

Guidance Notes

To: All Central City High School Juniors and Seniors and their Parents

From: Debra J. Anderson, High School Counselor danderson@centralcityps.org

Date: 3-14-2022

The Juniors at Central City HS will take the **ACT with Writing** on Tuesday, March 22nd, as required by the State Department of Education. Results from the ACT will be available in 5 to 8 weeks. Although there has been more flexibility lately because of COVID, test scores are often needed for community college programs of study, 4 year college and university admission, scholarship opportunities, and special programs.

The Nebraska Career Information System

The **Nebraska Career Information System** is full of interest inventories, occupational information, military information, scholarship information, and links to colleges across the nation. Please take time to check NCIS out. Below is the information that you will need for NCIS:

URL: <http://necis.intocareers.org>
General USERNAME: 09centralhs
General PASSWORD: H005709

Most of our students have already established a Portfolio on the site using:

URL: <http://necis.intocareers.org>
USERNAME: (first four letters of their first name, first six letters of their last name – all lowercase – and two number graduation year)
PASSWORD: (Bison and school id number)

Students who are new to CCHS should create a Portfolio using the username and password as outlined above in order to be able to save the results of their favorite searches.

Selective Service

Virtually all male U.S. citizens, regardless of where they live, and male immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, residing in the United States, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. **The law says men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.** That means men are required to register with Selective Service sometime during the 30 days before their 18th birthday, their 18th birthday, and the following 29 days after their 18th birthday – that is a 60-day registration period. Men who do not register with Selective Service within the 60-day window are technically in violation of the law and should register as soon as possible. Late registrations are accepted up to a young man's 26th birthday.

It only takes a few minutes to register, simply go to www.sss.gov. Students can also pick up a form to register with at a US Post Office. If a young man does not register as required, he is breaking the law and this could cause him to go to jail or pay a fine. He would also not qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

ASVAB

The **ASVAB** is a wonderful aptitude test and interest inventory. Taking the ASVAB is entirely free. The test is required if a student is interested in any branch of the military. Students who score high enough can qualify for

occupations within the military. Some military occupations have higher qualification scores than others. If you would like to take the ASVAB in the near future, please contact a military recruiter.

VR

Students who have an IEP, 504 Plan, or disability may wish to inquire about how **VR** (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation) may assist with career exploration, financial aid, and college. You may contact Rita Meier at the VR Office in Grand Island at 308-385-6200 or 800-862-3382 for assistance

College Bound Athletes

Students who wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics should visit the NCAA and the NAIA websites for information about the high school core classes that they need to be enrolled in for the NCAA and the NAIA. Solid grades are also required. It can be difficult for some students to meet the requirements. There is also a cost for registration with both the NCAA and the NAIA. See me to submit your high school transcript and also if you have a financial need for a fee waiver. The NCAA website is www.ncaa.org; and the NAIA website is www.PlayNAIA.org.

NCAA Division I colleges in Nebraska are: The University of Nebraska in Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University in Omaha. **NCAA Division II** colleges in Nebraska are: The University of Nebraska at Kearney, Chadron State College, and Wayne State College. Nebraska Wesleyan University is a **NCAA Division III** college. **NAIA** colleges in Nebraska include: Bellevue University, Concordia University, Doane College, Hastings College, Midland University, Peru State College, College of St. Mary, and York College. Community Colleges in Nebraska are often members of the **NJCAA**, the National Jr College Athletic Association and include: Central Community College in Columbus, Little Priest Tribal College in Winnebago, McCook Community College, North Platte Community College, Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Southeast Community College in Beatrice, and Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff.

Juniors...

By picking your top colleges now, you'll be better prepared to apply for the financial aid and college application processes early next fall. Start by answering these questions:

* **What do you want to study?** Explore your career interests and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like [College Profiles](http://CollegeProfiles.atEducationQuest.org) at EducationQuest.org or the college information in the **Nebraska Career Information System** (see information to log in above).

