



\*\*\*\*\* SENIOR NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

January 29, 2009

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
<b>SAT</b> - \$45		Add \$18 late fee
March 14	February 20	February 21-March 4
May 2	March 11	March 12 – April 11
<b>ACT</b> - \$46		Add \$20 late fee
April 4	February 27	February 28-March 13
June 14	May 8	May 9 - 22
<b>THEA</b> - \$29		Add \$20 late fee
April 25, 2009	March 27, 2009	April 15, 2009
June 27, 2009	May 29, 2009	June 17, 2009

\*\*\* Registration packets for all tests are available in the counselor’s office. Online registration for the SAT is [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and for the ACT is [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). If you register online, you must pay with a credit card. If you register with the paper form, you may use a check or credit card. Our school code is 447605.

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**Financial Aid** – The **Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA)** is the form used for financial aid, including Pell Grants, TEXAS grant and some student loans. This form must be filled out before any student will be considered for financial aid. Your parents must have their tax return completed (but not necessarily filed) before you can send in the forms. You can apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

\*\*\*\*\* **College Applications** – You must complete a college application before you will be considered for admission to any college. All colleges have their applications online and you can google the college to find them. I have Lamar applications in my office. If you are applying to more than one college,

you can use [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) so you only have to fill out one application. You are able to submit many applications through this website. Be careful about application deadlines. Many colleges have deadlines and will NOT accept you if you apply late.

You must have either an SAT or ACT score before you will be accepted to any college. The SAT is reading, writing and math while the ACT is reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

Some students must also take the THEA test before they will be allowed to register for college classes. Students can be exempt from this test if they scored high enough on their EXIT level TAKS test. You must have scored at least a 2200 on the reading, a 3 on the writing AND at least a 2200 on the math. You must have met all three criteria to be exempt.

## <<<<<<< SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION >>>>>>>

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP** - Lamar offers various scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$20,000. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: February 1**

**\*\*\*HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO OPPORTUNITY AWARD** – This is a \$15,000 award. Application will be evaluated based on weighted criteria of 50% economic need, 35% academics and 15% leadership. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 12**

**\*\*\*HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO METROPOLITAN AWARD**- This is a \$15,000 award and our school is guaranteed one winner. Eligible applicants will be seniors ranked in the top ¼ of their class, have at least a 1350 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT, be a US citizen and plan to attend college in Texas. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 12**

**\*\*\*MARY CECILE CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP** – This is an \$8000 scholarship awarded to male seniors. The criteria are: male student residing in Texas, must be in need of financial assistance, must have a GPA of 2.8 or higher and must be planning to attend college or vocational/trade school on a full-time basis. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: April 13**

**\*TEXAS TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – Special consideration will be given to applicants who will be pursuing a college degree in fields of study which are of particular interest to telecommunications (such as math, business, engineering or computer science.) Special consideration will be given to students who have established financial need. Log on to [www.tta.org](http://www.tta.org) or see Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 13**

**\*SCHOLARSHIP QUEST HELPER** – Website that is designated to offer tips and suggestions on how to approach the process of acquiring scholarships. They charge nothing for the service. Visit [www.ScholarshipQuestHelper.com](http://www.ScholarshipQuestHelper.com)

**\*TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM** – This grant provides tuition assistance to eligible students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, computer science, and management information or computer information systems. Log on to [www.txdot.gov/careers](http://www.txdot.gov/careers) or see Mrs. Gilfillian for an application. **Deadline: March 1**

**\*SOCIETY OF MEXICAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP** – Students of Mexican American heritage who plan to pursue a degree in engineering, technology, math or science are encouraged to apply. See Mrs. Gilfillian for the application. **Deadline: Feb. 28**

**\*BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP** – Students with solid grades and who are involved in volunteer community service or work experience are encouraged to apply. Apply online at [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships). **Deadline: Feb. 15**

**\*LEESHA ROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP-SOFTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION** – Applicants must be currently playing ASA softball and be able to show proof. See Mrs. Gilfillian for the application. **Deadline: March 17**

**\*GEORGE WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – This national scholarship is intended for students who plan a career in government service. Visit [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org) for more information.

