

WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN



September 2017

Issue 1

2017-2018 SAT Dates

| Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| *October 7 | September 8 |
| *November 4 | October 6 |
| December 2 | November 3 |
| March 10 | February 9 |
| *May 5 | April 6 |
| June 2 | May 4 |

* Given at Woodruff

- Register online at www.collegeboard.com
- Woodruff's School Code = 412170
- Cost: \$46 (without essay); \$60 (with essay)

2017-2018 ACT Dates

| Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| *September 9 | August 4 |
| October 28 | September 22 |
| December 9 | November 3 |
| *February 10 | January 12 |
| April 14 | March 9 |
| June 10 | May 5 |
| July 17 | June 15 |

* Given at Woodruff

- Register online at www.actstudent.org
- Woodruff's School Code: 412170
- Cost: \$46 (no writing); \$62.50 (with writing)



If you are interested in receiving an email copy of the Scholarship Bulletin or updates from Guidance, please email Ms. Abrams at habrams@spartanburg4.org.

Upcoming Events

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| September 6 - Duke University* (7:00am) |
| September 9 - ACT @ WHS |
| September 12 - US Army* |
| September 13 - Wofford College* |
| September 19 - US Army* |
| September 20 - Ed-Op College Fair |

*Representatives will be located in the lobby during lunches.



Woodruff High School has partnered with Parchment to provide secure online transcript ordering 24/7. The Guidance Department is accepting transcript requests through Parchment. Create an account online at parchment.com/register.

For questions, see Guidance.

Guidance Counselors

Mr. Blake Elder - A - G
Ms. Natalie Keller - H - P
Ms. Heather Abrams - Q - Z

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STATE FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

South Carolina HOPE Scholarship

This is a \$2,800 one-time scholarship awarded during the first year of college to students attending a four-year SC college. To qualify for this scholarship, students must graduate with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA but do not qualify for the LIFE scholarship. HOPE scholarship recipients who earn a 3.0 GPA at the end of their first year of college may receive the LIFE Scholarship for their second year of college. No application is necessary. Eligibility is based on the final high school transcript. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

South Carolina LIFE Scholarship*

This is a \$5,000 renewable scholarship. For students attending a four-year SC college, they must meet two out of the following three criteria: 1100 SAT or 24 ACT; rank top 30% of graduating class; final minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. For students attending a two-year SC college, they must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (the test score and class rank requirements are waived). No application is necessary. Eligibility is based on the final high school transcript. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship*

This is a \$6,700 renewable scholarship for students attending a four-year SC college. Students may be eligible to apply if they meet the following **three** criteria: 1200 SAT or 27 ACT, 3.5 cumulative GPA, top 6% of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior or senior year; or meet the following **two** criteria 1400 SAT or 32 ACT and a 4.0 GPA at the end of the junior or senior year. Students that meet the criteria will be notified by guidance to complete the application.

*Scholarship Enhancements are available for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships. Enhancements are additional \$2,500 provided on top of the LIFE and Palmetto Fellows award amount beginning sophomore year of college to students who major in a mathematics or science related field, complete 14 credit hours in math or science related courses during their freshman year, and earn a 3.0 GPA at the end of their first year of college.

Information about state scholarships is available at
www.che.sc.gov.

Horatio Alger Scholarship Deadline: October 25

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

To apply, visit scholars.horatioalger.org.



Wendy's High School Heisman Deadline: October 2

Wendy's is giving away 100 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 through their High School Heisman program. This program recognizes students for their excellence and leadership in the classroom, on the playing field and court, and within their communities. Any male or female in the Class of 2018 who has a B average and participated in at least one school-sponsored sport can apply online at www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com.

YoungArts Foundation Scholarship Deadline: Oct. 13

This foundation awards scholarships, career opportunities and professional contacts for outstanding students of the arts. For details on the application and organization, visit www.youngarts.org/apply or email apply@youngarts.org.



WHS College Visitation Procedures

Seniors are allowed two college visit days. Contact the college/university you intend to visit to confirm an acceptable date. Be sure to avoid exam dates or other assigned tests. Students approved for a college visit will be excused from classes on the designated day by submitting the "College Visitation Request Form" (available in Guidance) a week prior to the visit to your guidance counselor and submitting a note on college or military letterhead no later than one week after the visit to Mrs. Pace in attendance.

Fall College Open Houses

Check out the college's website for more information.

Anderson University – Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 10

Coastal Carolina - Nov. 11

Charleston Southern – Oct. 21

The Citadel (overnight)- Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 19, Nov. 30

Clemson University – Oct. 20

Converse College – Sept. 22, Oct. 20

Erskine College - Nov. 10, Dec. 1

Francis Marion University – Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

Furman University - Oct. 14

Lander University – Sept. 30, Nov. 18

Limestone College - Nov. 10

Newberry College - Oct. 30, Nov. 11

North Greenville University – Sept. 23, Nov. 10

Presbyterian College – Sept. 30, Nov. 18

Southern Wesleyan University - Sept. 18

Spartanburg Methodist College - Oct. 21

USC Aiken – Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18

USC Columbia– Sept. 30, Oct. 14

USC Upstate - Nov. 17

Winthrop University – Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 18

Wofford College - Sept. 23, Oct. 28

Application Etiquette

- ✓ Your application is your first impression to the institution - remember to be professional.
- ✓ Use only blue or black ink when completing paper applications.
- ✓ Write legibly. If institutions cannot read what you wrote, they may discard your application. At the very least, your application will be delayed in processing.
- ✓ Write a rough draft of your application essay and proofread, proofread, proofread. Ask your guidance counselor, teacher or family member for feedback on your essay.
- ✓ Avoid texting language. Be sure to review your application for grammar, spelling and typo mistakes.
- ✓ Ask for recommendation letters. Request the recommendation at least two (preferably three) weeks in advance of the deadline. Provide your recommender with detailed information about the institution, scholarship, or opportunity.

REMIND

The Guidance Department has created a "Class of 2018" class through Remind. Remind is a free app that lets you communicate with your teachers - right from your phone. There are several ways you can join:

- ⇒ If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.
 1. Download the Remind app from the Apple App Store or Google Play
 2. Sign up for an account and enter the code **whssc2018** to join Class of 2018.
- ⇒ If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.
 1. Text the message **@whsc2018** to the number **81010**.
 2. If you are having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@whssc2018** to **(717) 739-0155**.

College Vocabulary to Know

Accreditation – A process of validation in which colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning are evaluated. For students, accreditation provides value related to not only judging quality, but also obtaining employment, receiving student aid and transferring credits.

Early Action (EA) – An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action.

Early Decision (ED) – An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. Early decision plans are binding.

Priority Date or Deadline – The date by which your application – whether it’s for college admission, student housing or financial aid – must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

Rolling Admission – An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch.



NCAA Eligibility

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- ⇒ Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to register.
- ⇒ Submit your transcript to NCAA.
- ⇒ Take the SAT or ACT and use the code “9999” to have your official scores sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.



See Mr. Elder in Guidance if you have questions.