Central Catholic
HIGH SCHOOL

CCHS College Placement News

Welcome back! It is hard to believe the first semester is almost over. The next few months bring a lot of scholarship opportunities, important information, and important dates. It is imperative that you read this newsletter, check Google Classroom, and your emails. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Counseling Office, we are here to help!

College & Scholarship Binder

There is a black binder on Mrs. Rohrig's desk that we need to have completed by every senior with their college decisions and scholarship information. This needs to be completed no later than **April 23rd**. This needs to be completed in order to accurately send final transcripts and scholarship money. This information is also used for the senior awards ceremony and graduation.

Senior Seminar

We will have a senior seminar on January 22nd during X-hour in the Great Hall. Seniors will be starting the CFOV Scholarship application. Seniors must bring their Chromebook.

WV Promise Application

Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Rohrig will be going into senior religion classes to help students apply for the WV Promise. We require all WV residents to apply. Grade Report forms will come home closer to this date for parents to sign.

FAFSA

FAFSA is now available. Remember that students and parent(s) must create an FSA ID and password prior to completing the FAFSA, it is recommended to do this 3-5 days before. To create your FSA ID and password click here. To file your FAFSA click here, make sure to select the 2025-2026 FAFSA Form. Please keep in mind that in order to qualify for many scholarships, students **MUST** have submitted a FAFSA by March 1, 2025.

CFOV Scholarship Application

The Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley (CFOV) scholarship application will open on **January 13th**. These scholarships are just for students in the Ohio Valley and there are quite a few just for CCHS seniors! Mrs. Blake and I strongly recommend starting the main application early because some of the scholarships require an additional application or documentation to be submitted. Please do not wait until the last minute, the quality of the application, essay, or recommendation may suffer if you put it off. The deadline to apply is **Feb. 28th at 4:00 PM**, this is a hard deadline, and no late application will be accepted.

Ohio University and Ohio University Eastern

Did you know, Ohio University and Ohio University Eastern Campus offer tuition reciprocity for West Virginia Residents. Thinking about applying? Use one of the application waiver codes below to waive the application fee:

OHIO Athens: havertyapply
OHIO Eastern: Eastern2025

Please make sure to apply before the scholarship deadline of **February 1st** for Ohio University Main Campus and **February 15th** for Ohio University Eastern.

AP Fees

- All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam in May
- All exam fees are determined by the College Board (the company in which AP courses are governed)
- AP students are responsible for providing the full amount of required test fees UNLESS the student qualifies for free/reduced lunch (Those who qualify have received an email from Mrs. Blake indicating the reduced rate)
- Monthly payments will be accepted
- Exam fee balance must be paid in full by **March 1, 2025**
- Cash, Check (made payable to CCHS) or Credit Card (must provide over the phone directly to Mrs. LeAnn Harris: 304-905-6242) are acceptable forms of payment
- Send payment to school to the attention of Mrs. Erika Rohrig
- Exam fee is $99 PER EXAM
- An additional $40 fee will automatically apply (per College Board) if a student drops an AP course after November 15, 2024

Senior Recognition Ads

Senior parents and family members are able to create and purchase a Senior Recognition Ad for the 2024-2025 yearbook. Please click here to create and purchase your ad.

Letters of Recommendation

Seniors should have already requested at a minimum of two letters of recommendation at this point in the academic year. If not, they are strongly encouraged to do so now. Please have your recommender email a copy to Mrs. Rohrig (erohrig@cchsknights.org), you will likely need to use the letter more than once and this way she will have it readily available for you.

Transcript Requests

As soon as a student applies to any college they must, email Mrs. Rohrig (erohrig@cchsknights.org) and request that the transcript be sent. Please let her know the college and how it needs to be submitted. We must have a written request to release the transcript. If a student applies to any college via Common App, their transcript will automatically include the transcript that was uploaded by whoever they list as the counselor (Mrs. Blake or Mrs. Rohrig).

