

Counselor Corner
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Midwest Energy is proud to sponsor the Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour and a Scholarship program for its members. Midwest Energy will be sending two high school juniors to Washington, D.C., for the week-long Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, June 14-20, 2024. Applicants for the trip to Washington, D.C. must be juniors in high school, must live in or attend school in Midwest Energy's service area, and their parents or guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy.

Additionally, it will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors for the secondary education program of their choice, with the awards paid directly to the student. Scholarship applicants must be seniors in high school, must live in or attend school in Midwest Energy's service area, and their parents or guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy. Applications are due by January 31, 2024. Go to www.mwenergy.com/community/youth-tour, then click on the box for the application you need.

The Nebraska FFA Foundation and The Howard G. Buffett Foundation offer a full-ride scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for African-American or Hispanic students that own land and will commit to returning to an agricultural setting. This opportunity is available to these underrepresented communities in Kansas as well.

Growing the next generation of farmers is the goal of this scholarship program. The deadline has been moved back once, and currently is January 31. Find out everything you need at https://neffafoundation.org/what_we_do/next-generation-of-black-and-hispanic-farmers-scholarship-program.html.

Kansas Wesleyan University offers a bunch of scholarships for things like DECA, FCA, music (even strings), etc. Don't assume that independent school means out of reach. Find out more at www.kwu.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/scholarships/

Highland Community College offers a Visit Day on February 2 for Juniors and Seniors. Students and their guests will tour the campus, learn about scholarships/financial aid, student life, and housing. All visitors will enjoy a complimentary lunch in our cafeteria before returning home. Register at highlandcc.edu/visitday, or call 785-442-6020.

"Is It Time to Try ADHD Medication?" ADDitude magazine has a great article on this topic. Go to www.additudemag.com, then search for the slide show article. It's wide-ranging and gives multiple points of view.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp offers piano, dance, visual arts, creative writing, orchestra, jazz, band, theatre, harp, and choir at its four summer sessions. Discounts are available to students who attend multiple sessions, have siblings attend or get friends to come with them. Scholarships are available. Go to www.bluelake.org or call 800-221-3796.

AMDA is proud to present Open Houses in New York City and Los Angeles. Experience a day in the life of an AMDA student and learn more about our world-class faculty and our unparalleled performing arts curriculum. Attendees will also participate in a Q&A with alumni and faculty, learn about financial aid and scholarships, and receive personalized guidance through our admission process. Find out more at www.amda.edu/about

Deadlines to remember: 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