainment

Professional degree	\$119,009
Doctoral degree	\$92,863
Master's degree	\$67,898
Bachelor's degree	\$54,689
Associate's degree	\$37,990
Some college	\$31,421
High school graduate	\$29,448
High school dropout	\$19,915

## ACT Testing Dates 2011-2012

Test	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Date
October 22	September 16	September 30
December 10	November 4	November 18
February 11	January 13	January 20
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

To register online go to [act.org](http://act.org) or pick up a packet in Counseling Center.  
CEEB code: 161-005

### Tips for Taking the ACT

- Carefully read instructions on the cover of the test booklet.
- Read the directions for each test carefully.
- Pace yourself—don't spend too much time on a single passage or question.
- Use a soft lead No. 2 pencil with a good eraser. **DO NOT** use a mechanical pencil.
- Answer the easy questions first, then go back and answer the more difficult ones.
- Answer every question.
- Mark your answers properly. Erase any mark completely and cleanly without smudging.
- If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test.