* **What kind of school do you want to attend?** Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

* **Where do you want to go to college?** Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-of-state or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the **Midwest Student Exchange Program** which may provide discounted tuition.

* **What can you afford?** Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses (see [Nebraska College Costs](http://NebraskaCollegeCosts.atEducationQuest.org) at EducationQuest.org). Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate the loan debt you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education.

RHOP/KHOP/KHOP

Juniors may wish to think about the following opportunities in health care career education. Unfortunately for seniors who have not already applied, the deadline has passed.

Students interested in a medical field should contact Counselor Anderson about the **Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)** through Wayne State, Chadron State College, Peru State, and Nebraska Medicine. RHOP is especially designed to encourage students who would like to practice in rural areas in the fields of medicine (Chadron and Wayne), pharmacy (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne), nursing (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne), dentistry (Chadron and Wayne), dental hygiene (Chadron and Wayne), medical laboratory science (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne), physician assistant (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne), physical therapy (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne), and radiography (Chadron, Peru, and Wayne).

Juniors - If you are interested in **RHOP** for Wayne State you must be a senior, apply and be accepted at Wayne State. Then you must apply online for RHOP through Wayne by the December 1 2021 deadline. Apply at wsc.edu/rhop.

Juniors - If you are interested in **RHOP** for Chadron State, visit the Chadron State College website. The deadline through Chadron State is December 1, 2021. You must be a senior, apply to Chadron State College, and be accepted to Chadron State before the deadline. Go to csc.edu/sci/rhop/ for more information.

The deadline for the Peru State **RHOP** application is December 1, 2021. You must be a senior, apply at Peru State College, and be accepted to Peru State before applying for RHOP.

KHOP is a similar program through the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The deadline for KHOP is also December 1, 2021.

College Entrance Exams

Our seniors who are college-bound have already taken the **ACT**. It is very important to know if a certain ACT score is needed for acceptance into a specific college or program of study that a student may be wishing to pursue. College-bound juniors (and some gifted sophomores) will choose to take the ACT a number of times yet. College-bound students should take the ACT three to four times, to have the best composite score.

ACT has an optional writing assessment. Students should plan to take the writing assessment also if they have excellent writing skills and wish to demonstrate these to prospective colleges or if the college the student is interested in attending recommends it. At this point most colleges in Nebraska do not require the optional writing assessment, but to be sure, a student may log into to check out the recommendations for specific colleges.

Some of our students are also planning to take the **SAT** Reasoning Test. (Few schools in this area require the SAT Subject Tests.) Some students score even better on the SAT than on the ACT, depending on their particular strengths. Some out-of-state schools require the SAT instead of the ACT. Most Nebraska colleges will use either an ACT or SAT score. Scholarship committees and colleges always ask for the best scores that a student has achieved, so many students take the ACT or SAT a number of times.

With both the ACT and SAT deadlines are very important. If a student chooses to register after a registration deadline, there are additional costs. I have registration materials available at my office. Students register online for the ACT at act.org or the SAT at www.collegeboard.com, and they need to remember to put in our high school code which is **280-440**. Because of testing security issues, students must also upload a head and shoulder picture when they register.

Test	Test Date	Registration Due	Late Registration (more \$)
ACT	April 2	February 25	March 11
ACT	June 11	May 6	May 20

ACT	July 16	June 17	June 24
SAT	May 7	April 8	April 26
SAT	June 4	May 5	May 25

All students who plan to take the ACT or SAT should complete at least one practice test prior to testing. ACT practice tests are free to students and are available in my office, including a number of them from different years. Contact me if you need assistance.

The John Baylor ACT/SAT Prep course is also available to CCHS students. This course is an excellent way for students to prepare for the ACT /SAT. Please see Mrs. Hanke if you would like to use the information from the website at home.

