Important Financial Aid information

Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

Two very important applications opened on **October 1st**. Both applications can help your senior earn scholarships and/or grants to help pay for college. Below is a brief description of each:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (Federal and institutional aid)
The FAFSA is a federal application that could help students qualify for up to $6400 in Pell Grant (money from the Federal Government that does not need to be paid back) or additional institutional aid.

You will need a copy of the parents/guardians 2020 taxes to complete this application. The Pell Grant is need based and therefore some families may not qualify due to income. It is best for every family to complete the FAFSA as institutions may be able to provide additional institutional aid, need or merit based, if the FAFSA is on file.
https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa

For help with completing the FAFSA application, please visit:
https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out

Students will need to create an FSA ID username and password prior to starting the FAFSA application. The FSA ID serves as an electronic signature in order to submit the FAFSA application via the website. Each senior should create his/her own FSA ID username and password as one or both parents/guardians should as well.
https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) (State aid to include Bright Futures)
The FFAA must be completed in order for students to receive the Bright Futures scholarship as well as many other scholarships and grants offered by the state of Florida.

Students must complete this application as soon as possible and continue to work on meeting all eligibility requirements for Bright Futures prior to the end of their senior year.

Students may qualify for other scholarships if they do not meet the requirements for Bright Futures. For more information, visit the following link:
https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home

Scholarship Information

RAISE.ME

Need money to help pay for college?
Have you created your student profile on Raise.me?
If you haven't, what are you waiting for?
Over 1500 LNHS students have joined Raise.me and have collectively earned over $112 million dollars!
It's super easy to do, simply:

1. Use the link: https://www.raise.me/join/lake-nona-high

2. Create a student profile and update regularly with your grades, community service involvement, clubs or sports you participate in, test scores, attendance and many other categories.

3. Choose which colleges you would like to follow. These colleges will reward you with micro-scholarships for all of the great things you are doing in high school. It's like a savings account for each institution you choose to follow that will grow every time you update your profile.

4. Once you apply to one of the colleges you follow on Raise.me, are accepted and enroll at the institution, any money earned on the Raise.me website will be deposited to your student account at the college and will be divided up into a 4 year scholarship!

    Start searching for scholarships today with these scholarship databases:

    ●   http://www.fastweb.com/
    ●   https://www.petersons.com/
    ●   https://www.unigo.com/
    ●   https://www.cappex.com/
    ●   https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
    ●   https://www.scholarships.com/
    ●   http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/
    ●   https://www.thedream.us/scholarships/

Other Scholarship Opportunities (see dates)

Please check the Class of 2022 Google Classroom page for additional scholarship opportunities.   Code: nug4qew

OCPS Scholarship Bulletin http://bit.ly/2MhVIFc

Coca Cola Scholarship
Eligibility requirements:
3.0 GPA
U.S. citizen or permanent resident
Must list extracurricular activities and demonstrate leadership
Please check the website for a complete list of eligibility requirements.
Application deadline: October 31st, 2021 5 PM EST.
https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/

Stokes Scholarship
Up to $30,000 per year
Eligibility requirements:
Must be a minority student planning on majoring in Chinese, Russian, Computer Science, or Electrical Engineering.
3.0 GPA
U.S. Citizen
Summer Internship included
Application deadline: October 31st, 2021
https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html

Create Real Impact Scholarship
Create an original work showcasing your idea for a solution or strategy to fix the very real problem of reckless and distracted driving.
Application deadline: November 3rd, 2021
https://createrealimpact.com/

Hispanic Heritage Foundation
$2500
Application deadline: November 14
Student must be of Hispanic Heritage, 3.0 unweighted GPA, qualify for DACA or US citizen or resident
(Brazil, Philippines and Spain included in Hispanic Heritage)
https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

Mark Forged Engineers Grant
$2200
Eligibility requirements:
Student must be African American planning to major in any type of engineering.
Application deadline: November 19th, 2021
https://bold.org

Rumba Meats
$1000
Application deadline: November 30
Student must be of Hispanic Heritage. 2.5 GPA
https://www.ushli.org/rumba/