

Counselor Corner
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I wasn't planning a column for this week, but there are a few timely items for juniors and seniors.

The registration deadline for the February ACT falls during Winter Break. Register by January 5 at www.myact.org to be able to take the ACT test on February 10.

Colby Community College awards its first round of scholarships based on applications it has received by December 31. Applying for scholarships does not commit you to CCC or any other school. Start by completing your general application at colbycc.edu. You can then log into the ePortal to find your welcome email. Click on the Award Spring icon to complete the scholarship application. Keep checking your Trojan email for scholarship offers.

Midwest Energy has something for juniors and seniors whose parents receive service from that company. And it can be service on the farm or wherever. Theoretically you can apply for similar contests from PrairieLand, Western Electric Cooperative, etc. Two juniors will be sent to Washington DC on an expense-paid trip June 14-20. My daughter won a similar trip from Nex-Tech (be on the lookout for its info), and this trip is a life-changer. Ten \$1000 scholarships will also be awarded to seniors who meet the same criteria. Recent winners include McHaley Carter and Breanna Rath. For either program go to www.mwenergy.com/community/youth-tour. Applications are due January 31.

The goal of the Baer Reintegration Scholarship is to help people with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder or bipolar disorder acquire the educational and vocational skills necessary to reintegrate into society, secure jobs, and regain their lives. Scholarships can be used for almost any educational goal. Applications must be submitted by January 31. Find out more at www.reintegration.com/2023-application-process

Deadlines to remember: December 31-Initial wave of scholarships awarded by CCC; January 5-deadline to apply for February 10 ACT; Feb. 1-Deadline to apply for Kansas Kiwanis 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