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| BCCHS *College News*February 2017Scholarship Edition |

**February Senior Checklist**

* I’ve checked which of my schools require a CSS profile and have completed that profile
* I have sent my SAT and ACT scores to **ALL** of my schools
* I have completed my FAFSA and listed ALL of my schools on my application
* I have completed my TAP
* I have checked school portals/e-mails and ensured that each of my schools have all of my application materials (essay, scores, recommendations, FAFSA information)
* When I hear back from schools, I have logged into Naviance, hit the pencil tab, and marked their decision (Accepted, Denied, Waitlisted)
* I have applied to scholarships! (Listed below)
* I have thanked all of my recommenders ☺



**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Please make sure that you are aware of your schools that require the CSS Profile. You may access the information on line at: https://profileonline.collegboard.com

The CSS/Financial is a financial aid application that students needing financial aid can send to private colleges, universities, and scholarships. The fee for the initial application and one college report is $25 and additional reports are $16 for each school/program. Fee waivers are granted automatically for those who qualify and cover the initial $25 fee and up to six college or scholarship programs. Forms are available at: https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp

SUNY Financial Aid Workshops:

SUNY's Financial Aid Days are offered as a service to all prospective college students and their families. The programs are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process:

Register at: [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://suny.askadmissions.net/admin/Communications/ClickThru.aspx?qs=WtGq%2f0W4m7Nr9GskUtv1n3XKp3%2bk%2bl26cRCK9kZoUC8Jx9YOTkYE7dJuF%2f8MlCi75MXbrpYRPp%2fXi6HxSbR3Pg%3d%3d" \t "_blank) and to see the list of all participating campuses.

**Monday, February 6 & Monday, February 13**

**\* COLLEGE OFFICE UPDATE \***

We’ve gone digital! Please check out the new college office website:

[www.bcchscollege.weebly.com](http://www.bcchscollege.weebly.com)

Here, you will find scholarships, community service, summer opportunities and so much more!



**General Scholarships**

**Banyan Scholarship**

**Amount:** $2,000-5,000

**Deadline:** February 17, 2017.

Students must fulfill the following requirements to apply:

* Be of South Asian origin or descent (countries include India, Pakistan, Bangaldesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal)
* Be a senior in high school in New York City
* Be a citizen, national or permanent resident of the U.S.
* Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
* Show annual family household income to be below $75,000
* Have two recommendation letters submitted on their behalf

<http://www.banyanscholarship.org/>

**AWG Minority Scholarship**

A woman who is African-American, Hispanic, or Native American ♣ A full-time student who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in the geosciences (geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, meteorology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth science education) at an accredited college or university (high school students who will enter one of these fields during their freshman year may also apply) A contributor to the larger world community through her academic and personal strengths

**Amount:** $6,000

**Deadline:** June 30, 2017

<http://awg.org/images/awards/AWG%20Minority%20Scholarship%20pdf.pdf>

**Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship**

Be a high-school senior of African descent (for example, African American, African, or Ethiopian).

Plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall of the year following high-school graduation.

Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing).

Demonstrate a passion for technology.

Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community.

Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Require financial assistance to attend college.

Deadline: March 1, 2017

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx>

**Chin: Sui Kuen and Allen Chin Scholarship**

* Grade level: Incoming freshman or current, full-time undergraduate at a four-year college or university in 2017-18
* Student or parent currently/formerly employed at an Asian-owned or Asian cuisine restaurant
* Any ethnic heritage
* Community advocacy and social justice work on behalf of Asian American, immigrant, gay and lesbian and/or other progressive causes
* Minimum GPA: 3.0
* Financial need

**Deadline**: February 24, 2017

**Amount:** Two $1,000

<http://asianpacificfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship/#chin>

**Mai Sai Vang Memorial Scholarship**

**All students, race, nationalities, or ethnic backgrounds are eligible for this scholarship.**

• Any state resident., Any high school senior, high school or GED graduate or current college student is eligible.

