

THE SCRAPPER GUIDE

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ACT INFORMATION

NHS Code: 041-810
NHS Test Center Code: 171-060

2010-2011 Test Dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
*Oct. 23	Sept. 17
Dec. 11	Nov. 5
*Feb. 12	Jan. 7
*Apr. 9	Mar. 4
*June 11	May 6

Register on-line at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in the office.

If you plan on signing up for the summer ACT school you must have already taken the ACT!
(*ACT administered at NHS)

NHS TEST DATES

- Jan. 12: Mid-Year Algebra II
- Jan. 18-19: Mid-Year Algebra I
- Jan. 20-21: Mid-Year Geometry
- Jan. 25-26: Mid-Year Biology
- Mar. 8-9: Grade 11 Literacy
- Apr. 19-20: EOC Geometry
- Apr. 26-27: EOC Biology
- May 4: Algebra II
- May 10-11: EOC Algebra I

Students enrolled in the following AP courses are required to take the exam. The quality point will not be awarded if you are absent for any reason at all.

- May 4: AP Calculus Exam
- May 5: AP English Exam (12th Grade)
- May 6: AP U.S. History Exam
- May 9: AP Biology Exam



EVERY SENIOR NEEDS TO APPLY FOR THIS!!!

How to Apply: Starting **November 2, 2010**, students who will graduate in 2011 may, with one application, apply for all scholarships for which they may qualify. After answering a few questions online, the students will be informed of which scholarships fit their criteria, after which they will be directed to complete the application. Upon completion, all relevant scholarships will be automatically applied for with the submission of one application at www.adhe.edu.



ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE (LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP)

Basic Eligibility: 1) AR resident & U.S. Citizen/lawful permanent resident 2) Be accepted for admission at an approved AR institution of higher education 3) Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Additional Eligibility – Meet one of the following:

1. Graduate from an AR public high school and complete the Smart Core curriculum; *and* either
 - i. Achieve at least a 2.5 GPA; *or*
 - ii. Achieve a 19 on the ACT
2. Graduate from AR high school before the 2014 school year, but did not complete the Smart Core curriculum, shall achieve a 2.5 GPA; *and* either
 - i. Achieve a 19 on the ACT; *or*
 - ii. Score proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-of-course assessments
3. Graduate from a private, out-of-state or home school and achieve a minimum composite score of 19 on the ACT
4. If a student has a disability identified under the IDEA and graduated from AR public high school, but did not complete the Smart Core due to his/her IEP, the student must achieve a 2.5 GPA **and** obtain a 19 on the ACT or score proficient on all state-mandated end-of-course assessments



SENIOR TO-DO LIST

August-December

- Visit with college representatives during lunch at NHS (Schools and dates will be announced prior to the day of the visit.)
- Schedule a visit with a college OR attend a Preview Day
- Take the ACT
- Fill out applications for admission (I recommend at least two...a back-up plan is always good.)
- Start applying for scholarships

January

- File for Financial Aid
- Complete the FAFSA (Some colleges give \$ incentives for early filers.)

February-April

- Send application and deposit for housing
- Attend Spring Preview Days
- Local Scholarships (Closer to spring break ~ Counselor will meet with every senior to go over application process.)

May

- Let the counselor know where to send your final high school transcript.



COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT

ATHLETES... need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center as soon as possible. Please come by the counselor's office for more information.

www.eligibilitycenter.org

*ACT scores must be sent directly to the Clearinghouse – be sure to put down 9999 as a college/scholarship choice when registering.

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

- **File your 2010 taxes EARLY!** The sooner you get your tax returns back, the sooner you can complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Some colleges/universities have separate applications for admission and scholarship. Make sure you fill out both of these.
- Have a time line.
- Make copies of everything you send.
- Don't ask "What's the deadline?" ask "How soon can I apply?"
- If meeting a deadline is important, use delivery confirmation.
- Make sure your printer is working *before* starting an on-line application.
- Read the application instructions. Include all required documents.
- Read your mail and check your e-mail on a regular basis.
- If you're not sure, don't assume! ASK! There are no stupid questions. If I don't know...I will find out!

