
***MINNECHAUG REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL***

2008

***Scholarship
&
Financial Aid Information***

Scholarship Application Procedures

As with college applications, seniors are responsible for mailing their own scholarship applications.

1. Students must allow five school days for the processing of transcripts. **MRHS does not include SAT/ACT scores with the transcript. Students should make copies of their SAT/ACT test scores and include the copy with the scholarship application, if required.**
2. Students must advise the Guidance Secretaries if a Counselor's letter of recommendation is required.
3. Students may pick up their transcript and letter (if applicable) within five days. It will be in a sealed envelope. As long as the envelope remains sealed, it will be official.
4. A \$2.00 per transcript fee is required at the time of the request.

Some Internet Resources for Financial Aid and Scholarships

absolutelyscholarships.com
collegeanswer.com/index.jsp
collegeboard.com
collegeinfo.com
collegenet.com/mach25
college-scholarships.com
embark.com
estudentloan.com
fafsa.ed.gov
fastap.org

fastweb.com
finaid.org
gocollege.com
nelliemae.com
Petersons.com
profileonline.collegeboard.com
salliemae.com
scholarship.com
studentaid.ed.gov
yahoo.com/education/financial aid

Most scholarship applications for 2008 will be available after January. It is the student's responsibility to check each scholarship application deadline. Please check the Guidance Office weekly for updated lists of scholarship applications and information. Deadlines are based on last year's applications.

SENIOR YEAR FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Find out when the financial aid application for each college is due. Private colleges generally have January or February deadlines, public colleges may have a March deadline.

All colleges require applicants for financial aid to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition, some colleges will require applicants to complete the CSS Profile and their own financial aid forms.

It is recommended that you apply for the FAFSA on line at www.fafssa.ed.gov. File as soon after January 1, 2008 as possible. List each college to which you are applying, with its code number. (Title IV Institutional Codes are available in the Guidance Office). Some scholarship programs have code numbers which you must use. Your FAFSA must be received by May 1, 2008 for you to be eligible for Massachusetts State Scholarships.

After you send in the FAFSA you will receive an Acknowledgment Form stating the “*estimated family contribution*” (EFC). This information is forwarded to the colleges, state and federal agencies, etc. that you listed on the FAFSA. Each college will offer you a financial aid package, which will usually be a combination of the following:

A **Grant**, money awarded with no obligation for repayment.

A **Loan**, money that you would be required to repay after graduation.

Work-Study, usually an on-campus job for ten to twelve hours a week.

OTHER FORMS OF FINANCING:

Pell Grant - For the most needy students. These require no repayment.

Perkins Loan - (formerly National Direct Student Loans) - These are low interest rate loans made directly to students by colleges that have been allocated federal money for distribution.

Stafford Student Loans - This is a low-interest loan made to you by a lender such as a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association. The college will have to determine if you are eligible for a Pell Grant before you can receive a Stafford loan. The lender will pay the money directly to the college.

Plus Loans - Plus loans are for parent borrowers, and are obtained from a lender such as a bank.

Vocational Rehabilitation Grants - Grants are awarded to physically or emotionally handicapped individuals through the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for students to attend any qualified college, trade or technical school.

Check all local scholarship sources. Applications for many local scholarships are available in the Guidance Office.

You will receive decisions about admissions and financial aid from most colleges by April 15, 2008. Notify all awarding organizations whether or not you are accepting their offers. Don't hesitate to contact the financial aid office of the college you plan to attend to discuss financial aid options.

Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/New England Chapter, Inc.

Award: Two \$1,000 scholarships

Eligibility: Have asthma or significant allergies, academics, extra-curricular activities

Application: Available in guidance and at www.asthmaandallergies.org

Deadline: February

Barr, Walter S. Scholarship

Award: Scholarships are renewed each year subject to satisfactory college grades

Eligibility: Transcript, recommendations and SAT scores. Consideration given to financial need.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: January

Bennett, Ralph Masonic Memorial Scholarship, Newton Lodge of Wilbraham

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Big Y Scholarships

Award: Over 300 Scholarships totaling \$250,000.

