



# GHS Senior Newsletter

## November



Only six weeks left in the semester. Are you on track to graduate? If not, what are you going to do to get on track? If you are, keep up the good work. Don't quit. Finish this semester strong!

**MIDTERM GRADUATES:** In December, students wanting to graduate at midterm will receive a Midterm Grad Checkout Sheet that must be cleared with various signatures before you can graduate. You will have to pass classes, complete seat time, pay any fees, and complete the items on the list below in order to be cleared. If you are not cleared, you will not graduate in December and will have to return in January.

**THINGS NEEDED BEFORE GRADUATION:**

1. FAFSA or Parental Waiver.
2. Parental Consent Form for Information Release
3. Signed Individualized Graduation Plan
4. CPR Training
5. ACT
6. Workkeys
7. State level Credential (SP2, Welding, Carpentry, First Responders)

**APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AND TOPS:** You will need to complete the **FREE** online FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The application for the 2022-2023 college year opened October 1, 2021. You will use information from your parents' 2020 income taxes. **STAY AWAY FROM THE WEBSITE FAFSA.COM.**

**TO COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA), YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR YOU AND YOUR PARENTS:**

- Social Security Number
- Your parents' 2020 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (**Note:** You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- Records of bank statements, investments, and untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically.

**FSA ID:** You and your parent will each need a separate FSA ID to fill out the FAFSA form. To set up a FSA ID or read more about this, go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. This ID is also used for signing forms for federal loans. If your parents have already created an FSA ID maybe to use with an older sibling, they do not need to create another.

**Lela FAFSA Helpline:** (844) 463-2372 which is (844) GO FAFSA

**FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT:** On November 15, 16, and 18, the counselors will meet with you in the computer lab to create an FSA ID and begin the student part of the FAFSA. Here is the schedule for that week.

**Monday, Nov. 15**

1st block: A - C  
2nd block: D - G

**Tuesday, Nov 16**

1st block: H - M  
2nd block: N - S

**Thursday, Nov. 18**

1st block: T - Z  
2nd: Makeups

**NEED TRANSCRIPTS OR OTHER FORMS?** Pick up Records Request Form in Counselors' office, complete, and return back to counselors.

### **STEPS TO COLLEGE:**

1. Research your top colleges.
2. Attend virtual or physical college preview day.
3. Set up college visits.
4. Pay attention to application deadlines.
5. Apply online to colleges.
6. Send requested forms.
7. Retake ACT if needed.
8. Research scholarships online.
9. Pay attention to scholarship deadlines.

### **LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS MINIMUM ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN:**

See attached sheet for what GPA and ACT requirements for various colleges.

[https://regents.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/BoR-Min-Adm-Stds-Policy\\_Feb-24-2021-FINAL.pdf](https://regents.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/BoR-Min-Adm-Stds-Policy_Feb-24-2021-FINAL.pdf)

**WHAT'S HOT AT COLLEGES IN LOUISIANA:** Go to <https://lacrao.org/announcements.php> to see the latest information from various colleges.

### **MORE COLLEGE INFORMATION**

- Louisiana College
  - Preview Day November 13, 10AM - 1PM. Register online at <https://lacollege.edu/admissions/visit-campus/preview-day/>. Free LC Swag and scholarship opportunity.
- LSUA
  - On Campus Preview Day - November 13, 10AM - 2PM
  - To register for Preview Days, go to <http://www.lsua.edu/admissions/visit-campus>
- ULM
  - Go to <https://ulm.academicworks.com/> to see different scholarships opportunities. **IMPORTANT: Students HAVE to be admitted into the University to be eligible for these scholarships**
  - No application fee for October.
- UNO
  - Open house events Nov 13 & Dec 4 Register at <https://www.uno.edu/office-of-admissions/get-know-uno>

**Check college websites to see what virtual and in-person opportunities are available for you to preview colleges.**

**ACT:** Pick up ACT brochure for registration information in the counselor's office or go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### **IMPORTANT ACT INFORMATION**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
December 11, 2021	November 5
February 12, 2022	January 7
April 2, 2022	February 25
June 11, 2022	May 6
July 16, 2022	June 17

- Cost – Basic \$60, Plus Writing \$85
- Grant's School code is 190740 (Put this so ACT will send us your scores.)
- TOPS Code: 1595 (Use as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to TOPS.)
- The April test date is the last date for TOPS without a penalty. (If you take the test in June/July, TOPS will give you 7 semesters of tuition instead of 8.)
- Grant's Testing Center Code: 154700 (Put this only if testing at Grant.)

**ACT PRACTICE WEBSITES:** <http://app.masteryprep.com/> and <https://www.march2success.com/>

**NCAA:** If you are planning on playing college sports, you must register with NCAA. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, there is a waiver for the registration fee. Use the ACT code 9999 as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to NCAA. You can register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

**SELECTIVE SERVICE:** Men 18 years and older must register at the post office or online at <http://www.sss.gov>.

**BLS - HUH?** Bureau of Labor and Statistics is a great website to find out if a job is growing or declining, how much it pays, exactly what the job requires, and the amount of education needed for that job. <http://www.bls.gov>.

**"MATCH AND FIT" COLLEGE ACCESS AND CAREER PLANNING WEBSITE:** <http://www.unlockmyfuture.org>

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**BE AWARE:** There are many scams that ask for money in exchange for scholarships and financial aid. Do not pay any companies to find you financial aid or scholarships. There are many free scholarship searches on the internet.

**COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & TIPS:** Click on the Students and Parents tab on the following websites to learn more about preparing for college and receiving financial aid and scholarships.

[www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov)

<https://regents.la.gov/students-parents/>

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

**VARIOUS NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS:** See the following website for various scholarships due in November:  
<https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/scholarships/>

**HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** Must have at least a 3.75 GPA, be in top 20% of graduating class, and FAFSA EFC must not exceed \$6,500. <https://haganscholarships.org/>. Deadline: December 1, 2021

**EDUCATION MATTERS:** Go to <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship> for more details. Due November 30, 2021.

**COLFAX BANKING SCHOLARSHIP:** For students interested in a banking related career such as IT, Accounting, attorneys, lenders, business degrees, general studies, etc. and planning to attend a college or technical college. See Google Classroom for flyer and application. Due to counselors by December 21, 2021.

**PROFILES IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST:** For more information, go to the following website:  
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest>. Deadline is January 14, 2022.

**LSUA HOWARD AND ELOISE SCHOLARSHIP:** Must have at least a 3.5 GPA and be admitted into LSUA by Feb 15. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2022. Go to <https://www.lsua.edu/admissions/howard-and-eloise-mulder-scholarship>

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**LELA FAFSA COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP:** Register at [https://lela.org/completed\\_fafsa/](https://lela.org/completed_fafsa/) by May 31, 2021

More scholarships will be posted as the counselors get the information. For all these scholarships, be sure to read and follow instructions carefully. Pay attention to deadlines.