

Counselor Corner
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There are things for all high school grades this week.

Midwest Energy has two programs of interest.

FOR JUNIORS: This summer, Midwest will be sending two high school juniors to Washington, D.C. for the week-long Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June 14-20. Applicants for the trip must be juniors in high school and their parents or guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy. Parental consent is required.

FOR SENIORS: Midwest Energy is awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors for the secondary education program of their choice (trade school, community college or a four-year university). Applicants for the scholarship must be seniors in high school and their parents or guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy. There is no GPA requirement, and the application is very simple.

Applications are due by January 31, 2024 and can be found at [Youth Tour & Scholarships | Midwest Energy \(mwenergy.com\)](#). Selected applicants will be notified in February. Children of Midwest Energy employees are ineligible.

KNEA has a scholarship program for students grades 9-12. Creativity is a powerful tool for social change. The KNEA Student Expression Campaign encourages young creators to speak their truth on racial and social justice through visual art, music, spoken word, and video or photography. For details and to submit an entry visit [justimaginejustice.org](#). Entries must be submitted by 5 PM on February 1. Rubie Yost of Cheylin won a scholarship in this program two years ago. Contact me if you need a sponsor.

ATTENTION JUNIORS-The Horatio Alger general scholarship program is now administered in the junior year, so now is the time to apply if you demonstrate financial need, have a record of co-curricular involvement/community service, and have displayed integrity/perseverance. This is for students pursuing a bachelor's degree. Apply by March 15 at [horatioalger.org/scholarships](#). The application for associate degrees/certificates opens after March 15.

The Kansas Association of Directors of Plant Facilities has established a scholarship fund and will award 5 \$3,500 academic scholarships and 5 \$3,500 technical scholarships to qualifying students. The students must be residents of Kansas and graduate from a Kansas High School and plan to attend a Kansas College or technical school.

Only children whose parent or legal guardian is actively employed in a K-12 or secondary education institution and engaged in a building and grounds, food service or transportation position shall be eligible for these scholarships. Applications are online only and located on our website: <http://kadpf.org/>. At the KADPF homepage, click on the KADPF Scholarship Program tab at the top. Applications are due by February 15, 2023. Golden Plains has had a couple of winners in recent years.

The KSHSAA and Capitol Federal Foundation will award True Blue Scholarships intended to support Kansas High School graduates in postsecondary efforts. These funds will be made payable to a two-year or four-year accredited college, university or

technical school in the name of the selected student. Awards are non-renewable, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 provided for a student in each activity administered by the KSHSAA. You can find the application and more information at www.kshsaa.org/General/ScholarshipInformation.cfm. Alisha Brantley of Golden Plains was one of 34 winners last year.

Is your senior taking care of housing for next fall? Here is the latest from Emporia State: The first part of the housing application opened in October for admitted students planning to live on campus. Your students can fill out part one now, then keep an eye out for the full housing application coming in February. For more information about applying for campus housing, they can visit emporia.edu/reslife. Kansas State students should have already taken care of their housing paperwork, or you will likely not have many options. On other campuses the competition is not as fierce.

Deadlines to remember: January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 1-Deadline to apply for Kansas Kiwanis, Midwest Energy, and KNEA Scholarships, Priority Deadline to submit FAFSA to KU; Feb. 15-Final deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships; Feb. 19-Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship; March 8-deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; March 31-Deadline to apply for Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarships; May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT. Sophomore/Juniors Days: Feb. 15 at NCKTC-Beloit; Feb. 21 at NCKTC-Hays; April 15 at FHSU