Senior Newsletter

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January 2024 Counseling Center

**FAFSA**

From https://studentaid.gov/

# Soft Launch of the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is available periodically as part of our soft launch. During the soft launch, the FAFSA form will be available for short periods of time while we monitor site performance and form functionality. We will initiate pauses for site maintenance and to make technical updates as needed to provide you with a better experience.

You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. You will have plenty of time to complete the FAFSA form. If you do submit your form during the soft launch, your information will be saved, and you won’t need to resubmit your form or any related information. If your form is unavailable when you or your family members try to access it, please try again later.

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| **UPCOMING EXAMS** |

**SAT Exam**

**Mar. 9, 2024**

register by Feb. 23

late registration by Feb. 27

**www.collegeboard.org**

**ACT Exam**

**Feb. 10, 2024**

register by Jan. 5

late registration by Jan. 19

**www.act.org**

***Remember you are responsible to have your SAT & ACT scores sent directly to the college.***

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| **SAT REVIEW SESSIONS** |

**Whitman SAT Review Sessions**

**2:30 – 4:00 PM**

**English**                  **Mathematics**  
Tuesday, 1/30          Thursday, 2/1  
Tuesday, 2/6            Thursday, 2/8  
  Tuesday, 2/13          Thursday, 2/15  
Tuesday, 2/27          Thursday, 2/29

If you are interested in signing up for the free SAT review sessions at Whitman,

please stop by the Counseling Center to sign up by January 20th. Seats are limited.

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

* **Dr. Eric Tobias**: The dental office of Dr. Eric Tobias is looking for an intern interested in pursuing a career in the dental field to work two days per week at their general dentistry practice.
* **Hidden Smiles Orthodontia**: The orthodontic office of Hidden Smiles is looking for an intern interested in learning about the field of orthodontia with plans to pursue this field on the post-secondary level.
* **Police Explorers**: The 2nd precinct of the SCPD is accepting applications for its Police Explorers program. This program is for students between the ages of 14-20 who have an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

For more information, contact Tracy D’Alonzo, Internship Coordinator at

[trdalonzo@shufsd.org](mailto:trdalonzo@shufsd.org) or call (631) 812-3820.

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| **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** |

**Long Island Mathematics Conference Board Scholarship**

The Long Island Mathematics Conference Board will award up to four $1,500 scholarships to deserving Long Island students of African American, Native American or Non-European Hispanic American descent. You must plan to major in mathematics at an accredited college or university of your choice.

***Amount of Award: $1,500 (4)***

***Application Deadline: January 12, 2024***

[***https://limathconference.org/scholarship/***](https://limathconference.org/scholarship/)

**Prestige Photography Scholarship**

Tell Prestige Photography what your senior photos mean to you for a chance to receive one of three scholarships toward your academic or career goals. See website for application and further details.

***Amount of Award: $1,000 (3)***

***Deadline for entry: January 31, 2024***

***<https://prestigeportraits.com/get-inspired/prestige-college-scholarships/>***

**New York State Public Housing Authority Directors Association Scholarship (NYSPHADA)**

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, NYSPHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter higher level learning (defined as a 2-4 year college, trade school or formal certification program). NYSPHADA will award (1) scholarship to a deserving youth currently residing in a NYSPHADA member agency.

***Amount of award: $2,500***

***Runner up - $1,000***

***Deadline for entry: February 5, 2024***

[***https://nysphada.org/nysphada-scholarship/***](https://nysphada.org/nysphada-scholarship/)

**Davidson Fellows Scholarship**

Available to students 18 or younger. Applicants must complete a significant piece of work in one of the submission categories below; be able to demonstrate that the work is his or her own creation; be able to attend (with at least one parent or guardian) the awards reception in Washington, DC in Sept. (with travel and lodging expenses paid for by the Institute). Applicants must contribute a work that is recognized as an outstanding accomplishment by experts in the field and has the potential to benefit society. Examples of the qualifying work of past recipients are available on their website. Applicants may apply in one of the following categories**: Mathematics, Science**, **Literature, Music, Technology, Engineering, Philosophy and Outside the Box.** For the application, including rules and regulations, visit their website.

