



THE SENIOR SCOOP – January 13, 2020

Reminders:

It is important for seniors to check their school email regularly! Some scholarship information comes in right after the Senior Scoop goes out. It will be sent by email if deadlines are critical.

SAT registration: www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/SAT , Test date: Mar 14, Deadline: Feb 14

ACT registration: www.actstudent.org , Test date: Feb 8

You are allowed **two** college visits **per year** (junior and senior year). See Guidance for the pre-approval form. You must be pre-approved by administration or guidance.

Check out the college handbook on the guidance page of GMC's website.

General Information:

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> Students interested in participating in college athletes need to register with NCAA.

www.sreb.org Academic Common Market – this program allows you to attend a specified out-of-state college but pay in-state tuition.

www.scicu.org Consider one of South Carolina's Independent Colleges & Universities

<https://www.sss.gov> – For 18 year old males to register for the US Selective Service. Males are reminded that when you turn 18, it is your civic responsibility to register with the Selective Service. Registering with the Selective Service is a federal law and those who fail to register may be denied student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states. You can get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at www.sss.gov.

Important Dates

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – Opened online October 1. www.fafsa.ed.gov
Dec 1, 2019 – Priority Deadline for Clemson, C of C and USC. Scholarship and Honors College deadlines are earlier and housing is based on receipt of application. Many other schools have this date as a priority for scholarships. Please check the schools you are applying to carefully!!

Open Houses:

The Citadel hosts Pre-Knob visits and Individual visits. To schedule a visit, call 1-800-868-1842.

Clemson University gives daily tours. If there is room, you can do it on a walk in basis. To register for a tour, go to: <http://www.clemson.edu/visit/events.html>

Columbia College –to schedule a visit, go to: https://admissions.columbiasc.edu/portal/campus_visit?

Francis Marion University will host open house Feb. 8. To register, go to:

<https://www.fmarion.edu/admissions/visitus/>

Furman University offers individual campus visits and opportunities. To register go to

<https://www.furman.edu/admissions-aid/visit-furman/>

Johnson & Wales University – to schedule a visit at their Charlotte, NC campus, go to:

<https://www.jwu.edu/admissions/visit-jwu/charlotte/>

Lander University will be hosting Open House on the following dates: Feb. 15. Register online at <https://www.lander.edu/admissions/campus-visit/open-house>

Limestone College will offer Open House Apr 17. To register, go to: <https://www.limestone.edu/day/admissions/open-house>

North Greenville University will host Open House Mar. 20. To register go online to <http://www.ngu.edu/open-house.php>

USC Upstate will host Open House and Fab Fridays with dates listed on their site. To register for this event call: 864-503-5246 or 1-800-277- 8727

Scholarship Update

SCLEOF Scholarship - \$2,000 or \$3,000. Essay based. Must be of good moral character. To apply, go to www.scleoa.org or see guidance. Deadline: February 21, 2020

SC Federal Credit Union Scholarship - \$1,500 - \$12,000, GPA 3.0 +, must attend the luncheon on April 20 (if awarded), essay. To apply: <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/southcarolinafcuscholarship> , Deadline: February 14,2020

James F Byrnes Scholarship – For a senior where one or both parents are deceased, based on character, academics, need, pursuing a four-year degree. To apply, go to: www.byrnesscholars.org Deadline: Feb 1, 2020

SC Gov Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Scholarship – need-based, four year scholarship, Journalism contest so based on essay. For guidelines, go to journalismcontest.net Deadline: Feb 1, 2020

Watson-Brown Scholarship – \$5000 merit and need based, renewable for four years. For information and application, go to www.watson-brown.org/scholarship Opens after Thanksgiving. Deadline: Feb 15, 2020

American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship - \$1000-\$5000, essay based. To apply, go to: www.americancollegefoundation.org Deadline: May 1, 2020

Garden Club of South Carolina Scholarships – Scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$4000 for students going to Tech, 2-yr and 4-yr school. Deadline: Feb 1, 2020. For application, see guidance.

Garden Club of South Carolina Essay Contest- \$250 up to \$1000 (national winner). See guidance for details.

Ponton Law Scholarship – \$1000 open to any high school senior, To apply, go to:

<https://www.jamesponton.com/practices/car-accidents/#scholarship> , Deadline: July 31, 2020

Harry Hampton Scholarship - \$5000/year for a natural resources major(wildlife bio, fisheries bio, forestry, marine science). To apply, go to: www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html Deadline: Jan 31, 2020

Wallace F Pate Scholarship - \$2,500 pursuing a degree in the natural resources. To apply, go to: www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html Deadline: Jan 31, 2020

David M Cline Scholarship - \$2,000 to a student pursuing a degree in law enforcement, criminal justice, forensic science. To apply, go to: www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html Deadline: Jan 31, 2020

James O Thomason Scholarship- \$2,000/year for a student majoring in journalism, advertising, public relations, or mass comm. Essay required. To apply, go to: www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html Deadline: Jan 31, 2020

American Legion Oratorical Scholarship - \$500 up to \$18,000(national winner), For rules and regulations, see guidance. Deadline: Jan 21, 2020

ACF Visionary Scholarship - \$1000-\$5000, Essay-based. Deadline: May 1, 2020. To apply, go to: www.americancollegefoundation.org

James O Thomason Scholarship - \$2,000/yr for those majoring in journalism, advertising, pub. relations, mass comm. Essay required. To apply, see guidance. Deadline: Jan. 31, 2020

Garden Club of SC Scholarships - \$2000 - for students planning to study agriculture, botany, landscape architecture, historic preservation, etc. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2020 For an application, see guidance.

Friends of Lake Robinson Memorial Scholarship – \$1000 Scholarship for any student pursuing a major or career in sustainable studies. Will review academics, leadership, essay. For an application, see guidance. Deadline: March 1, 2020

General Websites for Scholarships

www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.collegeboard.org
www.ed.gov/finaid.html
www.finaid.org
www.salliemae.com
www.scholarships.com
www.gocollege.com
www.supercollege.com
www.collegeanswer.com/scholarships
<http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com>
<https://www.collegeweeklive.com/>

You can check for scholarship scams at: www.nacac.com/preventscams.html,
<https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/financial-aid/scams>

To see what college courses transfer go to: <https://www.sctrac.org/>

Clemson transfer credits: <https://www.clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transferring-credits.html>

College Planning: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> and www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/
www.zinch.com