College Acceptance & Scholarship Letters

As you are all starting the college application process, Mrs. Rohrig will be tracking the colleges where you have been accepted, and all your scholarship offers. Please email her the following:

1. A list of all the colleges you have been accepted to. We will compile a list of all the colleges that you have been accepted to for the graduation program. You can bring your acceptance letter in or email me a picture.
2. Any scholarship offer you receive. We love to brag about our seniors and all the hard work you have put in! We track the total amount of scholarships earned by the Class of 2025! I will need the offers from all the colleges you have been accepted to, even if you are not attending that school.
3. A copy of scholarship awards (especially any awards that were independently sought) must also be submitted in order to announce them at our Senior Awards Ceremony in May.

We are proud to share our students' many achievements, but we must have copies of all scholarship awards by May 1, 2025, to publish and announce on May 21st.

CCHS Legacy Information

If you would like your family's legacy information listed in our 2025 Commencement booklet and Annual Magazine, you must complete this form no later than **January 31, 2025**. We only need the number of family members & their relationship to your CCHS senior who have graduated from **any of the following**: CCHS, St. Joseph's Academy or Bishop Donahue High School.

For example...If your senior has had 4 family members (great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings) graduate from any of the above listed schools, their name will be listed in the commencement booklet under 'Class of 2025 Legacy Graduates as: Sally Smith**** the asterisks indicate the number of generations who have graduated before them.

Complete the Google Form here.

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2024	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

ACT/SAT Codes

CCHS School Code: 491400

WV Promise

- ACT: 4539
- SAT: 3456

NCAA: 9999

WV Promise Test Codes

WV resident students when you register for the ACT or SAT make sure you add the Promise test codes to have your scores sent for the Promise Scholarship. It is extremely important to add the test codes when registering for the tests. Failure to do so could result in a delay in the awarding of your Promise Scholarship.

ACT Code: 4539
SAT Code: 3456

ACT/SAT Test Prep

Union Test Prep is an online resource with practice standardized tests. They offer practice tests for the ACT, SAT, and much more. For more information, click here.

Free SAT Tutoring with Schoolhouse

Want the support of a personalized tutor to prepare for the SAT? Schoolhouse.world, also founded by Sal Khan, is running free, 4-week SAT Bootcamps to help you prepare for the December SAT.
Registration for this free tutoring program closes on Nov. 8 so act quickly.
If you're scoring in the 400-690 SAT score range in either Math or R&W, you can join these virtual bootcamps to develop your SAT skills with a certified peer tutor. Schoolhouse is a separate organization with accounts governed by Schoolhouse.world Terms of Service and Privacy Policy.

Tutoring/Test Prep

West Virginians now have access to online tutoring, test prep, and job support at no cost, if they have a library card. All West Virginians can access services between 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Through TutorWV, every West Virginian gains no-cost access to 1-to-1 tutoring and drop-off review services, test prep and self-paced resources, and job search assistance.

Live tutoring is also available for standardized tests like the GED®, ASVAB, and AP® as well as practice quizzes, video lessons, and test-preparation resources for the SAT®, ACT®, MCAT®, LSAT® and more.

Tutoring is available for all students- elementary school through college!

Please visit www.tutor.com/tutorwv for more information.

ACT & Collegewise

Navigating college admissions can be overwhelming but fear not Collegewise is here!

Join us to take a deep dive into what admission officers are really looking for. Our expert speakers will guide you through every step of the college admissions journey, from making the most of high school to researching universities and ultimately crafting successful applications, all while maintaining your sanity.

You'll uncover:

- How to navigate course selection in high school
- What to do over summer and winter break
- Why extracurriculars matter and how to craft unique ones
- How to create a narrative throughout the application
- What makes a great college essay
- What admissions officers value in applications
- And so much more.

Click here to register for more information.

QuestBridge

QuestBridge is a nonprofit that connects academically outstanding students from low-income backgrounds with admission and full four-year scholarships to over 50 top colleges through the National College Match.

We encourage you to learn more about the National College Match for high school seniors. Through this college and scholarship application process, you can apply for free to the nation's best colleges and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship from the college. More information about eligibility is available at questbridge.org. Please check it out!

Important WVU Information

Seniors applying to WVU please read these important changes and reminders.