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: February

Boland, The Edward P. Scholarship

Award: Ten \$1,000.– 2,500. awards

Eligibility: Reside in the Second Congressional District or Hampden County

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Briggs, Larry Memorial Scholarship:

Eligibility: Character, leadership and financial need. Participated in varsity basketball in high school.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

College Club of Springfield

Award: \$1,500. grant and three book awards of \$500.

Eligibility: Female ranked in the upper 5th of their class. Based on need, leadership, and integrity.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Commitment To Agriculture Scholarship Program

Award: One Hundred \$1,500. awards

Eligibility: Average to above average academic record. Major in a field related to agriculture.

Application: Available in Guidance and at www.monsanto.com, www.nafb.com or www.ffa.org

Deadline: February

Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

Award: Annually awards approx. \$2 million in scholarships and interest-free loans

Eligibility: See website

Application: Available in guidance and at www.communityfoundation.org

Deadline: March

Corliss, Melba Endowment Fund – Zonta – Springfield

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Cotting, Ruth S. Memorial Scholarship – New England Farm & Garden Association

Award: Two \$2,000. awards

Eligibility: Entering UMass, majoring in agriculture, forestry, landscape design, animal husbandry or related fields.

Application: Available in Guidance and at www.nefarmandgarden.org

Deadline: May

Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships (INTERNET ONLY)

Award: Numerous scholarships are available.

Eligibility: Applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from their local DAR chapter.

Application: www.dar.org

Deliso, Pascal A. Scholarship

Award: \$1000. cash award

Eligibility: One parent must be of Italian descent. Student must have distinguished academic ability, community service, commitment to the Roman Catholic faith, and possess a good work ethic.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Eligibility: A female of black heritage with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Application: Available in Guidance.

Deadline: March

Dobiecki, Michael T. Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Scholastic achievement, outside activities, community endeavors, citizenship, and financial need.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Dunkin' Donuts Scholarships (INTERNET ONLY)

Award: Fifty \$1,000. scholarships

Eligibility: Excel in academics, leadership, school and community involvement.

Application: www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship

Deadline: April

Elks National Foundation – Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Award: 500 four year awards totaling \$2,216,000.

Eligibility: Scholarship, leadership and financial need

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: January

Farrell, Philip J. Memorial Scholarship - Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents,

Eligibility: Must play in the Big "T" Junior Golf Classic Program

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: July

Gates Millennium Scholars (INTERNET ONLY)

Eligibility: High academic achievement, leadership potential, significant financial need. Must be of African American, Hispanic American, American Indian/Alaska Native or Asian Pacific American heritage, and a GPA of 3.3 or higher

Application: Available online at www.gmsp.org or call 1-877-690-4677

Deadline: February

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts (GFWC) (INTERNET ONLY)

Eligibility: Open

Application: Online at janeh@gis.net or send a SSAE to GFWC of Massachusetts, Box 679, Sudbury MA 01176.

Deadline: Vary per scholarship

Girl Friends, Inc. – Springfield Chapter – In memory of Maude Boone

Eligibility: African-American Heritage

Applications: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Golub Foundation: Price Chopper Supermarkets

Award: Nine scholarships available.

Eligibility: Must plan to attend college or graduate school in NY, MA, PA, VT, NH or CT. Finalists are required to attend personal interview.

Application: Available in Guidance and at [www.pricechopper.com/Golub Foundation](http://www.pricechopper.com/Golub_Foundation)

Deadline: check website

Hampden County Improvement League

Award: Up to \$1,000.

Eligibility: Resident of Hampden County for 2 years, good student, minimum GPA of 2.2, current or previous involvement in 4-H, an agricultural endeavor or be a member of a farm family.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: June

Hampden Lions Club

Award: One \$1,000. award

Eligibility: Resident of Hampden, based on essay (see application)

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Hampden Teachers' Scholarship

Award: Four scholarships are available (range from \$300. - \$500.)

Eligibility: Hampden resident or from the METCO Program

Application: Application is mailed to the home of every Hampden Senior and Seniors in the METCO Program.

Deadline: April

Hampden-Wilbraham Chamber of Commerce

Eligibility: Participated in the Youth Entrepreneurial Scholars Program, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, academic performance, and application essays.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Hampden-Wilbraham Education Association

Eligibility: Education major, or a closely related field, essay.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Hirsch, Dr. David Scholarship Fund - Temple Beth El Brotherhood

Award: At least one \$500. scholarship is awarded.

