

# Counseling Clips From PVHS

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## New Scholarships in the Counseling Office . . .

New Scholarships found on the  
**www.pvhsscholarships.wet  
paint.com** web site include:

**Loren Mall Leadership** — male,  
planning to attend Kansas State

**Republic Co Farm Bureau** —  
March 25 deadline, parents must be  
members

**Kansas Society of Certified Public  
Accountants** — must enter an  
accounting field

**Republic County Livestock  
Association**

**Kansas County Clerks and Election  
Officials** — must enter Journalism,  
Political Science, or Communications  
April 2 deadline.



### Harold and Mabel Hammer Memorial Scholarship

Once again Ron and Virginia Hawley and their children will provide a \$2,000 scholarship to a Pike Valley senior in honor of Virginia's parents, Harold and Mabel Hammer. Applications will be available sometime during the first week of March and will be due to Mrs. Scrivner early in April. Please take advantage of this tremendous opportunity for Pike Valley seniors only and complete the application process.

## General Financial Aid Types

**Federal Aid:** Aid that comes from the U.S. government. This aid is usually disbursed through your school.

**Gift Aid:** Financial aid that does not need to be paid back

*Grants* — Typically based on financial need

*Scholarships* — Typically based on achievement or talent

**Loans:** Funds that must be paid back later, with interest. Can come from private lender or your college.

**Work-Study:** Provides students with part-time employment year-round. Financial need based.



## FAFSA

When completing the FAFSA for federal aid, the timeline for submission is the sooner the better. This application will ask for the six-character Federal School Code for the school or schools you (the student) are considering attending. Below is a list of some of the codes for schools in Kansas. If the code you need is not listed, be sure to contact Mrs. Scrivner for the school you need.

You may send your financial information to a maximum of six schools free of charge.

Bethel College . . . . .	001905
Bethany College . . . . .	001904
Cloud Co Com Col. . . . .	001909
Emporia State Univ. . . . .	001927
Ft. Hays State Univ . . . . .	001915
Hutchinson Com Col . . . . .	001923
Kansas State Univ. . . . .	001928
Kansas Wesleyan Univ . . . . .	001929
NCK Tech Co. . . . .	005265
University of Kansas . . . . .	001948
Wichita State Univ . . . . .	001950

## Scholarship Reminders

- Watch your due dates
- Type all application materials.
- Make copies of your applications after you have completed them.
- Do NOT take the last copy of any application from the display board.
- Know the type of deadline you are dealing with.

## OTHER INFO!

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## Choosing the College Major

## Extra Curricular Activities

### How can your activities affect your future?

**Scholarships** — Sponsors often ask for a list of jobs, volunteer and extra-curricular activities. Gained skills and accomplishments can set you apart from other scholarship applicants.

**Colleges** — Show an admissions office how your participation in activities has enriched life at your high school, and by extension, how you can enrich your prospective college's campus.

**Essays** — Quality participation activities is a great topic for college and scholarship essays

### What can you do now to enhance the activities you're already involved in?

- ◊ Identify your strengths and preferences with hands-on experience.
- ◊ Keep hard copies of materials from events or projects you help to organize.
- ◊ Maintain a personal record of tasks, responsibilities and achievements.
- ◊ Get more deeply involved with fewer organizations instead of just showing up to many. Use those organizations to develop leadership skills.

## State Assessments

State assessments will be administered to high school students this spring. Reading, Math, and Science will be included in the assessment process. The general assessment schedule is as follows

Some students will be able to repeat tests to give them a better opportunity to meet standards.

**February 23-25**    **Mathematics**  
Some Freshmen/  
Some Sophomores

It is recommended that students get a good nights sleep and eat a good breakfast before taking these tests.

**March 2-4**        **Reading**  
**Juniors**

As results are received, parents and students are welcome to come review the student's scores.

**March 9-11**      **Mathematics**  
Some Freshmen/  
Some Sophomores

See Mrs. Scrivner for these results.

**April 28-29**      **Life Science**  
**Sophomores**

**May 5-7**         **Physical Science**  
**Freshmen**



### Scholarship Tip

Be sure to thank the people who give you scholarships! They are investing in your future!

I came across an article recently written by Scott Keyes, a 2009 graduate of Stanford University discussing the process of choosing a college major.

“Choosing a major is one of the most difficult things students face in college.” One consideration is the wish to study what interests them, and second is the fear that the major they choose will “render them penniless” when they are done.

Scott continues his thoughts with advice to parents. 1. Let the student study a subject he/she has passion for. 2. Don't imply that certain majors don't prepare students for the workplace. 3. Remember you told your student in kindergarten they could grow up to be anything they want to be.

The full length article is on the [pvhsscholarships.wetpaint.com](http://pvhsscholarships.wetpaint.com) web site and is a very thought provoking article. Yet, still the question remains for me, “What do you do with a major is philosophy?”



*“Every thought is a seed.  
If you plant crab apples,  
don't count on harvesting  
golden delicious.”*

*Bill Meyer*

**Next ACT Registration Deadline**  
**March 5, 2010**  
**for**  
**April 10, 2010 Test Date**