FAFSA

If you're a senior, you can still file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll need to complete the process at fafsa.gov typically by **April 1**, depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid.

Education Quest has been offering **totally free college planning services for over 20 years**. They specifically help with scholarship and college searches, student loan counseling and, as mentioned, with FAFSA completion. Education Quest is supported through an endowment and may be contacted for assistance by calling the office in Kearney at 800-666-3721, Lincoln at 800-303-3745, or Omaha at 888-357-6300. Their website has many FAFSA resources at www.educationquest.org.

Seniors Transferring College Credits

Seniors - If you are planning to attend college, you will need to register for your college classes. Below are the Central Community College course codes for classes that you may have taken while being a student at CCHS. Take this list with you when you register for your college classes. (For a class to be counted as dual credit through CCC, you would have had to pay for CCC credits or have an ACE Scholarship.)

Nursing Assistant HLTH 1200	3 credits at CCC
English Comp ENGL 1010	3 credits at CCC
Writing and Research ENGL 1020	3 credits at CCC
Intro to Literature ENGL 2100	3 credits at CCC
Intro to Psychology PSYC 1810	3 credits at CCC
Developmental Psychology PSYC 2890	3 credits at CCC
Intro to Sociology SOCI 1010	3 credits at CCC
Public Speaking SPCH 1110	3 credits at CCC
Microcomputers Applications INFO 1120	3 credits at CCC
Principles of Macroeconomics ECON 2110	3 credits at CCC
Analytic Geometry & Calculus I MATH 2060	5 credits at CCC
Pre-Calculus MATH 1410	5 credits at CCC
College Algebra MATH 1150	3 credits at CCC
Comp Medical Terminology HLTH 1060	3 credits at CCC
Intro to Visual Arts ARTS 1010	3 credits at CCC
Graphic Art MART 1360	3 credits at CCC
Visual Design MART 1300	3 credits at CCC
Drawing I ARTS 1270	3 credits at CCC
Intro to Music MUSC 1010	3 credits at CCC
Construction Safety CNST 1200	1 credit at CCC
Residential Components CNST 1400	2 credits at CCC
Residential Framing CNST 1500	3 credits at CCC

If you do not plan to attend CCC, you should complete a CCC transcript request form online through CCC in order to have your CCC credits sent to the college you plan to attend. You will need to go to www.cccneb.edu on the bottom of the CCC homepage to **Transcript Request** to request to have your official CCC transcript mailed to your home and also to the college that you plan to attend (if other than CCC), NCAA, and/or NAIA. You will need to pay a small fee to request online to have your CCC transcript sent, so have a credit card ready. You may also request, for no cost, to have your CCC transcript sent to the college that you plan to attend at any of the CCC campus registration offices.

If you took Mr. Van Pelt's class called Teaching in a Democratic Society TE 100GS for 3 college credits, you should request that your UNK transcript be sent to you and to the college that you plan to attend, unless of course you plan to attend UNK.

If you are currently taking Advanced Biology BIOL 105 and BIOL 106 for UNK credit through Mrs. Gillan, or if you took it in the past for UNK credit, you will need to request that your UNK transcript to be sent to the college that you plan to attend, unless you plan to attend UNK.

If you took accounting for a second year and registered for Principles of Accounting, you should request that your college transcript be sent to you and to the college you plan to attend, unless of course you are planning to attend college there.

Current high school students may wish to see if a specific college credit course will transfer to another college or university. One great resource for this is the **Transfer Nebraska** website that can be found at transfer.nebraska.edu. This website can help to answer many basic questions about if credits transfer from one institution to another. Students may wish to also contact the college that they wish to attend to find out more information about how particular credits will or will not transfer.

Scholarships through Colleges

Check out savings in tuition through the **Midwest Student Exchange Program** if you are interested in attending an out-of-state college in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin.