***Amount of award: $10,000-$50,000***

***Deadline for entry: 11:59 PST on February 14, 2024***

***[www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-programs/fellows-scholarship/](http://www.davidsongifted.org/gifted-programs/fellows-scholarship/)***

**Gordon A. Rich Memorial Foundation**

Available to seniors whose parents and/or legal guardians have, or had, a career in the financial services industry. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, rank in the top 20% of their class, and demonstrate financial need. Taking the ACT and/or SAT and providing test scores is optional. Submitted scores will be taken into consideration during the selection process. See website for application and further details.

***Amount of award: $12,500/year-4 years  
Deadline for entry: February 20, 2024***

[***www.gordonrich.org***](http://www.gordonrich.org)

**Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship**

Available to seniors who have **promoted vegetarianism** (not eating meat, fish, or fowl) **in their schools and/or communities.** Applicants will be judged on having shown compassion, courage, and a strong commitment to promoting a peaceful world through a vegetarian diet/lifestyle. Further information regarding essay requirement and application available through website.

***Amount of award:  1 - $10,000 and 4 - $5,000***

***Deadline for entry: February 20, 2024***

[***https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm***](https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm)

**New York Water Environment Association**

The New York Water Environment Association is a non-profit educational organization of water professionals promoting sustainable clean water quality management through science, education and training.

***Amount of award:***

$50,000 in scholarships available.

Environmental Career scholarship of $12,000, Nicholas J. Bartilucci scholarship of $6,000, General scholarships of $4,000

***Application deadline: 5:00PM EST on February 28, 2024***

[**www.nywea.org/SitePages/Scholarships/default.aspx**](http://www.nywea.org/SitePages/Scholarships/default.aspx%20)

**Ned Carter Memorial Scholarship**

Eligible to high school seniors who will be attending a two or four year college upon graduation. Applicants must be related to a firefighter, be a firefighter or be an Explorer/Junior Member in a fire department or fire district that is currently a paid up member of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. For further details visit the website.

***Amount of award: $1,500 (4)***

***Deadline for entry: March 2, 2024***

[***www.afdsny.org/application.php***](https://www.afdsny.org/application.php)

**Junior Welfare League of Huntington, Inc. 2023 Youth in Philanthropy Award**

Open to female high school seniors who reside in the Township of Huntington. Applicants should exhibit all that the JWL of Huntington believes in and strives for: a sense of community, a giving spirit, compassion and a willingness to assist those in need.

***Amount of Award: $1,000***

***Deadline for entry: March 15, 2024***

[***https://jwlhuntington.org/scholarships/***](https://jwlhuntington.org/scholarships/)

**The Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in American History for Nassau/Suffolk High School Seniors**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Nassau/Suffolk County high school senior who will pursue an undergraduate degree with a concentrated study of a minimum of 24 credit hours in American History and/or American Government. The awardees must attend a 4-year accredited college or university or academic institution subject to Board approval. The Foundation will accept a maximum of 3 applicants from each High School located in Nassau/Suffolk, New York.

***Amount of Award: $10,000 yearly (for 4 years of degree completion)***

***Deadline for Entry: March 31, 2024***

[**https://www.rdlgfoundation.org/news.php**](https://www.rdlgfoundation.org/news.php)

**Island Federal Scholarship Program**

Available to all 2024 graduating High School Seniors who are pursuing advanced, full time study after graduation and who hold an Island Federal Cash Back Checking Account & Debit Mastercard at the time the entry form is submitted. See website for application and further details.

***Amount of award: $ 10,000 (3)***

***$ 2,500 (8)***

***Deadline for entry: April 19, 2024***

[***https://islandfcu.org/island-scholarship***](https://islandfcu.org/island-scholarship)

**The Twenty-Fourth Annual Julie Peierls Scholarship**

An annual scholarship of $1,000 will be presented to a graduating senior from a Long Island High School in memory of Long Island actress Julie Peierls, who passed away in November of 1999. The student must be a Long Island resident who plans to pursue a career in the professional Theatre and will be continuing his/her theatrical education on a college (a major in theatre or musical theatre) or conservatory level. Students will be required to submit a completed application as well as participate in an audition and an interview.

