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Applying for Scholarships

Washington County School District has Scholarship links and contact information on their website at: http://www.washk12.org/secondary-education-academics/scholarships

Scholarships come from Businesses to foundations and more. Most of them are due January/February, with some as early as Dec 1st. Once you have decided a direction for a field of study, you can apply for those types of scholarships. They could include, nursing careers, technology, engineering, plumbing, sports and much more.

Other types of Scholarships include likes and experiences—Sports, Democrats, Liberty, Elks, KFC, Cancer Survivor, Dixie Escalante, Jiffy Lube and even Burger King has a scholarship.

Other website include: http://careeringonet.org/ scholarshipsearch/

https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa
http://www.uheaa.org/
http://www.schoolsoup.com/
http://www.scholarshipeasy.com/

To qualify for federal student aid, you have to meet certain requirements. Basic eligibility includes:

- Financial need
- U.S. Citizen
- Valid Social Security number
- Enrolled or accepted as a regular student in a college.
- Maintain good academic progress.
- Use the money for its intended purpose
- Have a High School Diploma

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News from our Director!

As the Holidays approach and another year comes to an end, the Educational Talent Search Staff hopes that students take a few moments to reflect on their academic performance in school or lack of performance. Students must ask themselves “have I done all that I can do to become the best student that I am capable of becoming?” If the answer is “yes”, then Congratulations—keep doing the things you have been doing and good things will follow. If you answered “No”, then change is needed to achieve success. Whether a Senior or Freshman, change can happen if the student is dedicated to trying harder. Students must “believe” that they can become a better student first. Then slowly replace old bad habits with new and improved habits that promote academic growth and achievement. Take baby steps and continue to remain positive. By doing so, students will improve their grades, go to the College of their choice and have a successful career ahead of them. Remember—your ETS Advisor is there for you, they will help you through this process. Thank You to all my Advisors and Staff for a wonderful year so far.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! Kitty Hughes -ETS Director
Dixie  Our Students have completed 3 back to back tours in November. Now it is time for the Seniors who have mostly registered for college to get real serious about scholarships, getting prepared for FAFSA, improving their grades, and concentrating on the approaching new year. Many of our students have been involved in the school play, executive council, and many leadership roles throughout their time here at Dixie. We are looking forward to this great holiday season.

Enterprise High School  “Home of the Wolves”

The 9th graders from Enterprise High found themselves listening intently to Director Kitty Hughes as she spoke to them on the importance of keeping good grades and staying on track, with Rigor! It was enjoyable for me also; because as I watched, you could almost see that the importance of grades and working hard did not fall upon deaf ears! Thanks again, Mrs. Hughes for taking time from your busy schedule to make an impression on my 9th graders. Diane Platt.

Hurricane  December should be a busy month for seniors. This is the last best time to take the ACT and get your scores back in time for most scholarships. Seniors should also finish their college applications before the Christmas break. Senior students should be filling out at least one scholarship application per week for the rest of the year. Congratulations to Jeremiah Leremia, he was chosen the outstanding football player for the State of Utah. Merry Christmas to everybody! Wes Christiansen
Map of Utah Colleges and Universities

http://www.washk12.org/secondary-education-academics/scholarships

Other Links:
http://schools.utah.gov/college-and-career-ready/
http://www.stepuputah.com/parents/

2014-15 ETS Staff

HAPPY Holidays
Highlight from Millcreek High School

During the month of November the Millcreek High ETS students have put in some time participating in various workshops. At the beginning of the month they learned how to find better balance in life by attending a “Time Management” workshop. Some of the skills they learned were: prioritizing, goal setting, planning, and recognizing their own strengths and weaknesses in these areas.

The week of Thanksgiving is one of the favorite and most treasured weeks at Millcreek High School. On Tuesday the 25th we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner and awards assembly. This wasn’t school lunch Thanksgiving dinner this was the full spread and real deal. This dinner was held at the Hilton Garden Inn St. George and all the food was provided/donated through Millcreek’s partnerships with the Elk’s Lodge and the Utah Food Bank. While the students, faculty, and guests visited and ate the delicious dinner, individual awards were handed out to students for their effort thus far in the year. Two of our ETS students took home top awards: “Student of the Month” went to Laicee Kenner, and “Most Improved Student” went to Cameron Campos.

When the students arrived back at school, each student was given their Millcreek High School Hoodie at no cost to them; this generous gift was made possible because of Millcreek’s partnerships with the Salvation Army and Elks Lodge. After receiving their hoodie, notes of gratitude were written by the students to the Elks, Utah Food bank, and Salvation Army.

As you can see, Millcreek students definitely had much to be thankful for this past November!

Michael Young

Pine View  The holidays are busy & often students forget to keep up with homework & studies. Use a Calendar to keep organized. If you don’t have one, I have a few left so come in & see me! All Seniors should be working on at least one scholarship a month. If you have not done so, please create an account on Scholar-Box.com to see the best scholarships for Pine View Students!! For the rest of you….Registration for next years classes will begin in the next few weeks! To see the classes you need to earn the Regents Scholarship, look on “Schools.Utah.Gov” and under departments tab, click A-Z index, then click on scholarships.

To see the classes you need to be a Pathway Completer, look on www.utahcte.org. Please come and see me if you have questions or need help registering for the right classes. I enjoy working with your students very much and wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!  Angie

Snow Canyon  Tayah Nelson is currently our top ETS Senior academically at Snow Canyon High School. Tayah has a cumulative 4.0 GPA and is ranked number 1 out of 337 Senior Students. She has also studied and prepared well for the ACT receiving a composite score of 30. In addition she received the National Merit award for the PSAT’s, she received some money and will be entered into a bigger unit to see if she is awarded a scholarship. She has applied to BYU, BYUI, University of Alabama, SUU and Snow College. She is very busy working a full time job at Carl’s Jr. and spend her free time filling out applications for scholarships and doing homework. We are very Proud of Tayah’s hard work!  Congrats Tayah!

New Year’s Wishes…

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Snow Day!