Nebraska Promise provides an amazing opportunity for students with financial need. Nebraska students are guaranteed total grant assistance equal to, or greater than, the full cost of tuition for 30 credit hours per year to UNL, UNO, UNK, or the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis provided they are accepted, complete the FAFSA by April 1 of each year, complete the financial aid process and all verifications by June 1, and are found to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant (federal grant for students from low-income families through the FAFSA) or have a combined parent and student income of \$60,000 or less. Note: Tuition will be covered by a number of sources and will not say Nebraska Promise on an award letter.

Most cosmetology schools have scholarships available for those interested in attending them.

If you are interested in short term training, there is **GAP Funding** available for those who have a financial need. This community college training is in high demand job fields such as: Business/Information Technology, Computer Programming & Networking, Fiber Optics, Health Care, Leadership, and Manufacturing/Industrial Technology. Go to <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/gap> for more information. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The Nebraska State College System has a **Tuition Guarantee** program that ensures Pell-qualified Nebraska students can attend Wayne State, Chadron State, and Peru State tuition free through a combination of federal grants, state grants, private grants, college remissions, and/or college foundation scholarships. The Tuition Guarantee will not cover additional costs such as room and board, books, and fees. However, the student's private or community scholarships will not be considered when providing support to cover tuition costs!

HELP – The Health Education Laddering Program helps community college students with financial need who are studying health care to meet their individual obligations and complete their training.

Other Scholarships for Seniors:

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, 10 month, residential, national service program in which young adults from age 18-24 serve nationwide each year. If an individual successfully completes the program, the individual is awarded an Education Award.

Industry partners with the community college diesel technology programs in Nebraska are offering student assistance through scholarships and sponsorships. Most sponsorships provide tuition, fees, books and hand tools as well as summer internships. Sponsorships often come from **Grosshans of Central City, NMC, AKRS, Titan Machinery, Cummins Central Power, The Nebraska Trucking Association, RoadBuilders Machinery & Supply Co,** and the **Nebraska Truck Center**. Contact the diesel technology program at the community college you are thinking about attending for more information.

Kids Chance of Nebraska offers scholarships for the dependents of parents or guardians who have been severely injured, totally disabled, or killed as a result of employment related circumstances. Please contact Counselor Anderson for more information.

The **Central Nebraska Manufacturing Partnership** is a network of regional manufacturing leader focused on increasing training opportunities in Nebraska. Contact the Partnership for more information.

BD in Columbus has **BD Technical Scholarship** that will provide up to \$6,000 (\$3,000 per year) to high school student pursuing the following technical degrees: Electric/Electric Mechanical; Mechatronics; Machine Tool; Mold Maker; or Manufacturing Engineering Tech. Students selected for this scholarship will have a 2 year work commitment to BD upon completion of their degree.

The **Horatio Alger Aksarben Scholarship** will be awarded to numerous Nebraska seniors in the amount of \$10,000 to be disbursed during a student's college career. If you have a substantial financial need, plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Nebraska, and have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity then check this out. Go to application.horatioalger.org to apply. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2022.

Cornerstone Bank also has a \$1,000 **Cornerstone Bank Scholarship** for a senior from Central City HS. The Cornerstone Bank application has been emailed to all seniors. The deadline is March 15, 2022.

Check out the **ASQ Section 1302 Phil Shanline Scholarship** at <https://my.asq.org/communities/home/233> The deadline is March 15, 2022. This scholarship is open to any student who will be attending any post-secondary institution in pursuit of a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree.

The **Nebraska Press Association Foundation** has a scholarship for seniors planning to pursue a newspaper journalism education at a Nebraska university or college. Go to www.nebpress.com under NPA NEWS for more information. The application deadline is March 18, 2022.

The **Maggie Thompson Memorial Scholarship** is for a student who lives with a disability who demonstrates a desire to increase independence through education and employment. Please complete the online application at www.goodwillne.org/maggie by March 25, 2022 if you are interested.

