

Counselor Corner
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Interested in taking a few college general education courses as a high school student on-line? Northwest Tech offers a wide variety of transferable general studies courses that fulfill the core requirements for an associate's degree. Find out how to register for fall online courses at www.nwktc.edu/fall-high-school-online-classes.

Need help preparing for the ACT test? An ACT Test Prep Workshop, hosted by the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley, will be held on Wednesday, September 27th. It will run from 9:00-2:15. Carolyn Devane will be presenting the workshop, teaching students how to prepare for the ACT Exam.

The cost of the workshop is \$60.00 per student. After 9/17/23, the cost of the workshop will increase to \$70.00. Registration and payment can be completed online at <http://actprep.info/oakley>. Pre-payment is necessary to complete the registration process. Students will need to bring a sack lunch with them.

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to exceptional student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential. You must have a 3.3 GPA to be considered. The application deadline is September 15. Find out more at www.thegatesscholarship.org.

Bryn Mawr is a women's college identity where female expertise, achievement, and leadership is the norm, not the exception. It features a tight-knit community of 1300. Its close proximity to Philadelphia means our students cross-collaborate—academically, socially, co-curricularly—not only with our partner schools (Haverford, Swarthmore, and the University of Pennsylvania) but with the vibrant city of Philadelphia. And it is affordable, meeting the full calculated need of all admitted students. And for those with total family incomes under \$60,000 and assets under \$500,000, our packages don't use loans to meet demonstrated need – and we're actively working on doing more. Find out more how to apply at Bryn Mawr at www.brynmawr.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply.

Attending a service academy like West Point or Annapolis will give you the opportunity to get a first-class education that is free with your service commitment. Needless to say, spots in these schools are very competitive, so one needs to be serious about high school, and get your GPA/ACT scores as high as possible. If you have questions about the United States Military Academy you can find out more at www.westpoint.edu/admissions/frequently-asked-questions.

Miami (Ohio) is one of the many schools in America that uses the common application, as well as the coalition application. To find out more about MU go to www.commonapp.org/explore/miami-university-ohio. The Common and Coalition application allow you to use the same application at multiple schools, if the schools accept it. I am not aware of any undergraduate schools in Kansas that use either. This year, MU will have four application deadlines for fall 2024: Early Decision, Early Action I, Early Action II, and Regular Decision. Go to the admissions page at <https://miamioh.edu/admission-aid/apply/index.html>

Deadlines to remember: September 27: ACT Prep Workshop at NKESC (register by September 17 to get \$60 charge), September 22-deadline to apply for October 6 ACT; November 3, deadline to apply for December 9 ACT; January 5, deadline to apply for

February 10 ACT; 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.