CHARACTER EDUCATION WORD OF THE MONTH:

December – Self-Discipline

January – Responsibility

February - Friendship



Selective Service Registration

www.sss.gov

It's your civic duty and legal obligation!
 All men must register with Selective Service when they turn 18. By not registering you can miss out on many important opportunities like student loans, government jobs, job training, and citizenship for male immigrants. You may also be prosecuted.

~ SCHOLARSHIPS ~

STUDENTS & PARENTS: DEADLINES MUST TO BE MET BY YOU. PAY ATTENTION! DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!

www.axa-achievement.com – **AXA Achievement Scholarship** – AXA, in association with U.S. News & World Report, provides college scholarships of \$10,000 (and if chosen at the national level, one could reach a possible \$25,000) to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. (One winner per state) **Deadline Dec.15, 2010**

<http://ahsaa.org/docs/ASHOF%20scholarship%20form.pdf> - **Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF)** will award two \$500 scholarships to Arkansas high school seniors who will be enrolling in an Arkansas college. An essay must be submitted to the ASHOF by **December 31**.

www.axa-achievement.com – **AXA Achievement Community Scholarship** – Applicant must possess ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Visit the website to download an application for a \$2,000 college scholarship. Deadline February 15, 2011

<http://www.asla.info/CollegePlanning/CounselorConnection/ScholarshipResources> **\$1000 Scholarship Drawing - R. Preston Woodruff, Jr. ~ ASLA annually provides several \$1000 scholarships each year to incoming and current college students in Arkansas. Each year, one of the scholarships drawn will be renewable for up to 4 years!**

<http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships> – **SAE Engineering Scholarship** - Through generous contributions from various individuals, corporations and universities, SAE International is proud to award scholarship money to both undergraduate and graduate engineering students. SAE scholarships assist in developing the future engineering workforce by helping students achieve their dreams of becoming an engineer. (Click on high school seniors -freshman year.)

Mine Creek Soil & Water Conservation District – Conservation Scholarship (\$500) – *Criteria:* Enrolled in a Howard Co. School, planning to attend an AR college/university, *major in Agricultural or Soil & Water Conservation related field*, obtain recommendation letters, exhibit traits of leadership, citizenship, and dependability, 2.0 GPA each college semester (\$250/semester). Pick up an application in the office. If chosen, a 500-word essay will have to be written and presented to judges. **Deadline Dec. 16**

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8736.aspx?p=236> – **Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship Programs** - Online applications will be available for the 2010 fall semester beginning November 1, 2010. **Application Deadline: January 31, 2011**

Connect to a brighter future with the **Burger King Scholars Program!** New this year...\$1,000, \$5,000 and \$25,000 scholarships are now available to all eligible high school seniors and Burger King employees. Details and how to apply can be found at www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html. Application period is Nov. 15, 2010-Jan. 10, 2011

www.adhe.edu – **Governor's Scholars Program** – *Applications are only accepted Jan. 1-Feb. 1, 2011(UNIVERSAL APPLICATION)*

1. Governor's Distinguished Scholarships – Eligibility: either a 32 composite score on a single ACT or 1410 combined math and critical reasoning score on a single SAT AND 3.50 academic grade point average, OR selection as a National Achievement Finalist or National Merit Finalist.