If you or one of your parents has been diagnosed with breast cancer, consider completing the **Pink Bandana Scholarship** application by April 1, 2022. Contact Counselor Anderson for an application.

Merrick Medical Center is offering up to 7 scholarships to seniors who will be pursuing a career in the health care field (three \$1,000 Merrick Medical Auxiliary Scholarships, and four \$1,000 Central City Medical Clinic Scholarships). Go to www.merrickmedicalcenter.org for more information. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2022.

Students interested in a Utility Line Program may wish to apply for the **Southern Power District Utility Line Program Scholarship** of \$1000 for a one year and \$2,000 for a two year program of study. Go to www.southernpd.com (under Careers and Scholarships) for more information. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2022.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation is promoting 4 scholarships. They are the **McKenna's Rae of HOPE Character Scholarship** of \$1,000 at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/raeofhope>, **McKenna's Rae of HOPE Mental Health Field Scholarship** of \$1,000 at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/mentalhealth>, **The Roy and Doris Abood Scholarship** of \$900 at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/abood>, and the **UNK Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Scholarship** of \$250 at <https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/unkpikappalpha> for males who plan to attend UNK in the Fall. The deadline for each of these scholarships is April 1, 2022.

Seniors who support the local **Junior Wrestling Program** need to contact Mr. Garfield about a Junior Wrestling Program Scholarship.

Seniors who are involved with **TeamMates** need to complete a local TeamMates Scholarship.

Our local Arbor Chapter #200 Order of the **Eastern Star** has a wonderful scholarship opportunity.

Seniors in FFA should look into the **FFA Alumni Scholarship**. To be considered you must be a member of FFA and your parent or guardian must have been a member of the FFA Alumni Foundation for the past 2 years.

The **Jim Johnson Scholarship** is for students who are pursuing a career in one of the physical sciences (e.g. Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, as well as Earth Sciences including Geology, Hydrology, Meteorology, Oceanography, and Soil Science).

AMGL CPAs and Advisors of Grand Island has five \$500 scholarships available to seniors who plan to pursue an accounting career. Students must major in business administration or accounting. Pick up an application from Counselor Anderson. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2022.

The **Sowers Club** of Nebraska Scholarship for High School Seniors is for any high school senior who has at least a 3.0 GPA. Plus it is for any major. The deadline is March 31, 2022

Citizens Bank & Trust Co. has a \$500 scholarship for a college-bound senior from Central City High School. Make sure that you apply for this local scholarship! It has been emailed to all seniors. The deadline is April 1, 2022.

The **Hordville Lions Club Scholarship** application is available to students who live in the High Plains Community School District. If you live in the High Plains School District, but attend at CCHS, please see Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2022.

Are you planning to go into an automotive related field? If so, pick up an application from Counselor Anderson for the **Johnny Baxter Carriage House Foundation Scholarship**. All materials are due no later than Friday April 8, 2022.

If you have a financial need and plan to attend a college in Nebraska, please apply for a wonderful scholarship through the **James M. Cox Foundation**. All application materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2022.

Central Community College is pleased to announce their **Summer Scholarships** for \$250 for summer tuition for current juniors and graduating seniors. The application is online at [www.cccneb.edu/summer-\\$](http://www.cccneb.edu/summer-$). The deadline to apply is April 15, 2022.

PEO has \$500 scholarships available to senior girls who plan to continue their educational endeavors beyond high school. This is a wonderful local scholarship opportunity! Grammar and neatness really count! Pick up an application from Counselor Anderson. Application materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2022.

The **American Legion Riders Scholarships** are local scholarship opportunities for students from Merrick County High Schools (such as our seniors) who have at least a 2.0 GPA. Pick up an application from a member of the Legion Riders. Applications are typically due in April.

Student Insights is sponsoring a scholarship program for seniors who plan to go onto college. Go to www.student-view.com to apply. The deadline to apply is April 25, 2022.

