

WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER



School Counseling  
College and Career  
Information

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

**MILITARY MONDAYS**  
Visit with reps during lunch

**Monday, February 26**  
Coast Guard Tan Caf  
Air National Guard Blue Caf

**Monday, March 4**  
Air & Space Force Tan Caf  
Navy Blue Caf

**Monday, March 11**  
Army Natl Guard Tan Caf  
Army Blue Caf

**COLLEGE VISITS**  
Preregister using the QR  
code

March 26 - Universal  
Technical Institute

Please sign up for college  
visits at least two school  
days in advance.



### COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING

Juniors (class of 2025)  
should be thinking about  
SATs and ACTs!

Save the Dates:

#### **SATs**

March 9

(late reg. deadline Feb. 27)

SATs May 4

(reg. deadline April 19)

SATs June 1

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

#### **ACTs**

April 13

(register by March 8)

June 8

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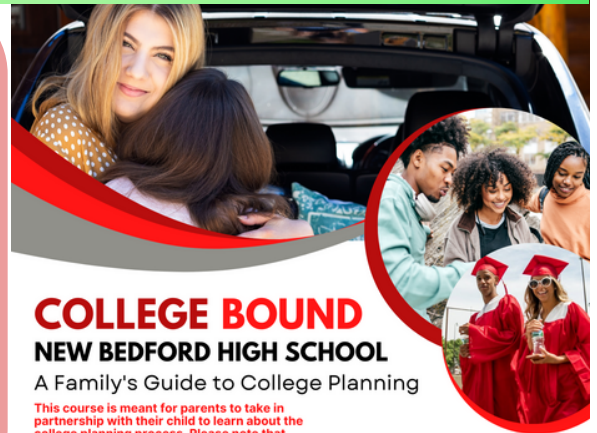
**SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP EDITION! Two pages of scholarships included!**

### Attention Seniors!

The New Bedford HS Scholarship Application is now open! All seniors who plan to pursue college or technical school next year should complete this application to be considered for numerous awards. April 12 is the deadline to apply.



Please use the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/NBHSscholarships](http://tinyurl.com/NBHSscholarships).



## COLLEGE BOUND

### NEW BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A Family's Guide to College Planning

This course is meant for parents to take in partnership with their child to learn about the college planning process. Please note that attendance to all four course dates are required.

#### Course Dates 2024

NBHS B-211 5:30pm-7pm

Wednesday, March 20th

Wednesday, March 27th

Wednesday, April 3rd

Wednesday, April 10th

#### Join Us and Learn

- The college application process
- Questions to ask on a college tour
- Ways to find additional scholarships & grants
- The college planning timeline and what to prepare for
- About different college degrees and what they can offer

\*\*\*Please note this course will be offered in English. Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Kich'e sections will be offered at a later date\*\*\*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Seniors are encouraged to join Adrianna Heard from the SouthCoast Community Foundation on **Tuesday, February 27**, during lunches to work on your SCCF scholarship application! This application is used for many scholarships and applicants will automatically be considered for eligible scholarships.

**The FAFSA is NO LONGER a requirement for these awards!**

For more info about the scholarship, visit [southcoastcf.org/receive/apply-for-scholarships](http://southcoastcf.org/receive/apply-for-scholarships).

Questions?

Email [collegeandcareer@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:collegeandcareer@newbedfordschools.org)

## What Students Need to Know About Apprenticeships, by Jonathan Hughes

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It's not surprising that amid the anxiety over the rising cost of college, many students and families would look for alternatives. Case in point, apprenticeships. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the United States has seen a 64% increase in apprenticeships over the past decade. For those like me whose only real previous points of reference to apprenticeships were a reality TV show and the life story of Benjamin Franklin, it's way past time to talk about them.

### THE BASICS

An apprenticeship is a paid educational program. It is a way for workers to earn money while learning a new skill or trade. This may be for new employees or for veterans looking to "upskill" and increase their earning power in their current job or field. Like a degree, those who complete an apprenticeship will receive a certification

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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

# THE STERN FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

SCHOLARSHIP FOR PERSERVANCE

**Now Accepting Applications** **Final Deadline**  
Mar 15, 2024

Visit [SternFamilyFund.org](http://SternFamilyFund.org) to apply for 2024

Open to Massachusetts residents and US citizens graduating from any State accredited high school in 2024.  
Available for 4-year Bachelors program, 2-year Associates program, or other skilled professional Certification program  
Our trustees will consider the obstacles and hardship encountered, financial need, student character, and academic standing.

