

Counselor Connection



“ The only disability in life is a bad attitude”
~~ Scott Hamilton

Financial Aid

Despite all the weather woes, we had a great crowd for South Stokes' Senior FAFSA Night on February 7th. A special “Thank You” to Melanie Matthews of Surry Community College's Equal Opportunity Center for her help to our students and parents during this process. If you have not completed your FAFSA yet, there are still opportunities to receive assistance. Remember, many schools have a priority deadline of March 1st, so plan accordingly!

Saturday, February 23 - FAFSA Day! To find locations for free assistance completing the FAFSA, log on to www.cfnc.org/fafsaday

Saturday, March 16 - 10:00 am to noon - King Public Library - Melanie Matthews will be assisting anyone who arrives to the library by noon

Community College Placement Test

Representatives from Forsyth Tech will be here on Thursday, March 28th to administer the community college placement test to seniors planning to attend Forsyth Tech, Surry Community College and Guilford Tech. We will also be holding prep sessions in March like we did in the fall for this test. Be listening and looking for information regarding a schedule for the prep sessions. If you are planning to attend a community college other than the 3 already mentioned and would like to know if they accept the same test FTCC administers, see Mrs. Sawyer.

Also, students who have completed their applications and placement testing by May 1 will be eligible to attend an early registration session for the Fall of 2013 here at South Stokes. More information about this fabulous opportunity will follow.

SAT Subject Tests

Many colleges require students enrolling in their schools to take the SAT Subject Test for placement/registration purposes. Be sure you check the requirements of the schools you've been accepted to and are planning to attend to see if this is a step you'll have to complete. The SAT schedule for the remainder of the school year is below:

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 9	February 8 (may still be able to register for a late fee.)
May 4	April 5
June 1	May 2

Males - Selective Service Registration

All males are required to register with the selective service system within the 30 days prior to your 18th birthday. This is a civic and legal responsibility. Males who fail to register with selective service could be charged and **fined up to \$250,000, be imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both.** So lets just go ahead and register.....K?! You can register online at <http://www.sss.gov> or there are a handful of forms available in the counseling office. If you'd like more information, visit the website mentioned above or see Mrs. Sawyer.



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Upcoming Dates & Events

Feb 18 - Student Day

Feb 18 & 19 - WorkKeys

Feb 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Feb 23 - FAFSA Day

Mar 8 - End of 3rd quarter

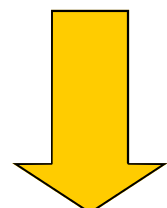
Mar 15 - Report Cards

Mar 20 - Early Dismissal 12:00 noon

Mar 28 - FTCC Placement Test

Mar 29-Apr 5 - SPRING BREAK!

Follow the yellow brick road for scholarship opportunities!



AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Be sure to check out the Scholarship Page of the Counselor Website as well!!

