

MUSTANG MESSAGES  
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe but the class of 2011 has only about three more months of high school remaining. College, military or work awaits this year's senior class. For those students planning to attend college, financial aid deadlines are drawing near. Most four-year schools and many two-year schools want to have the student's FAFSA to be processed by March 1. So if your student plans to attend college next fall, complete and return the FAFSA as soon as possible.

State scholarship information continues to come into the office and it is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. If your student meets the criteria for any of these scholarships, have him or her get an application from me.

Also a reminder to those students planning to attend Central Community College (CCC). Their general scholarship deadline is March 1, so be working to submit those applications on time.

Chris Sluka  
Guidance Counselor

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Many scholarships require that letters of recommendations be written on behalf of the student. When asking an adult to write a letter of recommendation for you, please give them a time frame of at least 2 weeks to complete the letter. Some adults, especially school personnel, are asked to write many recommendation letters each spring. Giving them sufficient time to complete your request is a courtesy. Also be ready to provide the letter writer with some ideas that could be included in the letter.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FAFSA

When completing the FAFSA, these items are needed:

- most current federal tax return
- W-2's
- birth dates
- dates parents were married, divorced or widowed
- checking/savings account value
- value of business or investment farm
- child support paid or received
- social security from SSI or SSDI
- workers compensation benefits
- ADC/TANF welfare benefits
- other untaxed income such as veteran's benefits, etc.

CAREER WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

A website has been made available to individuals who wish to learn more about potential careers. Nebraska Career Connections offers information on a variety of career choices. The website also includes a career specialty search, a work values inventory, a skills assessment, plus information on resume building, job searching, and financial aid. There is also information for parents on the website. To learn more, go online at [www.nebraskacareerconnections.org](http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org).

FUTURE DATES/COLLEGE REPS TO SL

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| Wed, Feb. 2    | CCC-Hastings                             | 10:30 |
| Thurs, Feb. 10 | Ft. Hays St.                             | 10:00 |
| Thurs, Feb. 10 | National Guard                           | 10:30 |
| Sat, Feb. 12   | ACT Test                                 |       |
| Tues, Feb. 15  | Wayne State                              | 9:00  |
| Mon, Feb. 28   | 1 <sup>st</sup> day for spring practices |       |
| Tues, March 1  | Southeast CC                             | 9:15  |
| Fri, March 4   | NO SCHOOL-Girls State                    |       |
|                | BB                                       |       |
| Fri, March 11  | NO SCHOOL-Boys State                     |       |
|                | BB                                       |       |

## SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarship applications have been received in the guidance office:

SCHOLARSHIP: ACT Advantage Scholarship – Central Community College-CCC

REQUIREMENTS: Student who plans to attend CCC, scores a minimum of 21 on the ACT test, have submitted their ACT scores to CCC, and have a minimum grade point average of B+.

AMOUNT: \$700

DEADLINE: February 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: General Scholarship – Central Community College

REQUIREMENTS: Students who plan to attend CCC. Apply for any CCC scholarships (except ACT Advantage) by completing this form. Apply online at [www.cccneb.edu/financialaid](http://www.cccneb.edu/financialaid)

AMOUNT: Varies from \$200 to \$1000

DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: General Scholarship – Southeast Community College

REQUIREMENTS: Students planning to attend SCC at Lincoln, Milford or Beatrice. Apply online at [www.southeast.edu](http://www.southeast.edu)

AMOUNT: Varies

DEADLINE: February 22, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Clint Erickson Memorial Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Student from Red Cloud HS, Blue Hill HS, Franklin HS or Silver Lake HS who has participated on at least one athletic team each year of high school and has a minimum grade point average of B+. Each school is permitted to send one application.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: Return application to guidance office by Monday, April 4, 2011.

SCHOLARSHIP: South Central Cattlemen Scholarships

REQUIREMENTS: Students from Adams, Clay, Nuckolls or Webster counties or a child of a South Central Cattlemen member who plans to pursue a degree in agriculture. Animal science major is preferred but all majors in agriculture will be accepted and considered.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: March 10, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: VFW Post 9984 Blue Hill/Silver Lake Leadership Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Senior who will attend college. Applicant must respond to the question "what freedom means to me" and if selected as a winner, read response (2 to 5 minutes) at Memorial Day Service in Bladen.

AMOUNT: \$300

DEADLINE: April 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Ak-Sar-Ben Community College Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Students from Nebraska or western Iowa who plan to attend a community college. Find application at [www.aksarben.org](http://www.aksarben.org).

AMOUNT: \$1000

DEADLINE: March 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Ak-Sar-Ben Horatio Alger Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Awarded to underprivileged students in Nebraska and western Iowa.  
Apply at [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org)

AMOUNT: \$5000

DEADLINE: October 30, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Co. Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Senior with a "C" average or higher planning to major in any agriculture field. The student must plan to attend a Nebraska college.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: March 14, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Nebraska Coaches Association Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Senior in the top-quarter of class who has participated in at least two sports for at least two years. Student must have earned a varsity letter in two sports and have a minimum ACT score of 24.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: March 25, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce Diplomats Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Senior from a school in Adams County who will attend a college or university in Nebraska.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: February 28, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Southern Power District Utility Line Program Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Student who plans to attend an accredited school to begin a utility line program. Student must reside in Adams or Franklin County and agree to serve a 12-week summer internship with Southern Power in cooperation with the school attended.

AMOUNT: \$1000

DEADLINE: April 1, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Deanie Moran Memorial Scholarship - UNK

REQUIREMENTS: Awarded to an incoming UNK freshman who will compete in varsity athletics. Student must be nominated by a high school coach.

AMOUNT: \$800

DEADLINE: April 1, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation (GTMC) Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS: Senior who will attend college. Senior's parents or guardians must be a recipient of GTMC services. High school attendance, academic standing, resume of activities are all criteria. Special consideration will be given to students who desire to pursue a communications or related field of study.

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: April 4, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Little Blue Natural Resources District Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Student planning to major in environmental, wildlife, agriculture or related major.  
AMOUNT: \$250  
DEADLINE: March 4, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards  
REQUIREMENTS: Plan to attend UNL and enroll in the College of Agricultural Sciences or the College of Education and Human Sciences.  
AMOUNT: \$1000  
DEADLINE: March 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: A.M. Hargis Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Senior who will work toward an associate degree at a community college in a Business, Health or Travel and Tourism course of study.  
AMOUNT: \$200  
DEADLINE: March 1, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Gus Swanson Memorial Communications Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Student who will enroll in a college in Nebraska and pursue a degree in advertising, marketing, mass communications, communication studies, public relations, journalism, or graphic design/desktop publishing.  
AMOUNT: \$500  
DEADLINE: March 18, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Aurora Cooperative Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be majoring in an agriculture related field. Applicant's parents must be an active patron of Aurora Cooperative. Children of Aurora Cooperative employees are not eligible. Two letters of recommendation are part of the application.  
AMOUNT: \$1000  
DEADLINE: April 15, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Adams County Farm Bureau Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: All seniors are encouraged to apply.  
AMOUNT: \$500  
DEADLINE: April 1, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Pheasants Forever – Little Blue River Chapter Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Senior attending an Adams County High School who will major in wildlife biology or a related field.  
AMOUNT: \$1000  
DEADLINE: February 7, 2011

SCHOLARSHIP: Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association Scholarship  
REQUIREMENTS: Senior with golf experience who will attend college.  
AMOUNT: \$1000  
DEADLINE: March 15, 2011