The **Merrick County Farm Bureau Office** has scholarships available to apply for. Preference will be given to those who are members of Farm Bureau or who have a family member who is a member. Preference will also be given to those who plan to pursue a degree in agriculture. See Counselor Anderson for an application. The deadline to apply is April 25, 2022.

The **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program** will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships. Students who apply will need to write an essay on the topic that appears on the web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. The deadline is June 12, 2022.

The **Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity** is offering a scholarship award of up to \$1000 to high school males planning to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Those being considered must show academic achievement, school and community involvement, and leadership. The deadline is May 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please email lsanderson2001@gmail.com.

Young men and women who plan to attend UNL are eligible to apply for **STEM Scholarships** through **Triangle**. Go to <https://bit.ly/3kD8Ous> and the deadline to apply is June 14th, but interviews are starting now.

Scholarships are available through the **Nebraska Department of the American Legion**. Those still available include: the Jim Hurlbert Memorial Baseball Scholarship (June 15); American Legion Baseball Player of the Year (July 15). For information about the Nebraska American Legion Scholarships go to <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/programs/scholarships.html>.

Beta Sigma Psi is a National Lutheran Fraternity who has a scholarship for young men planning to attend UNL. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2022. Go to the UNL chapter website for more information at <http://delta.betasigmapsi.org/> or call 618-235-0014.

Other Opportunities

Many students take dual credit and college credit courses while still in high school, and some use **ACE Scholarships**. ACE stands for Access College Early and ACE Scholarships are available to students in high school with a financial need. ACE Scholarship applications for courses that start in January need to be completed online with Counselor Anderson before Christmas break. If you have questions about this, see Counselor Anderson or go to <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/ACE>. Students who wish to Job Shadow, may wish to contact CHI Health. They actually have a **Job Shadowing Program**.

RaiseMe Scholarship Program - As part of our commitment to keeping college within reach for all Nebraskans, and are excited to announce our partnership with RaiseMe, a scholarship program for your 9-12 grade students. Through RaiseMe, students eligible for free/reduced lunch can earn "micro-scholarships" for doing things that promote success—

whether that's earning good grades, volunteering in the community or joining an extracurricular activity. Encourage your students get a head start on their path to UNL. For more information, go to the UNL Financial Aid webpage.

The **Horatio Alger Association** is the largest provider of need-based scholarships in the United States. Starting in 2022, the Association will transition to awarding these scholarships to HS Juniors. Go to scholars.horatioalger.org to apply.

Quest Bridge is full of scholarships and awards for outstanding high school juniors from low-income backgrounds. Go to www.questbridge.org to find out if you are eligible and to apply. The deadline to apply is March 24, 2022.

Counselor Anderson would love to share information with any student hoping to enter a prestigious **U.S. Military Academy**: U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. If interested a student should learn about the process of being selected for an Academy at least as a **Junior**.

Juniors - ROTC offers some outstanding scholarships through major colleges and universities. If you are interested in the military and a four year college degree, check out ROTC scholarships. We have had students receive these before.

Funds are available through the **Norden Club of Lincoln** for students who wish to study about the Scandinavian culture or who wish to study abroad to locations such as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, or Sweden. See Counselor Anderson for an application.

Many of the **Military Academies** have summer programs for interested youth. Also students wishing to enter a military academy must start the application process second semester of their junior year in order to be eligible to enter right after their senior year.

The **UNL College of Architecture** offers a workshop for high school students every summer at UNL.

Job Shadowing is an extremely helpful for career exploration. A total of 6 clock hours is required for students graduating from CCHS. Pick up a Job Shadowing form in the high school before you Job Shadow, so that you are prepared to verify your experience, or the adult who you are shadowing can verify your hours on the school website.

Volunteer Community Service is required for graduation from Central City High School. Twenty clock hours are required. Forms to verify volunteer community service are available in the High School or adults can verify community service hours online on the school website.