A successful applicant must demonstrate the following

A commitment to overcoming challenges.

A clear vision of his/her personal goals.

Essay: In one essay, 1000 words or less, please answer the following questions

1. Tell us about the challenges you have faced and what you have done to overcome them.

2. Share your goals related to your education, career path, and/or volunteer work.

Amount: $1,000

Deadline: March 17, 2017

<http://www.thehaef.org/uploads/3/4/3/9/34394386/mai_sai_vang.pdf>

**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship**

* Show leadership potential;
* Demonstrate a dedication to community service;
* Present evidence of financial need;
* Be a United States citizen;
* Have a minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21;

\*\*\*FOUR Essay Question, START EARLY!

**Deadline**: February 14, 2017

**Amount**: $28,000 ($7,000/year)

**Moody’s Mega Math Challenge**

$125,000 in Scholarship prizes ranging from $1000 to $20,000 is available to teams of high school juniors and seniors. The competition requires students to solve an open-ended, realistic, math-modeling problem-in just 14 hours! The Challenge takes place February 24th-27th 2017.

**Deadline** to register: February 17, 2017

Please visit <http://m3challenge.siam.org/> to learn more!

**New York Water Environment Association, Inc.**

$10,000 Major Environmental Career Scholarship Application. To be eligible students must be a qualifying high school senior, a NY State resident, and intend to pursue a B.S. or B.E. degree program with an environmental emphasis.

Apply at:<http://nywea.org/scholarship/>

**Deadline:** **February 28, 2016**

**We Are the Students Essay Contest**

Essay Prompt: Civil disobedience is the act of opposing a law one considers unjust and peacefully disobeying it while accepting the consequences. Does peaceful resistance to laws positively or negatively impact a free society? In your answer, incorporate the principles and specific examples (including current events) that support your conclusion.

**Deadline: February 5, 2017**

[**http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/**](http://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/)

**The Burger King Scholars Program**

Has awarded more than $15.4 million to high school seniors. For more information visit:

<http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html>

**Ascend Educational Fund**

AEF will provide two-year or four-year college scholarships to promising immigrant students in New York City, who were either born outside the U.S. or have two parents born outside the U.S., in the range of $2,500-$20,000.

**Deadline**: February 2, 2017

Apply at: <http://ascendfundny.org/scholarship/2017-application-info/>

**New York Society of Professional Engineers**

Monetary “Scholar Award” to a high school senior who is a resident of Manhattan or goes to school in Manhattan and intends to study engineering in college. A second annual scholarship is also given on behalf of the Society of engineering and Architectural Professions. Selections are based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, recommendation from counselor, and an essay written on the contribution he/she hopes to make in society as an engineer.

**Deadline:** March 24, 2017

*Applications have been e-mailed to all seniors. If you do not have it, stop by the college office.*

**Milton Fisher Scholarship**

Four year scholarship of up to $20,000 for innovative and creative high school students from the NYC metro area.

Apply for this scholarship if you are . . .

* a student who has solved an artistic, scientific, or technical problem in a new or unusual way
* a student who has come up with a distinctive solution to problems faced by your school, community or family
* a student who has created a new group, organization, or institution that serves an important need

**Deadline:** April 30, 2017

Apply at: [www.rbffoundation.org](http://www.rbffoundation.org)

**Ayn Rand Essay Contest**

Cash prizes awarded to essays on specific topics on Ayn Rand’s *Anthem*, *The Fountainhead*, & *We Are the Living*

Apply at:

<http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.org/TheFountainhead.aspx>

**McDonald’s My Inspirational Story Contest**

Over $4,500 in prizes! To be eligible, students must submit an original video on YouTube that is between 3-5 minutes in length.

