

## 2020-21 Scholarship List South Central Jr. – Sr. High School

### **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

This becomes available on October 1, 2020. All students planning to further their education after high school should fill this out. This form is the qualifier for federal and state aid and allows students and parents to receive student loan information as well. Some colleges require students to fill this out before they will consider awarding them any merit based scholarships. The filing deadline for the state of Indiana is April 15, 2021. However, please note, different colleges have different (sometimes earlier) deadlines. For more information visit the official FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm> . Seniors (Class of 2021, make sure to fill out the FAFSA for year 2021-22, the year that you will be starting college.)

### **General Scholarship Search Engines**

<http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships/> - This scholarship database offers over 20,000 free-to-apply, sortable scholarships based on location, major, GPA, ethnicity, etc. In addition, they answer some frequently asked questions such as avoiding scholarship scams and tips on applying for scholarships.

<https://www.fastweb.com/> - This website is a connection to scholarships, colleges, financial aid information, and more.

### **Merit Based Scholarship/College Specific Scholarships**

Many colleges offer scholarships specific to their school and even specific to the major that you plan to have. Make sure to check out the website for each college you apply to for details. Typically, students can type in the name of the college followed by “Freshman Scholarships” to an internet search engine and it will pull up the list. Merit scholarships can be based on such things as G.P.A. and SAT and/or ACT test scores. Some colleges automatically consider students for these once they get all materials (application, transcripts, SAT/ACT test scores. Other schools require a separate application for consideration). There are a few colleges that require SAT and ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency and this can take about a month so don't delay. Deadlines to be considered for these Merit Scholarships can be as early as November 1<sup>st</sup>!!

### **NCAA/NAIA**

Students who intend to or hope to continue their athletic career in college should make sure they have registered with the appropriate Clearinghouse Eligibility Center. Mrs. Randall and/or Mr. Haggard will be happy to assist student athletes with this.

### **Other Scholarships Specific to Seniors:**

**Check back often – new scholarships will be added once we are made aware of them.**

## College Board Opportunity Scholarships

**Deadline: Ongoing**

This program is run by College Board, the same organization that is in charge of the PSAT, SAT, and AP Programs. It doesn't require an essay, application, or minimum GPA. Instead, it rewards your effort and initiative. Complete key steps along your path to college for a chance to earn scholarships. Steps include:

- Build Your College List - \$500
- Practice for the SAT (Khan Academy) - \$1,000
- Improve Your Score - \$2,000
- Strengthen Your College List - \$500
- Complete the FAFSA - \$1,000
- Apply to Colleges - \$1,000
- Complete the Journey - \$40,000

Students who complete the various steps by the deadlines will be entered into a random drawing to have a chance to win the various money prizes.

See their website at <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/> for more details.

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program will remain open to the class of 2021 through the end of February.

## Hagan Scholarship

**Deadline: November 15, 2020**

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, designed to provide each recipient with the opportunity to Graduate College Debt-Free. Recipients of a Hagan Scholarship will graduate from an [Eligible Public High School](#) located in a county having fewer than 50,000 residents or from a remote rural public high school located in a larger county. There is NO Application Fee. To find out more visit [Haganscholarships.org](http://Haganscholarships.org).

Hagan Scholarship recipients are high achieving, self-motivated students who will require substantial financial assistance to attend college. The Hagan Scholarship provides up to \$48,000 over four years. Over 2,000 Hagan Scholarships have been awarded to date, 500 more scholarships will be awarded in April 2021.

Eligibility Requirements include the following:

ACT and SAT scores are not required

Must attend an Eligible Public High School (SC is included.)

FAFSA EFC must not exceed \$6,500.

Must be a U.S. Citizen.

Must have achieved a 3.75 CGPA based on a 4.0 Scale.

Must be ranked by the school and in the top 20% of the high school graduating class.

Must enroll at an eligible four-year college or university the first semester following high school graduation.

Must work 240 hours in the twelve months prior to the start of each year of college.

Must apply for eligible Federal and State grants.

Must not have a felony conviction.

## **Other Contests Not Specific to Seniors/For Other Grades:**

### **Louie's Tux Shop Model Search 2021**

**Register ASAP – online voting until  
October 13, 2020**

Louie's Tux Shop is hosting their annual statewide Model Search. Each year they bring together a 100% local cast comprised of twenty students and at the completion of the hot shoot, two students will be named "Top Model" and receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Ten students will be chosen by online voting by their peers and another ten students will be chosen by the Selection Committee. All photo shoot participants will have an equal chance of winning the scholarships. Any student currently in high school (Grades 9-12) can enter/apply.

Find more info and sign up online at <https://www.louiestuxshop.com/model-search> .

### **RaiseMe**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

Students enter and can achieve "micro- scholarships" for their various achievements and activities. Things such as course grades and club, sport, and volunteer activities can count. For example, earning an A in a Core class can earn you up to \$1,000 and a leadership role in a sport activity can earn you up to \$1,500. Note, not all colleges and universities participate, but there are many that do.

Visit their website at <https://www.raise.me/> to create an account profile.

### **Youth Power and Hope Awards**

**Deadline: October 2, 2020**

This awards program honors fifth through eighth graders who are leaders in their community. Five winners will each receive \$500 and be featured in an upcoming edition of Indiana Connection (R.E.M.C. Cooperative publication).

Interested? Simply submit an application, examples of how you have been involved in your local community, and a reference letter from a trusted adult. Visit <https://www.indianaconnection.org/for-youth/youth-power-and-hope/> for an application and to learn about past award recipients. You can also contact them at [info@IndianaConnection.org](mailto:info@IndianaConnection.org) or call (317) 487-2220 if you have any questions.

### **VFW Voice of Democracy Contest**

**Deadline: October 31, 2020**

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12. Students will write and then record an original 3-5 minute essay on an audio CD or flash drive with the theme, "*Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?*"

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national levels.

Contact Mrs. Randall for an application if you are interested in applying.

### **VFW Patriot's Pen Contest**

**Deadline: October 31, 2020**

Patriot's Pen is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and is a nationwide, VFW-sponsored youth essay competition. The contest consists of four levels: Post; District/Regional; State; and

National with various awards and recognitions along the way. The grand prize is a \$5,000 Award! The theme of this year's contest is "*What is Patriotism to Me?*".

Contact Mrs. Randall for an application form that contains complete details about this contest.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

**Deadline: November 10, 2020**

Any student who is in grades 5-12 and is a legal resident of the United States and who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2019 is eligible to apply. Students will need to complete applications online at <https://spirit.prudential.com/> and then submit the application to your school principal. One middle level Local Honoree (grades 5-8) and one high school Local Honoree (grades 9-12) will be selected and certified by their school. Those students will then have their applications entered into state (and possibly national) competitions for a chance to win monetary awards and recognition.