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# Counseling Connection

Gibbs High School Counseling Department Newsletter

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## Special Senior Edition

Seniors,  
The year is flying by, and you all will be graduates before we know it! Counselors want to remind you of the following:

- Keep track of your grades
- Do your FAFSA!
- Visit/Apply/Select your College
- Talk to us about joining the military or workforce
- Apply, apply, apply for Scholarships!

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

FAFSA- Complete by  
2/1/21

Winter Break - 12/21/20-  
1/1/21

In-Service - No School  
for Students - 1/4/21

Scholarship Deadlines -  
Varied

### Early Grads

Must have the following items complete by **December 18th** at **10:00am**


- Early Grad Exit Checklist returned to Mrs. Hipsher
- Chromebook returned
- All outstanding School Fees paid
- Senior Fees paid & Cap and Gown Ordered



# SENIOR SPOT

## **scholarships!**

### Scholarships

- [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship - Due Oct. 30](#) 
- [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarships - Due Oct. 31](#) 
- [Mascot Lodge Scholarship - Due Dec. 16](#) 
- [Horatio Alger Association Scholarship - Varying Due Dates](#) 
- [UT Promise](#) 

### **Mascot Lodge Scholarship**

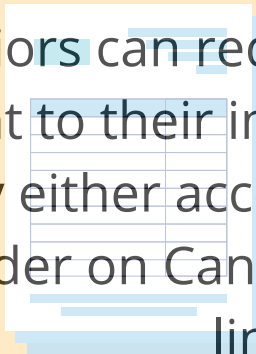
This is a local scholarship that one Gibbs HS Senior is guaranteed to receive, so apply soon!

Download an application [here](#), or pick up a copy on the bulletin board outside the Counseling Office.

**Due to Mrs. Hogan by December 16**  
**Can be emailed to**  
**[malee.hogan@knoxschools.org](mailto:malee.hogan@knoxschools.org)**

### **Transcript Requests**

Seniors can request a transcript be sent to their institutions of choice by either accessing their Senior Folder on Canvas or following the [link here](#).



Check the Senior Folder on Canvas or the GHS website for access to these applications & more!

### **OppU Achievers Scholarship**

To be eligible for the OppU Achievers Scholarship, a student must:  
Be enrolled full time in high school or at least part time in college, graduate, professional, or trade school.  
Possess a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0/4.0  
Apply [HERE!](#) **Deadline-December 31**



### Cap & Gown, Senior Fees, & More!



## SENIOR SPOT

# TN Promise Information

- [TN Promise Introductory Webinar](#)
- After viewing the webinar, you will be prompted to activate your tnAchieves CONNECT account
- Access and become familiar with the [Class of 2021 Student Handbook](#)
- [Community Service Information](#)
- [Complete the FAFSA prior to February 2, 2021](#)
- Watch the mandatory Spring Webinar once made available by tnAchieves

TN Promise students will receive an email from tnAchieves every Monday that will include TN Promise information, tnAchieves updates and other information that is directly related to your TN Promise scholarship and eligibility, so check your email often!



## FAFSA - Deadline February 2, 2021

Direct Student FAFSA Assistance:

**Watch** Our “How to Complete a FAFSA” Videos. These quick videos walk students through each step of completing a FAFSA. Videos can be accessed on YouTube [here](#).

**Attend** a Live Virtual Workshop. We offer two virtual workshops every week in which a Tennessee FAFSA expert will walk students through the steps of completing the FAFSA. Students can register for a workshop [here](#).

**Contact** Us. If students need additional assistance completing the FAFSA, they can reach out to FAFSA experts at [FAFSA.Help@tn.gov](mailto:FAFSA.Help@tn.gov). A FAFSA hotline has been established to provide a direct point of contact for students and their families to receive FAFSA help: 615-350-8668.