



SENIOR SCOOP

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Seniors,

It's finally fall, which means it's officially my favorite time of the year—sweater weather! As we get into the full swing of the semester, remember to stop and breathe. Senior year is an exciting year as you prepare to walk across the stage at graduation, but it can also be stressful with planning for what comes next after graduation. Taking care of yourself both physically and mentally is especially important. Remember, I am here as a resource for you. My office door is always open if you want to stop by with any questions or chat about any Halloween movie recommendations!

—Ms. Hunter

It is officially **Michigan College Month (MCM)**!

During this month, many colleges are completely **free** to apply to. Get your applications submitted by Halloween in order to earn some prizes. Check out page 2 for a list of colleges that you can apply to right now!

In November and December, we will be going on **campus visits** to colleges. Sign-up will begin soon in the main office. Here are the dates of the visits:

- Nov. 8th – MCC
- Nov. 16th – CMU
- Nov. 30th – GVSU
- Dec. 5th – Ferris



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Note for October: Seniors should be researching and applying to colleges. Most schools will want early applications done by November in order to give you an acceptance or denial by holiday break!



Michigan Colleges and Universities Free Application Information 2022-23

This list will be updated if more institutions choose to participate.

COLLEGES WITH NO APPLICATION FEES

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Alpena Community College
Aquinas College
Bay College
Bay Mills Community College
Cleary University
Concordia University Ann Arbor
Davenport University
Delta College
Ferris State University
Finlandia University
Glen Oaks Community College
Gogebic Community College
Grand Valley State University
Henry Ford College
Hope College

Jackson College
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kellogg Community College
Kettering University
Kirtland Community College
Lake Superior State University
Lansing Community College
Lake Michigan College
Macomb Community College
Madonna University
Michigan Technological University
Mid Michigan College
Monroe County Community College
Montcalm Community College
Mott Community College
MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology
Muskegon Community College

North Central Michigan College
Northwestern Michigan College
Northwood University
Oakland Community College
Oakland University
Olivet College
Rochester University
Saginaw Valley State University
Schoolcraft College
Siena Heights University
Southwestern Michigan College
St. Clair County Community College
University of Detroit-Mercy
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Michigan-Dearborn
Washtenaw Community College
West Shore Community College

*No application fee for students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch

COLLEGES WAIVING APPLICATION FEES FOR MICHIGAN COLLEGE MONTH

Institution	Dates	Waiver code or link (if needed)
Andrews University	All of October	FREE4MI2022
Baker College	All of October	
Calvin University	All of October	1876
Central Michigan University	All of October	None on CMU application, FireUp2023 on Common App
College for Creative Studies	All of October	
Eastern Michigan University	All of October	emich.edu/selectscholars
Lawrence Technological University	All of October	OCTOBER1932
Michigan State University	Oct. 1-9	Spartan1855
Northern Michigan University	Oct. 9-15	FW23
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	All of October	
Spring Arbor University	All of October	
Walsh College	All of October	
Wayne County Community College District	All of October	
Wayne State University	All of October	MCAM2023
Western Michigan University	All of October	

For institution-specific information on all 84 public and private, 2-year and 4-year institutions in Michigan, including admissions and financial aid, please visit MCAN's Michigan Institution Updates page at tinyurl.com/mcanupdates or scan the QR code to the right with your smart device.



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College Month

The goal of Michigan College Month (MCM) is to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college and for financial aid.

Throughout October, as you submit college applications, make sure to email proof of your submission to Ms. Hunter at mhunter@fremont.net. Use the header "College Application Submission" when sending your email.

Seniors that submit 1 college application in October will earn a full-size candy bar.

*Candy bars will be available starting the last week of October!

Seniors that submit 3+ college applications in October will earn a t-shirt.

Some applications require as little as a social security number (SSN) to complete, so make sure that you memorize this number!



Save the Date!

During parent-teacher conferences, I will be available to help with filing for FAFSA. Please make sure that both you and your legal guardian have created your FSA IDs so that we can submit your FAFSA! If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to schedule a meeting. I am more than happy to meet with both you and/or your guardian. Don't feel like you have to file FAFSA without help!

Additionally, in November I will be hosting FAFSA workshops throughout the day and during some evenings. More information to come later.

FAFSA Completion Event (family event):

- Tuesday, October 25
@ FHS; 4-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 27
@ Zoom; 4-7:30 p.m.

Financial Aid Information Session:

Sign up to learn more about FAFSA and financial aid available to you! Continue to the next page for more information.



Virtual Financial Aid Nights



Students and families looking for help paying for college are encouraged to register for a Virtual College Financial Aid Night provided by Michigan Department of Treasury's MI Student Aid team.

Participants will be able to gather information on the following financial aid topics:

- FAFSA application information
- Federal financial aid programs
- State financial aid programs
- Scholarship searching resources

All sessions are free of charge and open to the public. Register for the date that works best for you. www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-fams/virtual-financial-aid-nights

October 4, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

October 11, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

October 18, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

October 25, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

November 1, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

November 15, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

November 22, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

November 29, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.



The logo consists of a blue speech bubble with the words "achieve more" in white, lowercase letters. The bubble is set against a background of red diagonal stripes.

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SAT[®]

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT CONFIDENT IN YOUR SAT SCORES, DO NOT SEND THEM. Most schools are test optional, and they will not consider your scores in your admission if you do not send them. They can always be sent at a later time.

However, some schools that offer merit-based scholarships need your SAT scores in order for you to be eligible to receive money. If your SAT score is higher than or in the range of the average score accepted by the school, then send those scores in!

