

Senior Newsletter

North Augusta High School

January 6, 2012

Students should apply to at least three colleges prior to December 1st so that you will have several options. Students will begin applying for college admission in September. Online applications are preferred. Paper college applications are available in Guidance for most in-state schools. If you plan to attend an out-of-state school, write to the school for information and applications. You can also request information online or by phone. All official transcripts must be mailed by the high school. Once the application has been completed on paper or online and the fee attached in the form of a check or money order, bring those items along with an addressed legal size envelope complete with two stamps to my office. I will complete the recommendation and attach an official transcript. If you use an 8 ½ x11 manila envelope, attach 4 stamps.

***Students are strongly encouraged to apply online if at all possible. Transcripts must still be mailed by Mrs. Smiley. Bring addressed envelope and stamps. Materials will be mailed within 10 working days. Plan ahead for deadlines and turn materials in at least 5 days in advance of postmark deadlines. Check colleges for early application deadlines.**

The College of Charleston -Students who apply by November 1 will receive an admission decision by January 1. FAFSA should be filed by March 1.

Clemson University hosts guided campus tours Monday thru Friday at 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. on selected dates. Call 864-656-4789 to reserve your tour or check the admissions page on the website. Current date is November 11. Housing assignments are determined by the application date. Students who wish to apply to the Calhoun Honors College must fill out a separate application.

The **University of South Carolina** Columbia- Students who apply by October 15 will receive a decision during the week of December 19. The South Carolina Honors/Top Scholar College application must be submitted by November 15. December 1 is the priority application deadline. Students who apply after December 1 will be accepted on a space available basis. Notification for the December 1 applicants is the week of March 12th. February 1 is the credentials deadline for March acceptance decisions.

Augusta State - Tours are available Monday – Friday at 10 and 2. Contact admissions 48 hours in advance for a reservation.

Aiken Tech has campus tours on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and on Fridays at 9 a.m. Contact admissions at 593-9231 for details. Placement testing is available in room 742 on a walk in basis.

Oglethorpe University in Atlanta offers SC residents with a 3.0 GPA or higher a \$3500 grant. Call the admissions office at Oglethorpe with questions.

A free college guide for **South Carolina's private colleges** is available online at www.scicu.org.

The **NAVY ROTC Scholarships** pay full tuition. Apply online at www.nrotc.navy.mil.

College-bound seniors should apply to college as soon as possible preferably by October 1 but no later than December 1. Remember to schedule college visits and take the SAT or the ACT if needed.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students who will attend college in the fall of 2012 should fill out FAFSA applications online after January 1. 2011 income tax information from parents, guardians and/or students is required for the application. Check with your college for the priority deadline for financial aid applications.

Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah is hosting Open House on February 25.

Clemson University- Students who apply by December 1 will receive an admission decision the week of February 15. Students are required to apply online.

The **Palmetto Assistance Loan** is a private loan through the SC Student Loan Corporation. Additional information is available at www.scstudentloan.org.

South Carolina Tuition Grants Program is to help offset the higher education costs of attending independent colleges in South Carolina. Visit www.sctuitiongrants.com for details on eligibility.

Spartanburg Methodist College offers full tuition financial aid to 2011 graduates who are LIFE scholarship eligible students. Students who apply for early decision by December 1 will receive an additional \$900-\$1200 above the full tuition offer.

Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, is hosting Campus Preview Weekend on March 29-31. Contact www.admissions@covenant.edu.

The **2011-2012 Common Black College Application** website www.eduinonline.com is open for minority students who plan to apply to a historically black institution for a fixed fee.

Students interested in attending a women's college can check the following website: www.womenscolleges.org.

The Harry Hampton Fund offers 3 scholarships for students majoring in the natural resources discipline such as wildlife biology, fisheries biology, forestry, marine science, or law enforcement. The **James O Thomason Scholarship** is for students furthering their education in print or photojournalism, advertising, public relations, or mass communications. The deadline for these scholarships is January 31. Applications are available in Mrs. Smiley's office.

The **Suntrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes** is open to seniors at oftocollege.info Winners are drawn every 2 weeks from October 28-May11. **This is not a local bank scholarship.**

For information on the **Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology** visit www.kennethShuler.com.

