



NOVEMBER ONE-LINER 2023



News You Can Use

ARE YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED?

If you are planning on attending any level of post-secondary education, you should be diligently working on your application(s). The first target date of Nov. 1 is here so get those done ASAP!

As you complete college applications, keep in mind a couple of things: 1. Be sure the school meets your needs. 2. Remember that you won't be able to slack off after your last application has been submitted. 3. College admissions officers are increasingly putting more weight on a student's performance during his or her last semester of high school.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION STATUS LETTER?

With the exception of UW-Madison, application status letters should be sent out 2-4 weeks from the time you submitted your application. You should get a formal letter in the mail stating whether you have been accepted, have been put on a wait list or declined admission.

Once you have been accepted, housing and scholarship forms should follow. Be aware of deadlines.

APPLY EARLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING

Students should apply for housing as early as possible. Most campuses send a housing application shortly after the letter of admission. Watch your mail and e-mail closely for housing information 2-3 weeks after you have been admitted.

UNIVERSAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

The presidents from the UW-System and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) have signed the Universal Transfer Agreement. The agreement identifies general education courses that students either at the UW-System or WTCS can transfer to the receiving institution. This collaboration has resulted in numerous transfer opportunities within and between the two systems. Individuals considering a transfer continue to be encouraged to work closely with an academic advisor to ensure that the most efficient transfer of credits occurs.

CROSSING RIVERS HEALTH OPEN HOUSE – NOV. 15 - 4:00-7:00

Take advantage of the exclusive opportunity to explore behind the scenes in the Crossing Rivers Health **Surgical Department** & **Birth Center** & experience interactive demonstrations. You will also meet staff members & learn more about the career opportunities in health care.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS AT NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NICC is just 15 minutes from Dubuque, IA & offers some unique programs worth exploring: Building Construction, Commercial & Industrial Electrician, Construction Equipment Operator, Engineering Technology, Firefighting Specialist, Gas Utility Construction, Large Animal Vet-Tech, Paralegal, Pharmacy Technician, Semi-Truck Driving, Surgical Technician and more. Go to www.nicc.edu/collegeprograms to learn more.

STUDENT/ATHLETE TIME TO REGISTER WITH NCAA

Students looking to participate in a Div. I or II collegiate sport must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Students must request that their ACT scores be forwarded directly to the center by entering code “9999” as a reporting selection when registering for the test. Go to:

<http://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

COLLEGE MAJORS 101

Get up-close and personal with over 150 majors. Choose from any major and gain insights to help find the perfect fit for you. Let Universities contact you about your major interests by registering in the area called “Get Recruited” and/or enjoy featured videos of your college choice.

FREE FIREFIGHTING TRAINING

The Bloomington Fire Department is looking for volunteers. If any junior or senior is interested in becoming a fire fighter & joining the department, contact Tom Hoffman – tom.hoffman@warcotransportation.com.

You must be 17 years of age or older and the department will pay for your training.



VISITING SCHOOL CAMPUSES

Four-Year Campus Preview Days – Check online for specialty preview days at all campuses.

SOUTHWEST TECH'S CAMPUS VISIT OPTIONS

Tour & Swag – A one hour personalize visit with a SWTC staff member. Shadow your program of interest, information session & free t-shirt. Registration is required.

Tour & Lunch – A two hour personalize visit with a SWTC staff member. Shadow your program of interest, information session & free lunch. Registration is required.

One on One Personal Visit – Shadow your program for a longer period of time; attend one or more classes. Registration is required.

UW-PLATTEVILLE SPECIAL VISIT DAYS

Pioneer Preview Day – Nov. 17, 2023

Pioneer Farm Tours – Nov. 13 & Dec. 8, 2023

Forensic Investigation Crime Scene House Tour – Dec. 4, 2023

Medical Exploration Day – Nov. 8, 2023

Admitted Student Day – Dec. 1, 2023

UW-MADISON SPECIAL VISIT DAYS

Pharmacy Preview Day – Nov. 4, 2023

ACT[®] Test Dates

2023-24 ACT Dates & Registration

ACT Test Date	ACT Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

Free ACT Test Prep:

1. ACT Academy – go to academy.act.org
2. Preparing for the ACT – This is a booklet that summarizes general test-taking strategies, describes content of each of the tests and informs you of what to expect on test day. It includes an ACT practice test, a sample answer document and scoring instructions.
3. Other Online Options: www.act.org/standard/index.html
www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org



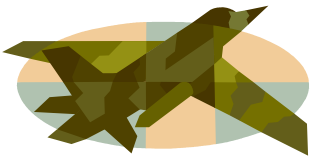
Go to Job Center of Wisconsin - <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>

Cabela's – Hiring part time & seasonal shifts. Starting wage \$15.50 & earn up to \$17.00 per hour. Apply at basspro.com/careers or stop in Ms. Townsend's office for QR code.

