

Scholarships, Opportunities, and Announcements for Seniors

September 26, 2011

1. The **Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce** has announced its annual scholarship. Copies can be picked up in the guidance office AND downloaded online at www.orangeburgchamber.com. There are 3 \$500 scholarships available. The deadline for all info, including 3 letters of recommendation, to be turned in to the chamber is **October 13** by 5pm.
2. The **Orangeburg Elks Club** is now taking applications for the 2012 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship. The deadline for completed apps TO BE RECEIVED is **December 2**. You may pick up an app packet from the guidance office OR download one at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. The lodge name for our area is Orangeburg Elks Lodge #897. To return your completed app, mail to Don Fountain, Scholarship Chairman, Orangeburg Elks Lodge #897, 2110 Lakeside Dr. NE, Orangeburg, SC 29118 OR drop off at the Orangeburg Municipal Airport at 1811 Airport Rd. in Orangeburg.
3. **FIRE, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education**, will award one \$5000 scholarship and an all-expense paid invitation to the 2012 Campus Freedom Network Conference in Philadelphia to the first place winner. The second-place winner will receive a \$2500 scholarship and five runners-up will each receive a \$1000 scholarship. To win one of these scholarships, students must write an essay answering the question, "Why is free speech important at our nation's colleges and universities?". In addition, the essay should explain why violations of student rights are incompatible with higher education, specifically citing two short FIRE documentaries found on the website www.thefire.org/contests. All details, rules, etc can also be found at this website. The deadline to enter is **November 5** and winners will be announced by December 16.
4. If any senior is **interested in applying and attending Emory University**, please see Mrs. **Craft as soon as possible**. The university awards **Emory Scholars and Goizueta Scholars** scholarships annually, some being full scholarships and others partial. The student must **apply to Emory BY November 15** and the **OPS Guidance Office must send nominee** info for these scholarships **BY November 1**.
5. **Coca-Cola Scholars applications** are being taken online NOW. See www.coca-colascholars.org for eligibility requirements and application information. The deadline for initial applications is **October 31**. If you are interested in applying, start NOW!
6. **Clemson's College of Engineering and Science** is now **seeking minorities to attend its Sneak Preview** being held from **Thursday, October 27th, through Saturday, the 29th**. This is *free* of charge. The requirements are that a student be a minority, have a **minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale**, and be **interested in a science or engineering major**. Please see Mrs. **Craft as soon as possible, and no later than October 10th**, if you are interested!

Dates of Interest:

December SAT and ACT dates are the LATEST that most SC colleges will consider for Fall 2012 acceptance!!! To be OFFICIAL, test scores must be sent by the student directly from the testing sites to all colleges to which you are applying!!!

Clemson University-----App deadline is Dec. 1

USC-Columbia-----Early Answer deadline Oct. 15; Honors College app and Top Scholars deadline is Nov. 15

College of Charleston----- Early Notification app deadline is Nov. 1

Presbyterian College Open Houses-----Sept 30, Oct 21, Nov 12; register at www.presby.edu/admissions/open-house.php.

Columbia College Open Houses-----Oct.1 and 21, Nov. 12, Dec. 2, Feb. 25, Mar 24; call Christin Mack at 800-277-1301

Salem College (Winston-Salem, NC) Open Houses-----Oct.23, Nov 12, Dec 2; register at www.salem.edu/admissions/visit.

Vanderbilt University Road Show-----Oct 18 in Columbia; register at <http://events.embark.com/event/vanderbilt/ugrad/RoadShows/RegisterAndReserve.asp>

University of Virginia-----Oct 4 in Columbia and Oct 6 in Charleston; register at www.virginia.edu/undergradadmission/uvavisit.html

University of Georgia application deadlines-----Oct 15—early action; Jan 15---regular decision; Nov 1---Foundation Fellowship and Ramsey Honors Scholarship deadline