

December Senior Bulletin

BigSun Scholarship – BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they participate in. Amount of award: \$500. Please visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to apply. **Deadline: June 19, 2020.**

2020 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide- Available at <http://pmyf.org/masonic-scholarship-resource-guide/> This guide describes several scholarships, grants, and loans that are available to Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren, and members of the Masonic-related youth groups. Copies of the Resource Guide are also available in the Counseling Office. **Deadlines: vary depending on the scholarship.**

Ephrata Lodge No. 665 of Free and Accepted Masons is offering two scholarships that can be applied for on one scholarship application. Applications are available at <http://www.pmyf.org/scholar/app/ephrata.pdf>. Typed applications are preferred. **Deadline: March 15, 2020.**

PSECU will be offering six scholarships for up to \$8,000. The student must be a PSECU member by Thursday, December 31, 2019. Students can download an application at <https://www.psecu.com/scholarships>. For more information stop in the Counseling Office. **Deadline: February 28, 2020.**

Lieutenant Robert B. Ritchie Memorial Scholarship is available online at www.csascholars.org/eritchie. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Stop in the Counseling Office for more information about this scholarship. **Deadline: January 21, 2020.**

Odenza Marketing Scholarship - \$500 award. In order to apply for the Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship you must write two small essays and like their facebook page. Every essay must contain three essential elements. For more information and to complete an application to <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/scholarship-application-form/>. Get more information in the Counseling Office. **Deadline: March 30, 2020.**

Central Pennsylvania Mensa scholarships are being offered for high school students. The Foundation's college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need. Apply online at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships/>. **Deadline: January 15, 2020.**

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program – Abbott & Fenner business consultants are pleased to offer a \$1,000 each scholarship to high school juniors and seniors as well as students currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on your educational career and life goals. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Apply at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php> **Deadline: June 12, 2020.**

Agriculture Scholarship- Go to GrowAgLeaders.com for more information and official rules. Apply at <https://www.ffa.org/scholarships>. This is a \$1,500 agriculture scholarship sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Must obtain two farmer endorsements before February 8, 2018. **Deadline: January 15, 2020.**

John Charles Lohin Memorial Scholarship is available in the Counseling Office. This is a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the **Lancaster County Retired School Employees** for a student who has qualified as a special needs student (and sends that documentation with the application which might be an IEP or a 504). The applicant must have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA and be accepted to a school of higher learning. **Deadline: March 30, 2020**

Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer is being offered by the Junior League of Lancaster. The winner of this award will receive a \$1,500 cash award and a \$300 donation to a charity of her/his choice. The award is named for Deborah Altman whose life exemplified a commitment to volunteering, a love of children and service to the community. Applications are in the Counseling Office. **Deadline: March 16, 2020.**

The Ervin L. Steele Nursing Scholarship is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study Nursing. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. **Deadline: April 22, 2020.**

The **College Board** partners with scholarship providers connected to the SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®, and PSAT™ 10SAT. Through these partners, students can access over \$300 million in scholarship awards.

Militaryscholar.org - Information on scholarships for military dependents.

Many other scholarships are available at <http://www.studentscholarships.org>



Topic of the Month: Senioritis: What is it? How do you avoid it?

According to the College Board, when senior year rolls around, some students want to complete their college applications and then relax before they head off to a post-secondary school, the military, or a full time job. Taking it easy may seem enticing, but it is likely to do more harm than good. Seniors should continue to develop study skills, time management skills, and organizational skills needed to be successful at the post-secondary level. In addition seniors need to pay attention to senior year grades. Many college admissions officers pay close attention to senior year grades. Several college applications require you to list your senior year courses. Several college applications also include a mid-year grade report which your counselor will complete in late January. Further, according to the College Board, many college acceptance letters include warnings such as “admission is contingent on your continued successful performance.” This means that colleges have the right to deny you admission should your grades drop significantly. (This information is taken from <http://www.collegeboard.com/student>)

How do you avoid senioritis? 1) Maintain a challenging course load, 2) Set academic goals for your senior year, 3) Stay active in school activities, 4) Volunteer in the community.