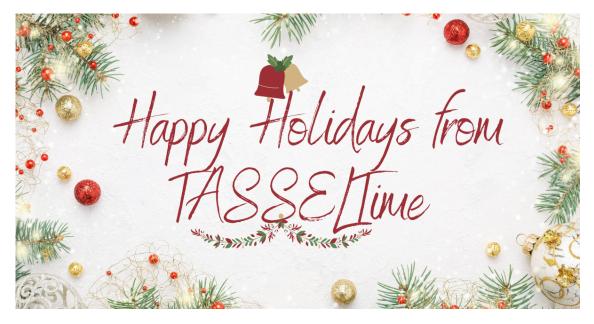
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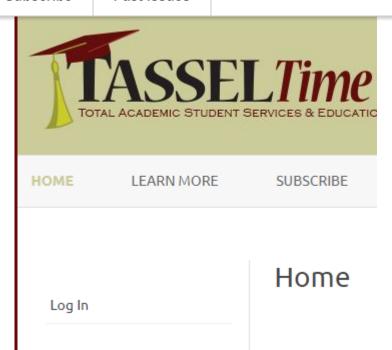
Seniors,

Make the most of the holiday season in December by spending time putting your finishing touches on college and scholarship applications. Check out the information in this newsletter to help with both of those tasks. Go to www.tasseltime.com and select the

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Online YOUniversal Application: Available October 1st, 2021 If you are applying for Arkansas Scholarships administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), the online application will be available October 1st, 2021. Look for the icon below on the ADHE Website:

<u>https://www.ark.org/adhe_financialaid/login.aspx</u>



This will take you through the application process.

Be sure you create the account with a valid email address. You will be able to receive alerts and notices through email. CHECK YOUR STATUS/ACCOUNT regularly. **DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINES—**THERE ARE NO DO-OVERS

 Academic Challenge will allow for ACT Superscore and for Accuplacer scores. Follow this link to find out details:

Academic Challenge Eligibility Information from ADHE

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• Read more about ACT Superscoring Here.

Federal Student Aid

Tasseltime received several questions over the Thanksgiving Break about the FAFSA. The biggest question was, "Do I have to fill out the FAFSA?" It is VERY important to fill out the FAFSA. It helps to start the process of determining what assistance you have available.

We received several emails asking about special circumstances regarding your eligibility. You need to apply for admissions at the college(s) you want to attend. There is a Financial Aid/Admissions person designated to help you with those questions at your college of choice, but you need to fill out the FAFSA to help that person determine how or if the Financial Aid person can assist in your specific circumstances.



FINANCIAL AID: Parents and students need to apply for a FAFSA ID. Get your FSA ID: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid

<u>2022–23 FAFSA Form Available</u> The application opens October 1, **2021**.

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This article helps to identify what you need to begin the process of filling out the FAFSA.

7 Things You Need Before Filling Out the 2022–23 FAFSA® Form

Accessing the Student Calendar:

Once you are logged in select Scholarships from the menu on the left. Scroll down the page and select the graphic *TASSELTIME STUDENT CALENDAR Important 2018-22 click here*. This calendar has admissions and scholarship deadlines for colleges in Arkansas

TASSELTime Student Calendar:

Important 2018-2022 dates-click here



Quick List of Scholarships
Listing of ADHE Scholarships
Listing of December Scholarships
Listing of No Essay Scholarships
List of December Scholarships

Find a full listing of scholarships on the Tasseltime Individual Scholarship Page (you must use your

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If you want to receive notifications through the Tasseltime App click here to watch the short video on how to subscribe to Tasseltime Notifications.



October-December Checklist

OCTOBER – DECEMBER (Link to full Senior Calendar- must be logged in to Tasseltime to access)

- 1) Attend a College Fair in your area and take the admissions questions we discussed earlier and ASK THE RECRUITER. Take a fall visit to the college
- 2) Be sure you pick up all admissions and scholarship information as well as a catalog. Some colleges have the admissions and scholarship information included on one form, some have separate forms and some ask you to actually be admitted before giving you the information on how to apply for internal scholarships.
- 3) Complete your essay for admission—if required and ask for recommendation letters by using the form provided in the site. Most of the time the recommendation letter or letter of reference has to be mailed directly to the college, so it is very courteous of you to provide the person writing the recommendation letter with a stamped envelope addressed to the appropriate place.
- 4) Choose wisely as to the people you request to write a recommendation letter, and be sure you give the person at least 2 weeks notice on the deadline for the letter.
- 5) Send in your Admissions Application and Scholarship Application if required. BE SURE YOU LOOK FOR EARLY ADMISSION DEADLINE.
- 6) Some schools will wave the application fee if you submit the forms online
- 7) Be sure you are checking with your counselor concerning scholarships. Check the weekly announcements, announcements on the Web and bulletin board. There will be some scholarships that say "See your counselor for application."

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9) If you want to search for scholarships without submitting a profile in a database then look at the individual scholarship page and the minority scholarship page.

- 10) Make sure you allow yourself some time over the Christmas and Thanksgiving Holidays to work on scholarship applications, essays, and admissions forms.
- 11) Register for the December tests if needed. Reminder that you need a 19 in all subcategories to avoid taking remedial college courses. If you have tried several times then speak to the admissions recruiter at the specific college and ask them about taking an accuplacer, compass, or asset test.
- 12) Make copies of everything you send!
- 13. On October 1st the FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid will become available. This application is very important. Colleges won't tell you that you have to fill this out—But basically, you have to fill this out. This form determines the amount of aid you can possibly receive.

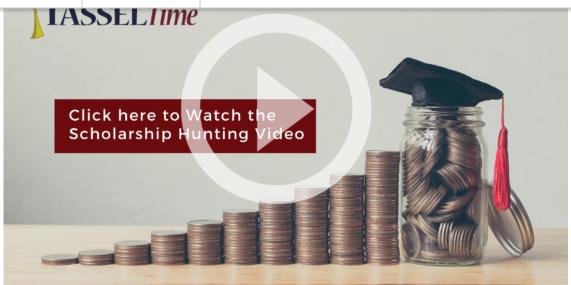
There are 4 different categories of funding:

- Internal (offered from the college usually merit-based can have need base element)
- External (national, state and local scholarships both need and merit-based Military related scholarships are also in this category)
- · Aid (Federal and State grant and aid mostly need-based)
- M&D (This comes from Mom and Dad's pocket) Hint: Mom and Dad will be more
 receptive to dish out the all-important spending money if you get all of your college paid
 for through scholarships!!!

Printable Tasseltime Senior Newsletter for October- December
Printable Scholarship Hunting Newsletter

View the Scholarship Hunting Video & Senior Overview Video Below

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After you have watched the Scholarship Hunting Video, you will understand how this <u>Google Sheet Scholarship Log</u> can help you keep track of your scholarships. When you select the link, you will be required to make a copy for your own use.



If you are unsure what your school's username and password are, please see your counselor.







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