

Counselor Corner
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Now in its fifth year, the DEWALT Trades Scholarship provides financial assistance to those pursuing a trade degree or certificate at a two-year college or vocational-technical school. This year, the program will award \$200,000 in scholarships to 40 students across the U.S. and Canada to support trade education. Almost all tech schools programs are eligible. Visit learnmore.scholarsapply.org/dewalttrade to apply. Applications close January 17. The program is administered through a partnership with Scholarship America.

Game Changers, Risk Takers and Trailblazers. If you want to become one of those people you might want to check out the Pre-College programs at Carnegie Mellon. You'll live on the CMU campus for part of the summer and learn about a specific program AI Scholars, Music, National High School Game Academy, Writing/Culture, and more. Get started at www.cmu.edu/pre-college/. Early decision deadline is February 1, while the scholarship deadline is March 1. This program is for rising high school juniors and seniors.

Washburn University is offering scholarships for leadership. And you can earn a Leadership Studies minor or certificate. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is February 28. Find out more at www.washburn.edu/leadership or email leadership@washburn.com.

Futures, the magazine for Today's Military, is now available. Learn different ways to join and serve, how the military can pay for schooling, common misconceptions about military service, and more. Most counseling offices will have copies, or go to todaysmilitary.com/futures.

Philosophically I am not a big believer in Gap Years, unless there is a specific purpose. Joining the Peace Corps (www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/) could serve such an eye-opening purpose. So could an internship with the Todd Becker Foundation. For nine months you will strengthen your faith, serve on the frontlines, travel the midwest, and do it all cost free. To find out more about this go to <https://stint.toddbecker.org/>.

To date, more than \$33 million in McDonald's HACER® National Scholarships have been awarded to Hispanic students across the country. The McDonald's HACER® National Scholarship Program offers scholarships up to 30 outstanding Hispanic students from all over the country, and continues to provide educational opportunities to help narrow the gap that exists for Hispanic college-bound students,

There are three tiers of funds, aimed to help recipients finance their college tuition. Tier 1 recipients are awarded up to \$100,000. Tier 2 recipients receive \$20,000 or \$10,000 and Tier 3 recipients receive \$5,000. Recipients are selected based on their academic achievement, community involvement, personal statement and financial need. Find out more at www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html

Bethany College offers scholarships in music and art. In either case apply to BC at www.bethanylb.edu. Upon receipt of acceptance, text "Music" to 785-906-0204 to reach the music recruiter, who will set up and audition date and time. There are different instructions depending upon whether you are applying for an instrument, voice, or piano scholarship. For art scholarships take pictures/videos of 5-10 samples of your art in any medium. Upload them to a digital folder/presentation like Google Drive/Powerpoint,

then share them with wollenbergsj@bethanylb.edu. If you need assistance, text 785-906-0204 and specify "art."

Deadlines to remember: January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; 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; 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