

Senior Newsletter

North Augusta High School

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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 12th. February 1 is the credentials deadline for March acceptance decisions.

Augusta State will have an open house on November 12 from 10-4 p.m. 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.

The South Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship application is open from September 1 until November 1. All seniors who are legal residents of South Carolina and who plan to major in education at one of 11 participating South Carolina colleges are eligible to apply. The application is available at www.cerra.org/tfapp.

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 November 12 and 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 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.

Seniors who plan to attend **Emory University** are invited to apply for the Emory Scholars program. Scholarship selection is based entirely on student's merit. Most all recipients have won distinction beyond the classroom including *national awards* in music, science, math, or other fields. The deadline to apply for admission and for the Emory Scholars is November 15.

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.

Campbell University has visitation dates on: September 17, October 8, October 29, and November 11, Register online at www.campbell.edu/visit.

USCA offers campus tours on December 3 as well as November 4, and November 18. Schedule your visit at web.usca.edu/visit.

Seniors who are planning to apply to the **United States Service Academies** must request academy nominations by October 31 from Representative Jeff Duncan.

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

Georgia Southern University offers scholarships. To be eligible for the Southern Scholars Showcase, applicants must have application materials submitted by November 7.

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.

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 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 offtocollege.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 November 11-13, December 10 and January 21.

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.

USC Beaufort will have Fall Campus Day on November 12. Contact the Admissions Office for details.

Presbyterian College is hosting Open House on November 12. Reservations required.

Erskine College will have Fall Open House on November 11 beginning at 9:15 a.m. To register call Erskine or log on to visit.erskine.edu.

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.

