a call to college
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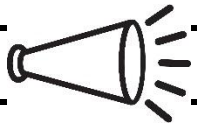
Your Scholarship  Call to ACTION!

- If you are looking for scholarship opportunities now is the time to act!
- Beware that scholarship deadlines can be as early as **October**, and some run as late as April.
- Many scholarships will require additional steps including: an essay, teacher recommendations, transcript and submitting the FAFSA.

#1

YOUR COLLEGE. It's important to learn as much as you can about additional financial opportunities from the colleges to which you've applied. College scholarships may be merit based, need based, or a combination of both. SOME college scholarships are renewable (often based on student performance) each school year.

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Called your Admissions Counselor?
- ☐ Visited your colleges' financial aid websites for important information and **deadlines**?
- ☐ Determined if you have an additional application to submit for scholarship consideration?
- ☐ Added your colleges to receive your ACT scores?
- ☐ Determined if departments within your colleges offer additional scholarship opportunities?
- ☐ Checked out the over 2 million dollars in scholarships from OSU-Newark (Scholarship Universe) and COTC (Award Spring)?

#2

NHS COUNSELING OFFICE. Log into SchoolLinks to request and track teacher recommendation letters?

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Checked the Counseling Office Google Classroom? Local scholarships are added in early March.
- ☐ Completed the brag sheet to assist with recommendations?
- ☐ Reported your awards to the counseling office?
- ☐ Athletes – checked with the Athletic office?

#3

LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION. The Licking County Foundation scholarship website opens in December and closes in January. Applications and supporting documents are submitted electronically at www.thelcfoundation.org.

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Set up your username and password?
- ☐ Prepared and proofread your essay?
- ☐ Planned to submit at least 2 days before the deadline to avoid last minute frustrations?
- ☐ Filed your FAFSA?

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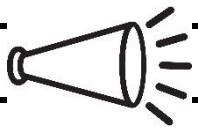
Your Scholarship  Call to ACTION! *Continued…*

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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES. Think close to home. Leave no stone unturned!

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Asked parents/guardians if their employers offer scholarships for high school seniors?
- ☐ Checked with your church, youth group or local youth-focused club like 4-H and Girl/Boy Scouts?
- ☐ Reached out to local service organizations like Kiwanis, Rotary, American Legion, Elks, Lions Club, or Freemason?
- ☐ Checked with your bank if they have a scholarship?
- ☐ Does your family get their electric or gas through the Energy Cooperative?
- ☐ Asked trade organizations (i.e. BIA, FFA) if scholarships are available?

#5

A CALL TO COLLEGE – LAST DOLLAR GRANT

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Submitted your FAFSA (after 10/1/2026)?
- ☐ Provided a copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary from the FAFSA?
- ☐ After reviewing award letters and making a college decision – have you completed the LDG application on the ACTC website?
- ☐ Provided a copy of your college's Financial Aid Award Letter?

#6

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS. These are HIGHLY competitive. Consider the total time you plan to commit to scholarship applications and give this the least amount.

HAVE YOU…

- ☐ Signed up for an account at www.fastweb.com?
- ☐ Used Big Future to search at: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search?
- ☐ Signed up for an account at www.scholarships.com?

Gift aid rarely covers the entire cost of college. It's just part of the picture — a picture that may include loans, family savings and other sources of money. This list is not exhaustive and is intended only to guide students to possible scholarship sources.