Eligibility: For Jewish high school seniors or college students. Based on merit only.

Application: Available in Guidance or tbespringfield.org/brotherhood.html/

Deadline: April

Indian Orchard Athletic Reunion Scholarship

Award: Eight \$500. awards

Eligibility: Must be a resident of Indian Orchard, Ludlow or Wilbraham, and participated in interscholastic athletics.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: June

Italian Heritage Scholarship

Award: \$500. scholarships

Eligibility: Italian heritage

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Italian Women's Club

Eligibility: Financial Need

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Jewish Endowment Foundation of Western Massachusetts

Eligibility: Open to all religions, based on financial need, academic merit and non-academic activities.

Applications: Available in guidance and at www.jewishspringfield.org

Deadline: April

Joyce, Stephen H. Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Good academic and athletic, participates in extracurricular activities.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Junior League of Greater Springfield, MA

Award: One \$1,000. scholarships

Eligibility: Female, essay on volunteer experience.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

King, Jr., Martin Luther Memorial Scholarship Committee

Eligibility: Legal resident of the City of Springfield or Metco Student, has a GPA of 3.0 or above, who are also significantly involved in church/faith community and involved in community service and affairs.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: November

Massachusetts AFL/CIO Annual Scholarship Awards Program

Eligibility: Must register and take the scholarship exam given at MRHS in February

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: December

Massachusetts Broadcasters' Association – Student Broadcaster Scholarship Program

Award: \$1,500. scholarship

Eligibility: Massachusetts resident who will study TV or Radio Broadcasting, financial need, academic merit, community service, extra-curricular activities & work experience.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Massachusetts Flower Growers' Association

Award: \$1,000.

Eligibility: Study floriculture, horticulture, or related agricultural sciences

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Massachusetts, JCI Senate, Inc. – U.S. JCI Senate Scholarship Foundation

Award: \$1,000. grants

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: January

Massachusetts Telecommunications Council – Technical Achievement Scholarship Program (INTERNET ONLY)

Award: \$2000. awards

Eligibility: Will attend a Massachusetts college, university or technical school to study computer science or technology. Exhibit an aptitude for math, science or technology. Be active in technical, curricular, or extra-curricular activities.

Application: massnetcomms.org/wforce_tasp.asp

Deadline: April

Matthews Massachusetts Memorial Fund c/o Bank of America

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Miller, Charlotte E. Youth Award - Hampden Lioness Club

Award: One \$500. award

Eligibility: Must be a resident of Hampden. Demonstrate a sense of responsibility to his/her community

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Minnechaug Scholarship Foundation

Award: Many

Eligibility: MRHS Senior who is a resident of Hampden or Wilbraham, or to Wilbraham and Hampden residents attending other schools to which the towns pay tuition.

Application: Mailed to the home of every member of the MRHS senior class.

Deadline: March

MNLA Foundation "Scholarship Program" (INTERNET ONLY)

Eligibility: Major in a course of study in Horticulture or related sciences. Resident of MA for a minimum of one year prior to submitting an application.

Application: www.mnla.com

Deadline: March

Morgan Memorial Scholarship, The

Eligibility: Community involvement, athletics, positive attitude.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Mr. Tux/Squire Tux Annual Scholarship

Award: \$1,000.

Eligibility: Academics, school/community activities, work experience.

Application: Any Mr. Tux/Squire Tux store location

Deadline: May

MRA Educational Foundation and The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Scholarships

Award: Up to \$2,000.

Eligibility: 2.75 GPA or higher, has performed a minimum of 250 hours of restaurant/food service-related work with plans to study for a minimum of two terms.

Applications: Available in guidance and at www.nraef.org

Deadline: April

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame of Massachusetts

Award: 5 -15 academic scholarships, \$1,000. - \$3,000.