Apply at: [www.mcdonaldsnytristate.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnytristate.com)

**The Random House Creative Writing Competition For New York City Public High School Seniors**

For New York City public high school students. Eligibility: Must be a high school senior attending a New York City public high school. Original literary composition may be submitted in the genre of poetry/ spoken word, fiction/drama, personal essay/memoir or graphic novel.

\*\*\*2017 application not posted yet. Keep checking!

**Deadline:** February 15 for poetry/ spoken word/ fiction/ drama, and personal essay. April 1 for graphic novel. Amount: $500–$10,000

<http://foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/learn-more/creativewriting/rules.html>

**Columbus Citizens Foundation**

Students who are of Italian descent (at least 25% Italian) with a GPA of 3.0 (85% or B) or higher who are from households where the total gross income does not exceed $25,000 per capita ($25,000 per person in the household) are eligible. *For example, for a household of four, the maximum total gross income is $100,000 to be eligible.*

Deadline: February 17, 2017

<http://www.columbuscitizensfd.org/scholarships/college.html>

**Superpower Scholarship**

Use your imagination and become the superhero, or perhaps supervillain, you've always wanted to be. Would you live a life in a comic book universe or use your powers here in the real world? We want to know how you would use your super powers for good, or bad, even if it was just for the day.

Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question:"Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?"

**Deadline:** March 31, 2017

**Amount:** $2,500

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

Multiple scholarships for students of Hispanic/Latino descent. Application opens on January 1, 2017.

**Deadline**: March 30, 2017.

More information at <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

**Scholly.com**

Link: [https://myscholly.com/#scholly](https://myscholly.com/" \l "scholly" \t "_blank)

There is a $2.99 fee to sign up, but I have found a promo code: **RHM406$**

**Studentaid.ed.gov**

This site has a search directory of 75 different private and government grants.

**Fastweb.com**

This site contains over 1.3 million awards worth over $3 billion dollars.

**Collegenet.com**

This is a great site where you can type a keyword into their scholarship search feature and it will give you a list of all scholarships that match that keyword. For example try putting in something like “engineering” or “psychology” and see how many scholarships pop up!

Other helpful scholarship search sites:

**StudentScholarshipSearch.com**

**Scholarships.CollegeToolkit.com**



**College-Specific Scholarships**

**National Commission for Cooperative Education**

Scholarships for students planning to attend one of nine partnership schools: SUNY Oswego, Drexel, Johnson & Whales, Merrimack College, and UMASS Lowell Scholarships for $6,000 and renewable for all four years.

**Deadline: Different for each partner school.**

More information and apply at: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)

**Alfred State College Scholarships**

Multiple scholarships available for matriculating students. See individual scholarships for specific deadlines

Apply at: <https://www.alfredstate.edu/financial-aid/scholarships>

**Queens College Mathematics Teacher Scholarships**

Financial incentives for students who want to become secondary school math teachers. More information at: <http://time2000.qc.cuny.edu/>

Deadline: **Rolling, so apply early!**

**SUNY Brockport Clark V. Whited/JP Morgan Chase Scholarship**

This scholarship was established through the generosity of JPMorgan Chase Bank and Dr. Whited, professor emeritus of physical education and sport, who taught at the College from 1946-1983. It recognizes a current department major who has demonstrated outstanding academic ability and service to the College through participation in extracurricular endeavors. Please use the All Kinesiology, Sports Studies and Physical Education General Scholarship (KSSPE) application to apply for this scholarship.

Deadline: February 15, 2017

<https://brockport.academicworks.com/opportunities/5353>

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## Interview Help!

Ms. Savino is also available to coach students who have interviews for colleges and/or scholarships lined up. Please use her sign-up sheets to sign up for interview help.



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| You must update your college decisions on your Naviance account by going to the **College tab** and then to ‘**Colleges I’m Applying to tab’.** By clicking on the pencil icon [edit](https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/application/edit) you can then update the results of the colleges you applied to. |  |

If you are waited listed to a school that is you first choice school, you should come to the College Office to fill out a wait listed form.