Important Changes Related to Transcripts and Test Score

- Self-reported courses and grades on both the Common Application and our application are no longer accepted.
- Applicants may submit a PDF copy of the unofficial transcript for decision processing to scanning@mail.wvu.edu. An official copy must follow prior to enrollment. Email Mrs. Rohrig and she will send your official transcripts.
- Self-reported test scores on the Common Application are not accepted, and we will not accept scores listed on the high school transcript.
- Scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.
    - WVU's SAT school code is: **5904.**
    - ACT school code is: **4540**.

Scholarship and Honors College Reminders

- Students are automatically considered for our merit scholarships when they apply for admission.
- Three scholarships, Diversity, Leadership, and University Merit have different requirements and require separate applications.
- Certain academic department scholarships require separate applications.
- The Promise Scholarship requires a separate application and completion of the FAFSA.
- Students are automatically considered for the Honors College when they apply for admission. Consideration for Honors will open in mid-fall.

Fairmont University Presidential Scholarship

The 2025-2026 Presidential Scholarship application is now open! This is full tuition, room, and board scholarship. For more information and to apply, click here.

If you attend a SOAR Scholarship Event, you will automatically receive a $500 per academic year scholarship! To register for a SOAR Event, click here.

Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program

West Virginia's newest, most prestigious scholarship – the Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program – helps recent high school graduates pursue rewarding careers as WV teachers in math, science, elementary education or special education.

Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars can receive up to $10,000 per year to pay for eligible college expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, and textbooks.
Even better, you will be paired up with a practicing teacher in your chosen field who will be available from the beginning to help you navigate the college process and become one of West Virginia's most talented new teachers.

You may apply to become an Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholar if you meet the following minimum requirements.

- High school senior or recent high school graduate with plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in an approved teacher preparation program in math, science, elementary education or special education at an eligible West Virginia institution;
- Has never been enrolled as a degree-seeking student at college or university;
- Achieved a cumulative high school grade point average of at least 3.25 on 4.0 scale, or an equivalent grade point average based on an individual school district's grading policy;
- Earned minimum ACT scores of 21 in math and 18 in English, or minimum SAT scores of 530 in math and 480 in English;
- Must be a United States citizen or hold a valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or work permit, issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office; and
- Willing to teach in a West Virginia public school for five years after college graduation in the fields of math, science, elementary education, or special education. Applicants are NOT required to be residents of the state of West Virginia; and
- Must be willing to attend the award banquet and Student Success Summit event in Charleston, WV, in late July. Lodging costs will be paid by the Higher Education Policy Commission for Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars.

College For WV Scholarship Search

Seniors don't forget to utilize the scholarship search on the College for WV website. You will build a scholarship profile and be matched with scholarships to apply for. Do not let scholarship opportunities pass you by!

Scholarship.com

Scholarships.com is a website that lists national scholarships. They also are a matching service for scholarships students might qualify for. Below is a scholarship calendar from their website, https://www.scholarships.com/.

Important Dates	
January 13th	CFOV Scholarship Application Opens
January 20th	No School- Martin Luther King Day & Presidential Inauguration Day
January 22nd	Senior Seminar
March 1st	AP Fees due in full to Mrs. Rohrig

Scholarship Opportunities

	Bud Lutty Scholarship Competition **Amount:** Varies **Deadline to Apply:** December 31st **Application & More Information:** Available in Guidance & on Google Classroom
	Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program **Amount:** Up to $10,000 **Deadline to Apply:** December 31st **Application & More Information:** Click Here
	Claire M. LaPlante Engineering Scholarship **Amount:** $50,000 **Deadline to Apply:** December 31st **Application & More Information:** This scholarship is for students attending WVU and has very specific guidelines. Click here for more information on the guidelines.
	Elks Legacy Award **Amount:** Varies **Deadline to Apply:** February 3rd **Application & More Information:** Click Here
	WV Association of Conservation **Amount:** Eight- $1,000 Scholarships **Deadline to Apply:** Due to Counseling Feb. 18th **Application & More Information:** Google Classroom

	Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation **Amount:** Varies **Deadline to Apply:** March 1st **Application & More Information:** Click Here
	Ancient Order of Hibernians Scholarship **Amount:** Three- $1,000 Scholarships **Deadline to Apply:** Due to Counseling March 10th **Application:** Available in the Counseling Office & Google Classroom

College Events

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY	**Black & Gold Day** **Dates:** Jan. 24th, Feb. 7th, Apr. 5th **Registration & More Information:** Click Here
WHEELING UNIVERSITY	**Accepted Student Day** **Date:** March 14th **Registration & More Information:** Click Here
WHEELING UNIVERSITY	**Junior Visit Day** **Date:** April 4th **Registration & More Information:** Click Here

CCHS FAFSA Planner

2024-25 Academic Year – 2025-26 FAFSA

The following information is intended to help you complete and submit your students' FAFSA in an efficient and timely manner. All steps should be completed carefully and thoroughly. Please take the time to read all information provided during the FAFSA completion process.