Students and Parents – Please note these important times and dates:

- ***Juniors** - May wish to schedule their senior picture session with their favorite photographer.
- ***Prom** will be on Saturday, April 9th.
- *The next national **ACT Tests** will be on the mornings of Saturday April 2nd, Saturday June 11th, and Saturday July 16th.
- *The next national **SAT Tests** will be on the mornings of Saturday May 7th, and Saturday June 4th.
- ***Seniors** – By April 26th, please provide to Counselor Anderson information/verification about the scholarships that you have been offered so that the information may be included in the local newspaper, the Grand Island Independent, and the Honors Night Program. Copies of award letters are best.
- ***High School Honors Night** will be on Monday, May 2nd, in the Performing Arts Center at 7 pm.
- ***Graduation** for the **CCHS Graduating Class of 2022** will be on Sunday, May 8th!

Scholarship Tip Sheet

Tips for finding scholarships

- Start looking in the spring of your junior year.
- Organize scholarships in deadline order, and set aside time each week to work on scholarship essays and applications.
- If requested on the application, list activities, awards, honors classes, and volunteer or paid jobs. Track them using the *Activities Resume* at **EducationQuest.org**.
- If an application requires a letter of recommendation, give the person writing the letter sufficient notice, a specific deadline, and a copy of your *Activities Resume*.
- After writing an essay, ask an adult (preferably an English teacher) to review the document for spelling, grammar, and sentence structure.
- Follow all directions, and make sure the application is complete and submitted by the deadline or it will be disqualified. This video has more tips: <https://youtu.be/4MHQV3HeLOE>
- *Never* pay for scholarship services! Talk to your school counselor or contact EducationQuest about the many free options available.

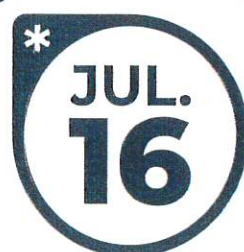
Where to find scholarships

- **ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org** – contains over 2,000 local and state scholarships.
 - **High school counselor's office/website** – visit at least once a month during your senior year to learn about local and national awards.
 - **Potential colleges** – contact colleges of interest for a list of scholarships they offer along with information about criteria, deadlines, and application procedures.
 - **National scholarship search sites** – visit *free* sites such as:
 - Chegg.com
 - Petersons.com
 - CollegeBoard.org
 - ScholarSnapp.org
 - Fastweb.com/college-scholarships
 - ScholarshipAmerica.org
 - GoingMerry.com
 - Supercollege.com
 - InternationalScholarships.com
 - Other resources could include clubs, parents' employers, and civic organizations.
-

The **ACT**[®]

NAVIGATE YOUR FUTURE

2021/2022 TEST DATES



*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

WHEN IT COMES TO TEST PREP, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

ACT offers test prep programs for every learning style with live video lessons, interactive practice questions, full-length practice tests, and on-demand tutorials.

Explore your test prep options, including a free practice test, at act.org/prep.

Register online
at act.org/bts



WHY TAKE THE ACT TEST?

1

EXPAND YOUR OPTIONS

Taking the ACT test can help you on your way to your dream school. Plus, the ACT offers you the opportunity to be identified and recruited by colleges.

2

PAY FOR COLLEGE

Students with an ACT score qualify for more scholarships because many colleges require scores for merit-based awards. Without one, you could miss out on thousands of dollars.

3

PLAN YOUR FUTURE

ACT scores do more than get you into college. Your results include a college and career planning section that directs you toward the best path to success.

4

STAND OUT

ACT scores can help you stand out in a crowded field of applicants with similar high school grades.

5

SECURE A SUPERScore

When you take the ACT more than once, you can average your best section scores for an ACT Superscore.



FEE WAIVERS

Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver to take the ACT test for free. Fee waivers cover the basic registration and late fees for up to 4 national tests and provide free access to The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course, Powered by Kaplan®.

Register online at act.org/bts