Johnson and Wales University Charlotte campus will host preview weekends January 21, February 10-12, March 9-11, April 13-15, and May 5.

Free Scholarship searches are available at www.fastweb.com.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is offering scholarships to children of SRNS employees this year. Employees must request applications for their children from Workforce Services. January 28 is the latest SAT/ACT test date for the 2012 competition.

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program is available to seniors who ranked in the top 6% of the sophomore or junior class, have a 1200 in reading and math on the SAT, or a 27 composite on the ACT, and who have a 3.5 GPA or above. Alternate criteria include a 1400 in reading and math on the SAT or a 32 composite on the ACT and at least a 4.0 GPA on the SCUGP at the end of the junior year. The early awards deadline is December 15. See Mrs. Smiley for information. The final application deadline is June 15, 2012.

No paper application is required for the **LIFE** or **HOPE** lottery funded scholarships. For more information on any lottery funded scholarship program visit www.che.sc.gov or www.sccango.org.

The **Watson Brown Foundation** offers scholarships to students in the CSRA. Applications are due by February 15. Details are available at watson-brown.org/scholarship.

The **Gregg Graniteville Foundation**, Inc will grant scholarships to applicants who reside in the Graniteville area or whose parents were employees of Avondale Mills as of September 30, 2005. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2012. See Mrs. Smiley for applications.

The **North Augusta Cultural Arts Council Fine Arts Scholarship** is awarded annually to a senior who demonstrates excellence in an art form. Art forms include Music- instrumental or voice, Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, or Literary Arts. The deadline to apply is March 30, 2012. See Mrs. Smiley for applications.

Fast Web is a free scholarship search. Go to www.fastweb.com for information.

Augusta Technical College offers a Nuclear Engineering Technology program. Information sessions will be January 10 and 26 in Augusta. Contact Melissa Foster at Augusta Tech for details.

Morris College in Sumter, SC, is hosting a High School Visitation Day on February 8 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Contact the Admissions Office to make a reservation.

Miller Motte Technical College on Frontage Road in Augusta, GA, is hosting an Open House on January 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Career Training programs are offered in Cosmetology, Healthcare Information Technology, Massage Therapy, Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, and Medical Laboratory Technician.

Aiken Electric Cooperative offers \$1,000 Touchstone Energy Scholarships. The **student's primary residence is required to have an active customer account with Aiken Electric**. The deadline to apply is March 1. Applications are available in Mrs. Smiley's office.

The 2012 Nina Neely Scholarship Essay Contest is open until March 13. Guidelines and topic information are available from Mrs. Smiley.

The Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program offers students the opportunity to apply for a scholarship in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts. The deadline to submit an entry is February 3. Information is available from Mrs. Smiley. Students must be planning to attend college in South Carolina.

The James F. Byrnes Foundation offers scholarships to seniors who have lost one or both parents. The deadline to apply is February 15. Students must request an application packet from www.byrnesscholars.org.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Foundation will award scholarships to seniors. Students may request applications and essay topics at <http://www.scleoa.org/scholarship.html>. The deadline to apply is February 10.

The South Carolina Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities sponsors a journalism contest. The theme is "profit by investing in workers with disabilities." The deadline to apply is February 1. Visit www.journalism.scvrd.net for complete rules, information, and eligibility requirements.

Best Buy is awarding scholarships nationally. The application period is open until February 15. Apply online only at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com.

USC Aiken is hosting a **financial aid workshop** on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in room 106 of the Penland Administration Building at USCA. The session is open to all students and parents who need financial aid assistance with FAFSA.

FAFSA applications for federal financial aid and/or student or parent loans should be **filed as soon as possible after January 1**. Please check with the financial aid office of the college you will attend for priority deadlines.

The **Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club** is offering scholarships to a graduating senior who is a military dependent of an active duty, retired, reserve, or National Guard service member. All applications must be received by March 1. Applications are available from Mrs. Smiley or at www.fgscc.com.

Beta Sigma Phi offers scholarships to seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement, and have significant community service and school activities. Financial need is a factor. Applications are available in Mrs. Smiley's office and must be returned to her by March 9. Copies of 1040 tax forms are required.