	FAFSA Opens Dec. 1, 2024		Free Application Federal Student Aid		Required for consideration of grants, loans & many scholarships		Submit by March 1, 2025

Create FSA ID for Student → **Create FSA ID for Parent/Guardian /"Contributor"** → **Complete & Submit FAFSA form once open** → **Check Status** → **Check College/Univ. student portal for financial aid pkg.** → **Apply for Scholarships** → **GRADUATE FROM CCHS**

	Complete by	*Complete the following steps carefully and thoroughly & SAVE ALL LOGIN INFORMATION*
☐	October 1, 2024	Student must create FSA ID (this is the login information used to access the FAFSA) by visiting https://studentaid.gov/ & clicking "Create an Account" **IT'S CRUCIAL THAT YOU ENTER YOUR SS# ACCURATELY & SAVE YOUR LOGIN INFO. & PLACE IT IN A SECURE AREA.** Student names a 'Contributor(s)' when completing this process (see next line below for help with "Who is considered a parent" when determining who is/are the Contributor(s) so that person(s) can be linked to their account).
☐	October 1, 2024	Parent must create their own FSA ID (this is the login information used to access your portion of the FAFSA) by visiting https://studentaid.gov/ & clicking "Create an Account" **IT'S CRUCIAL THAT YOU ENTER ALL SS#'S ACCURATELY & SAVE & COPY THIS LOGIN INFO. & PLACE IT IN A SECURE AREA.** Please visit https://studentaid.gov/help/who-is-parent for detailed information on 'Who is considered a parent" & who should be creating their own FSA ID. Once logged it, parent should see student's name listed.
☐	December 1, 2024	2025-2026 FAFSA Opened. It's recommended that you obtain your 2023 Income Tax Returns as well as have access/knowledge of personal checking/savings balance information, records of child support received and net worth of investments, businesses, and farms. **Additional details on 'Filling out the FAFSA Form' can be found at https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out**
☐	December 2024-February 2025	**TIME FOR PARENT(S) TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA**! Please pay close attention to the following instructions: 1. Parent visits https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa & clicks "Start a 2025-26 FAFSA Form. Log In To Start". Parent then logs in using THEIR username/password that was created as the FSA ID. Navigate through all steps/screens reading each item carefully. Please note that once you arrive at the agreement to access your tax returns directly from the IRS and you are successfully linked to the IRS, then you DO NOT have to manually enter tax return

