

# Senior Newsletter

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*North Augusta High School*

*November 18, 2011*

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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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](http://www.scicu.org).

**The NAVY ROTC Scholarships** pay full tuition. Apply online at [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:www.admissions@covenant.edu).

**The Gates Millennium Scholarship** online application forms are available until January 11, 2012. Eligible applicants are African American, Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American. Students must be a legal resident of the United States and meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. Apply online at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org).

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

**USCA** offers campus tours on December 3 as well as November 4, and November 18. Schedule your visit at [web.usca.edu/visit](http://web.usca.edu/visit).

Students interested in attending a women's college can check the following website: [www.womenscolleges.org](http://www.womenscolleges.org).

The **Kittie Moss Fairey Educational Fund** offers scholarships to students whose parents have an adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000. Students must have a combined SAT of 1800 or an ACT composite of 26 and a 3.0 GPA on the 4.0 scale. The deadline to apply is November 21. Apply online at [www.csascholars.org](http://www.csascholars.org).

The **South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation** offers scholarship aid to applicants who have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale and have a competitive or recreational interest in golf. Applications must be submitted online at [www.scholarshipprograms.org](http://www.scholarshipprograms.org) by November 21.

**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](http://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](http://www.kennethShuler.com).

**Johnson and Wales University Charlotte** campus will host preview weekends December 10 and January 21.

**Free Scholarship** searches are available at [www.fastweb.com](http://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](http://www.che.sc.gov) or [www.sccango.org](http://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](http://watson-brown.org/scholarship).

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** is offering financial assistance to deserving minority male seniors in celebration of their academic excellence and contributions to school and community. Applications are available from Mrs. Smiley. The deadline to apply is December 30.

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.

**Augusta State University** is offering a free summer program to African American males graduating in 2012. A meeting will be held December 6 in University Hall room 170. Interested 2012 graduates must apply by April 30, 2012.

**USC Upstate** is hosting Open House December 2. Register through admissions at [www.uscupstate.edu/admissions](http://www.uscupstate.edu/admissions).

**Furman University** offers the Wylie Scholarships to students with outstanding mathematical ability. Awards are based solely on SAT/ACT scores, mathematical ability and character. The deadline to apply is January 15.

**Fast Web** is a free scholarship search. Go to [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for information.

**Augusta Technical College** offers a Nuclear Engineering Technology program. Information sessions will be held December 6 in Thomson, January 10 and 26 in Augusta. Contact Melissa Foster at Augusta Tech for details.