**\*COCA-COLA SHARE THE DREAM ESSAY CONTEST** – This year's topic is "Change is Inevitable. How will it impact you? More importantly, how will you impact change?" See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information. **Deadline: Feb. 28**

**\*LAMAR UNIVERSITY CW CONN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is for students seeking a four-year degree in the College of Business at Lamar. If you are interested, see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: Feb.20**

**\*SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Judging of the nominees will be based on five criteria: academic performance (35%), athletic excellence (35%), leadership (15%), community service (10%) and milk experience (5%). Applications will only be accepted online at [www.BodyByMilk.com](http://www.BodyByMilk.com). **Deadline: March 6**

**\*CAT LIFT TRUCKS SCHOLARSHIP** – This program is designated for students planning to major in mechanical engineering or a business related field. See Mrs. Gilfillian for an application or go to [www.cat-lift.com](http://www.cat-lift.com). **Deadline: April 3**

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**- To apply, beginning freshmen must score at least a 1200 on the SAT (reading and Math) or 27 on the ACT or graduate in the top 10% of your class. To apply, log on to the Scholar X application at [www.shsu.scholarships.nelnet.net](http://www.shsu.scholarships.nelnet.net). **Deadline: Feb. 15**

**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE ASIA CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP** – McDonald's Corporation offers scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities and **who have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage**. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information. **Deadline: Feb. 16**

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship is for students who enroll in the **College of Business**. This scholarship is valued at \$12,000 a year for 4 years. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information. **Deadline: March 6**

**GEORGE AND MARY HAMMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – This foundation offers seventy (70) \$15,000 scholarships each year to high school seniors. Seniors with financial need and demonstrated academics are those who are most competitive for this scholarship. You may get more information at [www.hammanfoundation.org](http://www.hammanfoundation.org) or from Mrs. Gilfillian. You must either download the application or request one in writing. They do not send applications to the schools. **Deadline: Feb.27**

**DAVID SELF FFA SCHOLARSHIP** – David Self Ford partners with the National FFA Foundation in awarding several \$1000 scholarships to local seniors. You must fill out the National FFA Scholarship application from [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org). **Deadline: Feb. 17**

**TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE PROGRAM** – This program is for exceptional students who are contemplating a career in medicine as a primary care physician in a rural or underserved area of Texas. See Mrs. Gilfillian for more information or at <http://medicine.tamhsc.edu>. **Deadline: Feb. 13**

**BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM** – Burger King offers scholarships to students who meet the following criteria: maintain 2.5 GPA, have worked at least 15 hours per week, have been actively involved in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available at [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) with an access key of BKS. **Deadline: Feb. 2**

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SCHOOL OF THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP** – Students interested in auditioning for a theatre scholarship at SFA can get more information at [www.sfasu.edu/theatre](http://www.sfasu.edu/theatre) or see Mrs. Gilfillian.

**NAVY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a four year scholarship for students interested in attending college and then enlisting in the Navy. Applications and additional information are available at [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)

**SEIBEL FOUNDATION ZERO INTEREST STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM** –

Qualified applicants (USA citizen and Texas resident) may contact their office by telephone or mail after November 1 to request an application. Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation, P.O. Box 8210, Galveston, TX 77553-8210 or call (409) 770-5665.

**Deadline: Feb. 28**

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY MIRABEAU SCHOLARS PROGRAM** – This is the most

notable scholarship program at Lamar. This is awarded to outstanding first year freshmen and are four year full scholarships. To view the eligibility requirements for this program, visit <http://dept.lamar.edu/advancement/scholarships/mirabeau/intro.htm>.

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** - This

department at Lamar offers a variety of scholarship programs. You may find the application at [www.lamar.edu/engineering](http://www.lamar.edu/engineering) or see Mrs. Gilfillian. **Deadline: Feb. 1**

**BEAUMONT ELK'S LODGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS** – This association

offers several scholarships ranging from \$4000 to \$60,000. They offer Texas awards and National awards. For more information visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars) for the National award and [www.texaselks.org](http://www.texaselks.org) for the Texas award. **The National deadline is January 9 and the Texas deadline is March 1**

**TEXAS A&M COLLEGE OF NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP** –

A&M offers scholarships to students interested in their nuclear engineering department. Visit <http://thinknuclear.tamu.edu> or see Mrs. Gilfillian for more information.

**MEMORIAL HERMANN BAPTIST HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY** – This program of radiology is associated with LIT. See Mrs.

Gilfillian for more information or go to [www.mhbh.org](http://www.mhbh.org)

Scholarship websites:

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)    [www.adventuresineducation.org](http://www.adventuresineducation.org)

[www.window.state.tx.us/scholars](http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.freeschinfo.com](http://www.freeschinfo.com)