Eligibility: Financial need, academic performance, leadership/peer group involvement, athletic involvement and essay content

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: June

National Kidney Foundation

Award: 3 different scholarships

Eligibility: see application

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: varies per scholarship

Olbrych, Jason M. Memorial Scholarship Application

Award: One \$2,000. scholarship

Eligibility: Member in good academic standing on the Cross Country Team competing in the Western MA Conference.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Order Sons of Italy in America – Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

Award: Twenty-four scholarships of \$1000 awarded annually

Eligibility: Scholastic ability, character, activities

Applications: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Ouimet Scholarship (INTERNET ONLY)

Eligibility: Two years service as golf caddies, or helpers in the pro shop or course superintendent operations at a club in Massachusetts.

Applications: Available at www.ouimet.org/scholarships or telephone (774) 430-9090

Deadline: December

Outstanding Students of America (INTERNET ONLY)

Award: \$1,000

Eligibility: Community/school involvement and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above

Applications: Available at www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com/application.html

Deadline: October

PDK (Phi Delta Kappa) Prospective Educator Scholarship Program

Award: Several scholarships

Eligibility: Major in Education. Academic standing, the essay, letters of recommendation, school & community activities.

Application: Available in guidance or at www.pdkintl.org

Deadline: January

Pelletier, Private Paul J. (Class of 1967) Memorial Scholarship Fund

Award: One \$1000 award

Eligibility: Art portfolio

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Greater Boston

Eligibility: Based on response to the essay question listed on the application.

Application: Available in Guidance and at www.gbpfllag.org

Deadline: March

Philips, Stephen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Award: Awards of \$3,000. - \$10,000.

Eligibility: Financial need, essay.

Application: Available in guidance or at www.phillips-scholarship.org

Deadline: May

Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club Scholarship

Award: \$500. scholarship will be awarded annually

Eligibility: Athletic achievement in Cross Country or Track, academic achievement, community service and additional school activities. Essay.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Pirandello Lyceum (INTERNET ONLY)

Eligibility: High academic average and SAT Scores,

Application: www.pirandello.com

Deadline: April

Quota International of Springfield

Award: One \$1,000. award

Eligibility: Hearing impaired, or a student who intends to pursue a field of study pertaining to the hearing impaired. Must attend a college in the greater Springfield area.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: February

Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts – Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Award: \$500.

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

RMHC/HACER Scholarship Program

Award: \$50,000. to 25 local high school seniors

Eligibility: Academic achievement, financial need, community involvement

Application: Available in guidance and

www.rmhc.org/rhmc/index/programs/rmhc_scholarship_program.html

Deadline: February

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of The Year "SAMMY"

Award: \$7,500. college scholarship

Eligibility: academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership, community service

Application: Available in Guidance and at www.bodymilk.com

Deadline: March

Shaw-Worth Memorial Scholarship - Humane Society of the United States

Award: One \$2,000. Award

Eligibility: Long term direct work on behalf of animals; inspiring leadership in animal protection organizations; papers, speeches, or presentations on humane topics; and heroic rescues of animals in danger.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Springfield Garden Club

Award: Two \$2,000. scholarship

Eligibility: Plan to major in an environmental studies program

Application: Available in Guidance or [www.gcfm.org/District Clubs/Springfield](http://www.gcfm.org/District%20Clubs/Springfield)

Deadline: March

Thoreau, Henry David Foundation

Award: Up to \$30,000. usually distributed at \$7,500. per year for tuition use only

Eligibility: Strong academics and a commitment to the environmental field.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: February

Toyen, Amy Elizabeth Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$1,000.

Eligibility: Grades, GPA, class standing, SAT Scores, Essay.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: July

Tremblay, Ted Memorial Scholarship - Western Mass Baseball Umpires Association

Award: \$500.

Eligibility: Played high school baseball at a school officiated by Western Mass Baseball Umpires.

Application: Available in Guidance.

Deadline: May.

United Polish American Scholarship Foundation

Award: Three awards

Eligibility: Based on merit, extra curricular activities, financial need and the interview

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: May

Valley Press Club

Award: Five scholarships of \$1,000.

Eligibility: Students planning a career in communications. Primary emphasis placed on career goals, writing ability, academics, SAT's, extracurricular activities and need.

