



# CHS Senior NEWSLETTER

September 2025

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### The Coolidge Foundation Economic Essay

This essay contest asks you to consider the topics of protectionism and national security, and in particular a 1920 measure known as the Jones Act. The Jones Act was crafted to strengthen America's naval defense in time of war. Congress also sought to give advantages to American shipping over foreign competitors. Did the Jones Act work? *You decide*. Deadline September 10<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.coolidgereview.com/essay-contest>

### Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway

Must be planning to enroll at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university. Applicants must submit an essay, with a 50 character introduction and 350-character explanation, on their goals and how they want to change the world. They must also submit 1-minute video focusing on how winning this tuition will impact their life, show their personality, and elaborate on their academic and professional goals. Scholarship opens 9/1! Deadline is September 30, 2025 For more information: <https://www.drpepper.com/tuition/>

### ConnectHer Film Festival

High school and college students submit original short films focused on critical women's issues such as girls' education, ending violence against women, poverty & economic independence, and authentic beauty/body image and more! Film must be 3-6 minutes. Deadline is 10/1! For more information: <https://connectherfilmfest.org/>

### VFW Voice of Democracy

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?" The deadline is Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information: <https://vfwar.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79991>

### Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Must be a high school senior and a US resident. Deadline is November 13, 2024. Apply online. <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

### Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Must be planning to enroll at an accredited 4 yr. school and have a minimum unweighted GPA 3.75, demonstrate financial need. Deadline is November 14, 2024. For more information: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

## Key Dates

9/10/24 CHS Open House 3:45-6:30

9/11 ASVAB Sign up in Counseling Dept.

9/12/24: FSA ID Night

9/15 The Gates Scholarship deadline

9/30 Coca Cola Scholarship deadline

### Fee Waivers for college applications:

9/15-9/21 Belmont University use code: TNWEEK

9/1-9/30 ETSU use code: TNFREEAPP26

9/15-9/30 Lipscomb University use code: THEC25

Miligan University use code: BUFFALO26

9/15-9/19 TN Tech no code

9/15-9/19 UTC use code: FREEAPP26

9/17 UT no code

9/15-9/19 Vanderbilt University no code

9/18 WSCC application day

9/19 TCAT Field Trip, see AYERS for more info

9/25 Jostens meeting in the gym @ 11:30

9/30/25 Senior ACT Retake

The ACT is a graduation requirement; it can also lead to scholarships depending on your composite score. If you need study material, please see counseling dept.

10/3 Selective Service Sign UP

11/12 ELKS Most Valuable Student Scholarship deadline

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