DEADLINE	SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS
February 28th	Buick Achievers Scholarship Program: Students planning to major in Technology, Engineering, Design, or Business with an interest in the automotive industry are encouraged to apply for one of these 1,100 scholarships worth up to \$25,000 per year. Apply at www.buickachievers.com
March 1st	Golden Leaf Foundation: 215 scholarships are awarded each year to students demonstrating financial need and enroll in an NC public university or qualifying private college. Scholarships are valued at \$12,000 (\$3000 a year). Applications will become available in January, however students can visit CFNC.org/goldenleaf for more information.
March 1st	Scholarships for Children of NC War Veterans: If your Veteran parent was a resident of North Carolina when he or she entered military service, you may be eligible for a scholarship from the State of North Carolina to attend an approved university, community college or technical institute within the State of North Carolina. Funds provide scholastic support to help children of certain disabled, deceased, combat or POW/MIA veterans. For more information visit http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/locations/
March 1st	Rockingham Community College Scholarship: high school seniors that have been accepted to RCC may be eligible. More information and applications are available in the Counseling office.
March 1st	Legal Support Staff of Winston-Salem: is offering a \$1000 nonrenewable scholarship to qualified students in Stokes, Forsyth, Davie, Davidson, Yadkin, and Surry counties. Applicants should be able to demonstrate financial need, and have at least a B average. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
March 15th	Stokes County Arts Council Scholarship: available to Stokes County residents graduating from one of the county high schools planning to major in and pursue a career in an arts related field. For more information pertaining to eligibility and to pick up an application see Mrs. Sawyer.
March 15th	NC Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Scholarship: This scholarship offers 6 scholarships valued at \$3500 per year for 4-year to six seniors planning to study at a college or university in an agriculturally related curriculum. They also offer 2 scholarships valued at \$1000 per year for students planning to attend a community college and an agriculturally related field. Financial need, grades, understanding of the agriculture/agribusiness community, and leadership potential are considered. Applications are available in the
March 25th	SECU People Helping People Scholarship: one recipient per school valued at \$10,000 (\$1250 paid per semester) to attend one of the 16 colleges in the UNC system. Eligible seniors must have been accepted to one of the 16 UNC system schools, be a US citizen and resident of NC, exemplifies the philosophy of People Helping People through demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. For more information see Mrs. Sawyer.
March 25th	Shelton Scholarship: Students in Stokes County planning to attend either Forsyth Tech or Surry Community Colleges are encouraged to apply for this local scholarship. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
March 31st	Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship: 3-5 scholarships for a one time award of \$2500 available for high school seniors who have a 3.0 GPA or higher, will be enrolling full time in an accredited college or university within the 50 states or DC, have demonstrated leadership abilities, and who demonstrate financial need by parents' income not exceeding \$100,000 a year. Applications are available in guidance.
March 31st	Whitlow-Osborne Scholarship: Students planning to enter an emergency services curriculum at a community college, technical institute, or trade school are encouraged to apply for this local scholarship valued at \$2000 (\$500 paid each semester). Awards based on scholastic achievement, intellectual ability, financial need, character, and promise of future contribution to society. Applications available in the Counseling Office.
April 1st Due to Mrs. Sawyer March 22!!	Chester Arzell & Helen Miller Montgomery Scholarship: This \$1000 renewable scholarship is for graduation high school seniors in STOKES COUNTY who are pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or at www.wsfoundation.org .
April 1st	Willis H. Overby Scholarship: Two \$600 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from Stokes County School. Who will go directly to an accredited vocational/technical school, community college, or college/university in pursuit of a certificate, diploma, or degree. Applications are available online at www.wsfoundation.org .

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SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

April 1st	Lloyd E. & Rachel S. Collins Scholarship: This \$1000 renewable scholarship is for deserving graduating seniors from South, North, and West High Schools planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college/university. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or online at www.wsfoundation.org
April 1st	Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS): Qualified students committed to working in North Carolina in fields that have a critical need for more employees such as nursing, teaching, allied health, or other medical fields may apply. For more information go to www.cfn.org/FELS
March 22nd	Susie Johnson Lauten Scholarship: One student from South Stokes will be selected to move on to the selection committee for this scholarship. Five students (one from South, North, and West Stokes and two from McMichael) will compete for a \$300 scholarship. Applicants should demonstrate keen awareness of our country's history and have a willingness to participate in continuing our heritage. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
April 15th	NC Caring for America Scholarship: Dependent children of an active duty NC service member who was wounded or killed while serving in a combat zone from September 11, 2001 to present day are encouraged to apply for this \$1000 award. Applicants should be a high school senior planning to attend an accredited North Carolina College, vocational, or technical school. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
April 15th	NC Society of Accountants Scholarship: \$600 available to deserving students planning to pursue a career in accounting. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
April 15th	Stokes County Retired School Personnel Scholarship: two \$1500 scholarships available to Stokes County seniors who will be attending a college or university this fall to pursue a degree in the education field. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.
May 27th	B. Davis Scholarship: Up to \$1,000 awarded for an essay contest on the following topic: <i>In less than 1000 words discuss what you would consider to be the most important issue that society has to deal with in the next 10 or 20 years? Why do you think this is so important?</i> Submit essays through e-mail to awards@studentawardsearch.com . Visit www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm for more information.
June 14th	Abbott & Fenner Scholarship - \$1000 scholarship available high school seniors based on an essay regarding the following topic: What have you done outside the classroom that demonstrates qualities sought after by the post secondary institution that you are hoping to attend? Also, which of these qualities means the most to you? For more information and to apply visit www.abbotandfenner.com/schoalrships
June 21st	Big Sun Scholarship: \$500 available for student athletes. Seniors that participate in a sport are encouraged to apply. Visit www.bigsunathletics.com for more information and to apply.
Varied	Ayn Rand Essay Contests: visit http://aynrandnovels.org/essay-contests.html to learn more about essay contests pertaining to Ayn Rand novels. One entry per student.
Varied	Various social awareness scholarships available at http://www.dosomething.org/scholarships

Winston-Salem Foundation Scholarships

There are many more local scholarships that are available that seniors in Stokes County can be considered for by just filling out one common application which is available at www.wsfoundation.org. Visit this site for more information about specific scholarships and to fill out the application.