Applications: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Walton, Sam Community Scholarship - Walmart Foundation

Award: \$1,000. award

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance and at www.walmartfoundation.org

Deadline: January

Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club

Award: Seven \$1,000. scholarships

Eligibility: Open

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Wilbraham Unico

Eligibility: Scholarship, citizenship, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, financial need, and respect of peers and other members of the community

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Wilbraham Women's Club Scholarships

Eligibility: Based on academic achievements, character and leadership.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Award: Seven \$750. scholarships

Eligibility: Pursuing a career in a medical field.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: April

Zonta International – Zonta Club of Quabog Valley

Award: \$500. at the district level and \$1,000. at the International level.

Eligibility: Female students wishing to pursue careers and leadership positions in public affairs, public policy and community organizations.

Application: Available in Guidance

Deadline: March

Scholarships Requiring Membership or Sponsors

Please be advised that there are several scholarships available through a variety of Fraternal Organizations, Corporate Industrial Organizations, Women's Clubs, church organizations, some local as well as other district grammar schools, and local credit unions. These types of scholarships are available only to those students who have parents who are current members in good standing. Membership privileges are often extended to include grandchildren. Check your personal affiliations for such scholarships that may **not** be listed below. For **Member Only** scholarships, members must contact their organization for additional information and applications.

American Legion - Department of Massachusetts - Any child or grandchild of a current member in good standing. Nine \$1,000 and \$500 awards. Available October. Deadline April. Contact masslegion.org/ or mail to Dept. Adjutant, The American Legion, 546-2 State House, Boston, MA 02133

American Legion Post 286 – Wilbraham -A descendent of a veteran belonging to Post 268 for 5 years. Applications are available at 843 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095. Deadline May.

Beal, Alice B. Scholarship – two \$100. scholarships. Applicants must have attended Beal School. Applications forms are available at the Beal School. Contact Bonnie LaPorte, Trustee of: Alice B Beal Scholarship Committee, Beal School, 285 Tiffany Street, Springfield, MA 01108. Annual deadline is May 1.

Eastern States Exposition – Applicant must have participated in the Eastern States Exposition youth programs. Applications are available in Guidance. Deadline is June.

Massachusetts Elks Scholarship – Applicant must be endorsed by the jurisdictional Lodge of the Lodge of which the paren/tguardian is a member. Applications are available by mail: 63 Bay State Road, Lynfield, MA 01940. Telephone: (781) 246-5900, Fax (781) 245-1228, email m.esi9@verizon.net. Due in February.

Massachusetts Music Educators Association Scholarship, Western District – Applicant must participate in a Western District Event. Applicants must be accepted into a program of music education. Based on financial need, academic and musical achievement. Applications are available at Western District events or online at geocities.com/mmeawd/district.html. Deadline: March.

Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Scholarship– Must be a life member of the Association and a child, grandchild, adopted child, or stepchild of a MA firefighter who is active or retired. Call 1-800-957-6936 for an application. Available December. Deadline: May 1st.

Minnechaug Regional High School Booster Club

Given to two female and two male Minnechaug seniors whose family is a club member, have participated in an interscholastic varsity sport during his/her junior/senior year, is in good standing and plans to continue their education after graduation. Application available in guidance. Award of \$250. Deadline: March.

Murphy, Thomas E. & Lucille A. Scholarship – Applicant must be a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Springfield, MA. Three scholarships awarded for science, athletics, and general. Applications may be picked up at the rectory, (413) 783-8619. Deadline May.

Saint Cecilia Catholic Women's Club – Available to a high school senior who is a member of St. Cecilia Parish. Applications are available at the Parish Office.

Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee - Colleen and Scholarship Award Contest - Females with Irish Heritage – you must participate in the Colleen Contest to apply. Applications are available in Guidance. Deadline January.

Scholarships Requiring Membership or Sponsors (continued):

Teamster Union Local 404. Call (413) 781-6326 or visit in person the Teamster Hall Local 404, 115 Progress Avenue, Springfield, MA 01104

Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship – Bay State Games - A High School Junior who has registered and participated in the Bay State Winter or Summer Game at every level for which he/she qualifies (tryouts qualifiers, finals). Applications are Available in Guidance. Deadline: June.

Walsh, Mary M. Scholarship – Awards are for students who attended Walsh School. Applications are available in guidance and at every Springfield Public High School. Two \$250 scholarships. Deadline June.