2. Governor's Scholarships – The minimum standard to apply is a high school grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in academic courses OR an ACT composite score of 27, OR a combined SAT score of 1220.

www.jfklibrary.org – *The Profile in Courage Essay Contest* ~ The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official. Visit the website for more information, registration, and to submit your essay. **Essays can be submitted online (preferred) or via regular mail by the postmark date of January 8, 2011.**

www.gmsp.org – **2010 Gates Millennium Scholars Program** -

Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they:

- Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American;
- Are a citizen/legal permanent resident or nationals of the United States;
- Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted);
- Will be enrolling for the first-time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in the fall of 2010; or GED
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities;
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria; and
- Have all three forms (Nominee Personal Information Form completed by the student, Nominator Form completed by an educator familiar with the student's academic record and a Recommender Form completed by a person familiar with the student's leadership and community service) submitted by the deadline. **Deadline Jan. 10, 2011**

www.usjcisenate.org - The United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. You can download the application for Arkansas at www.usjcisenate.org or you can pick up a paper copy in the office. **Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2011.**

www.kfcscholars.org – **KFC Colonel's Scholars** – Criteria: High School GPA of 2.75, enroll in AR public college/university, pursue a bachelor's degree, U.S. citizen, demonstrate financial need; Online scholarship available Dec. 1, 2010-Feb. 2011.

www.esaintl.com/esaf - ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha) Foundation Board of Directors offers in excess of 150 scholarships a year to deserving U.S. and International students. Applicant must be a: 1) senior high school student with a 3.0 GPA OR a minimum score of 22 on ACT; 2) a college student presently enrolled in accredited college or university who has maintained a "B" average (3.0 GPA); 3) a college student applying for graduate scholarships must have 3.5 GPA – You can print Arkansas' application from the website or pick one up in the office. **Must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2011**

www.dixie.org – **The Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship** is available to high school seniors who have participated at one time in Dixie Youth Baseball leagues. To be eligible, you must have been registered on a Dixie Youth Baseball team participating in franchised Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. league prior to reaching the age 13. There is no relationship between the award of a scholarship and athletic ability. **Deadline March 1, 2011**

Howard County Farm Bureau Scholarship – \$1,000 - Applicant must be a senior in high school, planning to attend a college or university in Arkansas and major in an Agricultural related field, and exhibit traits of leadership, citizenship, dependability and need for the scholarship. If student receives scholarship, a 2.0 GPA must be maintained the first semester of college to receive the first \$500, which will be received by the student when he/she enrolls for the second semester of college. **Application must be turned in to the Howard County Farm Bureau Office by April 1, 2011.**

www.bigsunathletics.com – \$500 - **BigSun Scholarship** – The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they participate in. A short essay has to be written and submitted on-line. **Deadline June 23, 2011**

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES:

(Don't pay for any scholarship search.)

www.adhe.edu –Arkansas Academic Challenge (requirements have changed), Higher Education Opportunities Grant (GO! Opportunities Grant), Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship, Military Dependents Scholarship, State Teacher Assistance Resource (STAR) Program, Governor's Scholars Program

www.collegeboard.com

www.fastweb.com

www.fundmyfuture.info

www.schoolsoup.com

www.scholarships4students.com

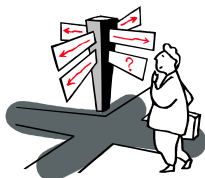
www.collegetoolkit.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/student-specific.htm -
American melting pot of scholarships (1st generation, Single Parent, etc)

NOTE: NHS cannot attest to the accuracy of these scholarship search sites. You are responsible for reading the complete details of scholarships in which you are interested.

WEBSITES FOR CAREER GUIDANCE



www.discoverarkansas.net – Discover Arkansas – This website contains just about everything you might want to know about careers, especially careers in Arkansas! It contains labor market information, training information, job search information, career videos, etc.

www.careeronestop.org - Career One Stop – This is the nation's premier career information delivery system. Service areas are provided for students, job seekers, employers, and workforce professionals. Career information, job banks and service locators are only part of the many tools available.

www.arpathways.com/

www.mycareerzone.org/index.jsp

www.myfuture.com/toolbox/workquizzes.html

www.march2success.com

Career Planning
Monster Job Search
America's Career Infonet
U.S. Department of labor – Job Corps
Occupational Outlook Handbook,
2010-2011 Edition

www.fastweb.com

www.monster.com

www.acinet.org

www.jobcorps.dol.gov/

www.bls.gov/OCO/