I also recommend thinking about retaking the SAT eventually. Getting a higher score could mean thousands of more dollars in financial aid/scholarships. Colleges typically look at your highest score so there is little downside to retesting. If the cost of re-taking the SAT is a burden to you and your family, please see your counselor about a fee waiver!

Tips for taking the SAT:

- Make sure to read section directions.
- Answer questions that you know first, save ones you might need more time on for later.
- Eliminate answers you know are incorrect.
- Don't skip answers, give your best guess.
- Know what to expect on the test.
- Take a practice test beforehand.
- Study on Khan Academy.
- Eat a healthy breakfast the morning of.



College Rep Visits

College rep visits are still on-going! Come check out some of these visits to learn more about life on campus, clubs and sports, and find out which campus has the best food options (spoiler alert - the dairy store at Michigan State University wins!). Sign up in the main office for the visits you are interested in. Here is a list of the upcoming visits:

Oct. 19 - Oakland University

Oct. 24 - Calvin University

Oct. 25 - Michigan Tech

Oct. 26 - Lawrence Tech

Oct. 28 - Saginaw Valley State

Nov. 1 - Albion College

Nov. 2 - Lake Superior State

Nov. 3 - Grand Valley

Nov. 11 - Hope College

Nov. 17 - Western Michigan

Jan. 18 - Muskegon CC

TBD - Adrian College

- Michigan State University

College Campus Visits

Seniors will have the opportunity to sign up for college campus visits during the school day. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main office shortly, stay tuned for more details.

In order to be eligible to attend campus visits, students must have each teacher sign off on their permission slips, as well as have a guardian sign off. Students that fail to turn in either sheet will not be allowed to attend the campus tour.

Here is a list of the planned campus visits:

Nov. 8 - MCC

Nov. 16 - Central Michigan

Nov. 30 - Grand Valley

Dec. 5 - Ferris State

*It is possible that more campus visits will be scheduled for later in the year. Stay tuned for more information.



FAFSA The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or the FAFSA, opens on October 1st. The FAFSA is a document that a student and their parent or guardian (if dependent) must fill out to receive federal aid to attend an apprenticeship or college program.

The FAFSA provides a variety of different financial aid options in the form of grants (such as the Pell Grant), loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), and work study opportunities. Even if a student does not have a large amount of financial need, they are still likely to receive a loan with a lower interest rate than that of a private loan.

If a student does not intend to go to college, filing for FAFSA is still a good idea as it will provide a safety net in case plans change.

That means if a student is joining the military or the work force, it is still important to make sure that their FAFSA has been completed.

Although the FAFSA can take a bit of time to complete, I am here to help you. If you ever have any questions, please reach out!

October 1st

1. Go to the right website! The FAFSA application can be found at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.
2. Set up your FSA ID before you file. Students and one parent (for dependent students) will need an FSA ID in order to file a FAFSA. It generally takes 1-3 days for the FSA ID to become fully operational.

Items you may need to file are:

- Social security number (both student and parent[s])
- Driver's license (if any) or state ID
- Permanent resident receipt card (If applicable) W-2 forms and other 2021 records of money earned
- 2021 income tax return
- Records of child support paid
- Records of taxable earning from Federal work study or other need-based work programs
- Records of student grant, scholarship, and fellowship aid, including AmeriCorps awards, that was included in student or parent AGI
- Current stock, bond, and other investment records
- Current business and farm records
- Current bank statements

Scholarships

One of the most frequently asked questions I receive is when and where to start with scholarships. The biggest piece of advice I can give is to not get discouraged and make a list of scholarships you may qualify for as you search. Making a list of scholarships that you want to dive deeper into will help save time and help you stay organized in the long run.

I also recommend that you **complete college applications and FAFSA first**, as once you have those out of the way you can then dedicate the rest of the year to scholarships.

I highly recommend students start with the **Gerber Foundation** and **Fremont Community Foundation Scholarships**, as those are local.

You can apply through the Fremont Community Foundation now at <https://fcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/how-to-apply/>

*For class rank, please put n/a.

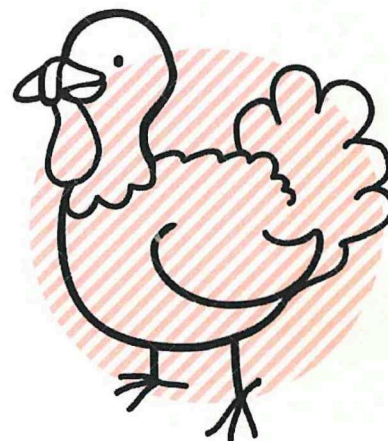
Here are some safe search engines that you can use to look for other scholarships:

- michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships
- michiganfoundations.org/directory
- collegeboard.com
- fastweb.com
- salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/
- careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx



Senior To do List

- Visit with college admissions representatives who visit Fremont High School
- Ask for personal references from teachers, coaches, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines
- File FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)!
- Gather 2021 tax returns, W-2 form, and other paperwork needed to file FAFSA
- Complete at least one college application
- Complete at least one scholarship application
- See your college adviser to discuss college and career planning
- Give Ms. Hunter some good Halloween movie recommendations!



Looking Ahead

November is College Cash Month!

My goal is to help students find "cash," like scholarships, awards, and/or financial need applications to make college more affordable. You can always schedule a meeting with me and we can navigate scholarship search engines together!

Remember... college is any form of certifiable education after high school that helps you obtain professional credentials:
e.g.: Community colleges, trade schools, beauty schools, certification from military, etc.