***Amount of award: $1,000***

***Deadline for entry: June 1, 2024***

[***www.theatrethree.com/peierlsscholarship.html***](http://www.theatrethree.com/peierlsscholarship.html)

**Citizens**

Citizens wants to honor the dedication of students and families pursuing higher learning! Fill out the registration form (link below) to be entered for a chance to win a Grand Prize of $15,000 to use towards school expenses and one of the $2,500 monthly prizes for use towards school expenses. Additionally, each quarter a student who meets the required criteria for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship Prize will be eligible to win a $2,500 quarterly prize for use towards school expenses.

***Amount of Award: Varies***

***Deadline for entry: June 30, 2024***

***Application:***

[***https://www.citizensbank.com/student-loans/scholarship.aspx#enter-to-win***](https://www.citizensbank.com/student-loans/scholarship.aspx#enter-to-win)

***Adventureland’s Helping Hands Foundation’s Vivian & Tony Gentile Scholarship***

Applicants must be attending a college or university on Long Island. Tony Gentile created annual community events at Adventureland like Safe Halloween and developed philanthropic relations with local non-profits like the Helen Keller School & Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Applicants should exemplify Tony’s knack for business, passion for family and commitment to education, and dedication to the Long Island Community.

***Amount of Award: $5,000 (5)***

***Deadline for entry: July 5, 2024***

***Visit:*** [***www.helpinghandsli.org***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org)

***Application:***

[***http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-General-App-2024.pdf***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-General-App-2024.pdf)

***Adventureland’s Helping Hands Foundation’s Sachem Dental Group Scholarship***

A current high school senior who will be enrolled as a full time student at a college/university on Long Island in the fall of 2024 and will be studying in the fields of biology, chemistry, pre-med/pre-dental, or another associated medical profession.

***Amount of Award: $5,000 (1)***

***Deadline for entry: July 5, 2024***

***Visit:*** [***www.helpinghandsli.org***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org)

***Application:***

[***http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-Sachem-Dental-Group-App-2024.pdf***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-Sachem-Dental-Group-App-2024.pdf)

***Adventureland’s Helping Hands Foundation’s Island Harvest Partnership***

A current high school senior who will be enrolled as a full time student at a college/university on Long Island in the fall of 2024.

***Amount of Award: $5,000 (1)***

***Deadline for entry: July 5, 2024***

***Visit:*** [***www.helpinghandsli.org***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org)

***Application:***

[***http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-Island-Harvest-App-2024.pdf***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-Island-Harvest-App-2024.pdf)

***Adventureland’s Helping Hands Foundation’s JDRF Partnership***

JDRF is the leading global organization harnessing the power of research, advocacy, and community engagement to advance life-changing breakthroughs for type 1 diabetes (T1D). This scholarship is for a current high school senior who will be enrolled as a full time student at a college/university in New York in the fall of 2024. See website and application and further details.

***Amount of Award: $5,000 (1)***

***Deadline for entry: July 5, 2024***

***Visit:*** [***www.helpinghandsli.org***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org)

***Application:***

[***http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-JDRF-App-2024.pdf***](http://www.helpinghandsli.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/HHF-JDRF-App-2024.pdf)

Did you know you can use Naviance to find scholarships available to Whitman students?  All you have to do is log into Naviance, click on **Colleges** and explore within the **Scholarships and Money** section. Whitman's database can be found within the **Scholarship Search** link**.**These include local and national scholarships.  Be sure to read the requirements and instructions carefully!

https://student.naviance.com/wwhs



**Last Chance to Order Your Cap and Gown**

We reopened the **cap and gown online order website** for one last shot at getting you your cap and gown by June.  Please visit:

<https://waltwhitmanhs.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome>

or scan:



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