

Counselor Corner  
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The Kansas Masonic Foundation sponsors an essay contest each year. Local lodges frequently award scholarships, but the state KMF will award 8 scholarships in addition to local ones, the best of which is \$4000. Alex Dart of Cheylin won this two years ago.

This year's theme: If you were to start an organization or network to help foster interpersonal relationships and connectivity, what principles would you incorporate and why. It's only a 300-500 word piece. Find out all you need at [www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/essay-contest](http://www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/essay-contest). Local lodges must receive your essay/cover sheet by November 1. If you have trouble locating your local lodge ask your counselor or call 785-234-5518.

Area high school juniors and seniors are invited to the GCCC campus to explore various fields of study and discover the opportunities that GCCC provides. Exploration Day will take place on Wednesday, November 8th. All parts of the campus will be open, including hands-on ones like Fire Science, EMT, Criminal Justice, and Cosmetology, etc. Seniors who register by Friday, October 20th will be entered into a scholarship drawing for three (3) \$1,000 scholarships and six (6) \$500 scholarships! You can register by going to [www.gccc.edu](http://www.gccc.edu), then click on the Exploration Day icon.

High school juniors, seniors, and college transfer students: This is your chance to experience Tiger Nation! You're invited to join us on campus to explore academic and student life opportunities, hear from current Fort Hays State students, take a walking tour of campus, and check out on-campus housing options.

All students will receive a FREE ticket and concession stand voucher to experience Tiger Football. \$5,000 in scholarships will be given away and students will also receive an FHSU T-shirt at the end of the day! Sign up today at [www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/tiger-day/](http://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/tiger-day/)

If you plan to enter teaching you may rather go to FHSU on October 16. This event is open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in becoming teachers. It will allow students to learn more about the profession and what it's like to be part of Tiger Teacher Nation at FHSU. This event is free and will include a continental breakfast and buffet-style lunch. Admissions and Teacher Education will also draw for scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. Sign up at [www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/future-educators-day](http://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/future-educators-day). Registration closes October 11.

The Topeka Zoo is hosting a writing and art contest for people of all ages. Submit a piece of work that centers on conservation issues happening in the world right now. Maybe it's something you are already working on for a science or art class. The deadline to submit is March 31. Details are available at <https://topekazoo.org/>, or call 785-368-9137 or email [education@topekazoo.org](mailto:education@topekazoo.org). All people who submit an entry get into the zoo free on Saturday, April 20 (Earth Day).

Deadlines to remember: October 9-13: Build a Ratrod at NW Tech; October 20: Hansen CT scholarship application due in Logan; November 3, deadline to apply for December 9 ACT; December 1: Deadline to apply for Rudd Scholarship; January 5, deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 19: Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship; March 8, deadline to apply for April 13 ACT; May 3, deadline to apply for June 8 ACT; June 7, deadline to apply for July 13 ACT.