Pattison Sand Company – Positions available: Maintenance, Rail Loadout Operators, Mine Laborers, Sand Crushing Line Operators, Entry Level Electricians, Entry Level Heavy Equipment Diesel Mechanics.

Starting wage \$19.50 + an additional \$3.00/hr on night shift. Educational & apprenticeship programs are available.

Apply Online: <http://www.pattisonsand.com/pattison-careers/>



MILITARY INTERESTS

There are many opportunities for training and education through military service. If you are interested in this direction, contact a recruiter in our area and schedule to take the ASVAB (entrance exam for the military).

Prairie du Chien High School is offering the ASVAB on February 7, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Please register with Ms. Townsend



River Ridge Financial Aid Night – Thursday, November 9th @ 7:00 in the middle school gym.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **Changes to the FAFSA:**
 1. The FAFSA release/open date is changing for this year only. Instead of October 1 as it has been for a few years, it will be available sometime in December (the Department of Education has yet to announce an exact date). Next year it will go back to an October 1 open date.
 2. Which parent to include on the FAFSA: In the case of divorced/separated/non-married parents, use the parent who provides more financial support, regardless of which parent the student lived with the most. If parents provide equal amounts of financial support, use the parent who makes the most.
 3. Asset Information: The value of family farms and small businesses, regardless of the number of employees, must be reported (previously farms and small businesses with less than 100 employees didn't have to be reported).
- **You'll use earlier income tax information.** You will be required to report income tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2024-25 FAFSA, you and your parent(s) will report your 2022 income and tax information.
- **Financial aid recommended filing dates** for new freshmen varies from December 1 to March 15 among UW colleges.
- **Financial Changes within Your Family:** Complete the FAFSA with the information it requires and submit it by the priority filing date for maximum consideration. If your financial situation has changed due to job loss, furloughs or pay reductions, submit your FAFSA to the school of choice. Once the school has your data, students and parents can reach out and explain their circumstances. If a student is looking at multiple schools, then that conversation will need to be done with each school, as this professional judgement review is school-specific.



FREE ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES

Now that local scholarships are done, here are some FREE online scholarship search engines that are available to you:

- **[Fastweb](#)/Best for Most Students**
 - You'll answer a detailed questionnaire. The site uses the information you provide to find scholarships, colleges, internships, jobs and more. FastWeb's database contains more than 1.3 million scholarships worth more than \$3 billion.
- **[Cappex](#)/Best Database**
 - Great for students who want to be able to apply for – and track the status of – a large number of scholarships.
- **[Unigo](#)/Best Search**
 - It has more filters and scholarship categories than any other platform — nearly 2,000 in total. The sheer number of filters increases your likelihood of finding promising scholarships faster.
- **[Big Future](#)/Best Resources**
 - College Board will take answers you give in a brief questionnaire and use them to find scholarship opportunities. College Board has a database of more than 2,300 sources of college funding, totaling nearly \$3 billion in available aid.
- **[Scholarships.com](#)**
 - **Create an account at www.scholarships.com to search for scholarships available nationwide. You may also sign up to receive notifications on new opportunities.**
- **[MyScholly.com](#)**
 - **Scholarship search phone app. Featured on Shark Tank (Mrs. Dilley)**
- **[U.S. Department of Labor](#)**
 - **[FREE Scholarship Search Tool](#); search through more than 7500 scholarships, fellowships, grants, and other financial aid award opportunities.**
- **[Kaarme Scholarship Search](#)**
 - **[Find information](#) on over 100,000 scholarships with no login required. Kaarme never sells or leases student's data.**

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - Colleges and Universities have a number of scholarship opportunities for new freshman. The applications can be found on-line at their individual foundation office websites. These scholarships will **not** be listed in your One-Liner so you must seek these out on campus websites.

NATIONAL, STATE & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student – Deadline: Nov. 13, 2023

Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship – Deadline: Nov. 7, 2023

National Honor Society Scholarship – Deadline: Nov. 30, 2023

Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin – Deadline: Dec. 18, 2023

Premier Cooperative Scholarship – Deadline: Jan. 5, 2024

Grant Co Dairy Herd Improvement Association – Deadline: Jan. 31, 2024

WI Professional Police Association – Deadline: Feb. 1, 2024