

## Financial Aid for Seniors 2009-2010

The Counseling Center will prepare materials to assist seniors in their search for scholarship funds. This information is to assist students to identify possible scholarship opportunities for which they meet the eligibility requirements.

All scholarship information received by the Counseling Center will be available for viewing on the Anchor Bay High School website [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net). The cumulative scholarship calendar will give you the scholarships available and the application due dates. Click on scholarships under the quick links to view opportunities.

There are additional websites available under the quick links that have proven to be helpful. The [www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com) site will provide the opportunity to view information about specific majors as well as criteria that could be useful in the final selection of a major. The [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) site is a website for researching possible scholarship opportunities. The [www.weeklyscholarshipalert.org](http://www.weeklyscholarshipalert.org) is a free resource for college-bound students and their parents. Using the financial aid quick link you will find other websites.

In addition, a scholarship notebook will be maintained in the counseling center with a listing of all current (usually by month) scholarships and appropriate due dates. A monthly calendar and scholarship information will be posted in senior English classes for your student's convenience in identifying opportunities that may be applicable to them. As these scholarship opportunities **are spread over the entire school year**, it is imperative that seniors **check application deadlines on a regular basis.**

Seniors and/or parents are advised to access websites to research additional scholarship opportunities. A list of web sites is available in the counseling center, and on the high school website.

**Two** important items of documentation that we will need on file in the counseling office will be your senior's resume and letters of recommendation that have been requested from instructors and/or non-school sources. The personal profile should be arranged by **year** and include extracurricular activities, honors and/or awards, athletic involvement, non-school activities, community service, work experience and achievements both in school and in the community. It is recommended that students obtain at least **three** letters of recommendation including one from a non-school source. It works **BEST** if an original of each of the above letters is kept on file in the counseling office allowing duplication as needed to complete the student's scholarship applications.

In addition, we will have the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available to students. Remember, these forms cannot be submitted until after **January 1, 2010**, but should be filed no later than **March 1, 2010**, to make sure all deadlines will be met. This application may also be submitted on-line which allows for faster processing and thus, information being forwarded to the college sooner.