



Orange County Public

# LAKE NONA

High School

## Important Financial Aid information

Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

Two very important applications opened on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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)***

The FAFSA application will help some students qualify for up to \$6000 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 2017 taxes to complete this application. The Pell Grant is need based therefore based on income some families may or may not qualify. 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 take a look at this resource: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2018-19-completing-fafsa.pdf->

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://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

### ***Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)***

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>



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## 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/>



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## Other Scholarship Opportunities (see dates)

Please check the Class of 2021 Google Classroom page for additional scholarship opportunities.

Code: m5makn6

### OCPS Scholarship Bulletin

<http://bit.ly/2MhVIFc>

### Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Award

Student must be of Hispanic Heritage, 3.0 GPA

Application deadline: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org>

### Pumphrey Law Firm

\$250-\$750 scholarship

Application deadline: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Student must be a U.S. Citizen and must write an 850 word essay.

<https://www.pumphreylawfirm.com/resources/pumphrey-law-scholarship/>

### The Science Ambassador Scholarship

Application deadline: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12:59 PM ET

<https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/#apply>

### OohLaLaPets Scholarship

\$1000 scholarship

Application deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<https://oohlalapets.com/scholarships/>

GE Reagan Foundation

\$40,000 scholarship

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. Community Service and leadership experience preferred.

Application deadline: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>

Project Weather Scholarship

Application deadline: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<https://mynews13.com/projectweather>

I Have a Dream Scholarship

\$1500 scholarship

U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

250 word essay on: "We want know...what do you dream about?"

Application deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

**Public Education and Citizenship Statewide Essay Program 2020-2021**

This essay contest is for seniors planning on attending a State of Florida supported institution.

Please check the Class of 2021 Google Classroom Page for complete application packet.

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