		information. If for some reason, you are NOT successfully linked to the IRS portal, then you will be required to enter your 2023 tax return information (which is why we suggest you gather that info. prior to the start of the form). Also note that most questions offer a ⓘ button just to the right of the question. Please click that symbol for a detailed description of the question in order to confirm that you're answering correctly. 2. Once you have successfully completed ALL screens and have {electronically} SIGNED the form, you then log out and direct your student to log in using their STUDENT LOGIN (seniors created their studentaid.gov accounts as a class in September).
☐	December 2024 – February 2025	**TIME FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR SECTION OF THE FAFSA!** Please note that students are permitted & able to complete their portion of the form prior to the parent if you so choose. The order doesn't affect the process but the form will NOT submit until BOTH the parent & student portions are completed & signed. 2. Student visits https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa & clicks "Start a 2025-26 FAFSA Form. Log In To Start. Student then logs in using THEIR user name/password that was created when we created their FSA ID as a class in September. Student confirms that a FAFSA has been started and then navigates through all steps/screens, answering all questions accurately & thoroughly (note the same as above with regard to the ⓘ button…click for more detailed info. whenever visible). 2. Once student has successfully completed ALL screens and has {electronically} SIGNED the form, please check the student dashboard to confirm status that the FAFSA has been submitted. Student will receive an email from the U.S. Department of Education with the subject: We've Received Your FAFSA Form. Students should confirm receipt of this email (check junk folder if needed). It then takes one-three days for processing of the form.
☐	1-3 Business Days Following Submission of the FAFSA	Students and/or Parent(s) should log back into their respective accounts to check the status of processing. **Draft**: Your section of the FAFSA form is incomplete. **In Progress**: You provided your consent, approval, and signature to your section of the FAFSA form, but the FAFSA form has not been submitted yet. **In Review**: The FAFSA form was submitted but hasn't been processed yet. **Action Required**: You are missing your consent and approval or signature or the FAFSA form was processed by a correction is required. **Processed:** Your application was processed successfully. No further action is needed. **Closed**: Your FAFSA form was never submitted and con no longer be submitted because the federal FAFSA deadline passed.
☐	Once FAFSA is Processed	Student will get a FAFSA Submission Summary after your FAFSA form is processed (via email or it can be accessed through your student.aid.gov account dashboard under "My Activity"). Look over this summary carefully and make sure you didn't make a mistake on your FAFSA form and make corrections to your FAFSA data if necessary. Please visit https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct/fafsa-submission-summary for detailed information on the FAFSA Submission Summary and What To Do If You Find a Mistake.
☐	Once FAFSA is Processed (Continued)	FAFSA information will be sent directly to schools that were listed by student when submitting the FAFSA. Those schools will then prepare financial aid packages which will be made available to students through their college/university/school student portals. Students must access this information through this means or by contacting the college/university/school financial aid office directly. Any changes to personal or financial circumstances that could not be reported on the FAFSA at the time of completion must be communicated directly to the respective college/university/school financial aid office NOT CCHS.
☐	Helpful StudentAid.Gov Links	https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct#correct-form https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct#update-info https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact

☐	Other Useful Links	https://www.cfwv.com/financial-aid/ https://www.edvisors.com/student-loans/fafsa/student-parent-financial-information/

READ	ALL	STEPS	CAREFULLY	AND	COMPLETELY

Email Mrs. Blake: mblake@cchsknights.org or Mrs. Rohrig: erohrig@cchsknights.org with questions or concerns.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley is a scholarship provider!
Supporting local students is an important part of our mission.

Make CFOV part of your scholarship search - we are here to help!

MORE THAN 50 OPPORTUNITIES!

SCAN FOR SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW!

TIMELINE

JANUARY 13
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 28
APPLICATIONS DUE

APRIL - JUNE
AWARDS CONFIRMED

JULY - AUGUST
CHECKS MAILED TO RECIPIENT'S COLLEGE

VISIT WWW.CFOV.ORG

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MOST OPPORTUNITIES!

SCAN FOR SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL!

WHY APPLY?

(Hint: It's About You!)

College is expensive - scholarships can make higher education more affordable for YOU!

CFOV scholarship funds are diverse and designed to benefit all types of students - YOU!

Scholarship funds are established for many reasons, but all exist to support YOUR next educational steps!

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

Complete the FAFSA
www.studentaid.gov/fafsa

Be sure to submit requested information

Write a GREAT essay - tell your story

Review the application before you submit

Don't wait until the last minute

QUESTIONS?

CALL:
304-242-3144
EMAIL:
JESS@CFOV.ORG

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High School Seniors:
Your CFOV Scholarship Path Starts Here!

Research CFOV scholarship snapshots on www.cfov.org and note method of application

Prepare! Complete the FAFSA, identify recommenders and consider future plans

Visit the Students page of www.cfov.org to access the online portal *and* get the scoop on opportunities

Online scholarships: Create an account to get started!
(please don't use your school email address!)
Most, but not all, scholarships use the online system

Complete the online Universal Application. Your responses will be matched with specific opportunities.

Apply for qualifying opportunities by supplying any additionally requested information

Submit each individual application by the published deadline

Wait patiently!
You will be notified if you have been selected as a recipient.

Success!
If selected, be sure to complete and submit the necessary details for your scholarship to be distributed to your college/university!

Visit www.cfov.org to get started!