**CTCL.ORG**  
COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES  
DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Boston Marriott Copley Place  
Salon F, 110 Huntington Ave.  
Boston, MA 02216

**COLLEGE FAIR OPPORTUNITY**

The program begins promptly at 2:00 pm with a 30-minute information session. The college fair follows immediately afterwards, lasting approximately 1.5 hours. Students, parents, and counselors are encouraged to register online in advance of the program. Visit [ctcl.org/boston-ma-march-2024](http://ctcl.org/boston-ma-march-2024).

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that they can use to build their resume. They can even in some cases transfer their apprenticeship experience to credits in a degree-granting program.

**FOUNDATION**

The learning that is done in an apprenticeship may come in the form of training in the field or classroom instruction, or a mixture of both. Apprenticeships are industry-driven. That is, a company or employer may decide they need their workforce to be trained in a new skill or field and then partner with educators, unions, or community-based programs to get that training. Community colleges are a popular classroom partner for apprenticeships.

**CAREERS**

What careers offer apprenticeships? There is a wide variety. I joked about Benjamin Franklin earlier, but since apprenticeships are an old tradition, you may think that they are only for professions like carpentry, masonry, plumbing, or other building trades. And while those certainly exist, more

**JUNIORS: Share with your parents/guardians!**  
**NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS, WONDERING ABOUT OPTIONS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?**

**JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION!**

- Monday, March 18
- New Bedford HS
- Blue Cafeteria
- The presentation will begin at 6:00 PM

Parents and guardians of juniors are invited to learn about 2 and 4 year college options, financial aid, and opportunities in the military. The event will feature special guest, Mr. Ben Trapanick, Executive Director of Family Engagement at Framingham State University.

**WRAPAROUND SERVICES**  
Family Engagement = Student Success

**MORE INFORMATION**

- [collegeandcareer@newbedfordschools.org](mailto:collegeandcareer@newbedfordschools.org)
- [www.newbedfordschools.org/collegeandcareer](http://www.newbedfordschools.org/collegeandcareer)

Advanced Registration Encouraged. Scan the QR Code!

cutting-edge programs related to software development, advanced manufacturing, and cybersecurity (to name a few) also exist, as well as those for banking, healthcare, and education.

**COST**

Do apprenticeships cost anything? There may be some costs related to apprenticeship training in the form of books, supplies, and training materials. To make my earlier point about the renewed focus on apprenticeships, recent changes to 529 college savings plans (initially designed for college) now allow savers to use up to \$10,000 annually on expenses related to apprenticeships. If you're interested in finding apprenticeships in Massachusetts, view the [state apprenticeship website](#). And if you live elsewhere, check your state government's website to see if they also have apprenticeship opportunities listed. You can also reach out to the regional or state association of the career field in which you're interested to find out about additional opportunities.



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For the most up to date information on scholarships, visit [www.newbedfordschools.org/scholarships](http://www.newbedfordschools.org/scholarships) or scan the QR Code. Scholarships are typically only listed once in the newsletter.



## Class of 2024

**The Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program** This program was established to provide additional financial resources to dependent children of Coast Guard personnel embarking on undergraduate college/university studies. Annually, \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to outstanding applicants on a one-time basis. This year, there are expected to be 20 recipients. For details, visit [studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20641/coast-guard-exchange-scholarship-program](http://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20641/coast-guard-exchange-scholarship-program). The deadline is February 28, 2024.

**Fundacao Faialense, Inc. Scholarship Program** This award is open to graduating seniors who plan on attending a college, vocational or technical institution of higher learning. Selection is based on academic record, personal qualifications, financial need and other credentials submitted by or on behalf of each applicant. Please visit [tinyurl.com/FundacaoSchol](http://tinyurl.com/FundacaoSchol) to download the application. Applications are due by February 28, 2024.

**Jack Terry Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship aims to honor the life of Dr. Jack Terry by supporting students who have overcome hardships or adversity in their lives. Jack Terry was born in Poland in 1930, lost his entire family in the Holocaust and struggled to survive three Nazi Concentration Camps. At the end of the war, an American Army officer found Jack alone in the camp and arranged for him to come to the United States. Jack was then 15 years old, had no more than an elementary school education, and did not speak English. Yet, he worked hard through high school and college, became a geological engineer, and later went to medical school and became a psychoanalyst. Later in life, Jack devoted much of his time to sharing his story with students, spreading knowledge and hope. Any high school senior who has at least a 3.0 GPA and limited resources to afford the cost of higher education may apply for this scholarship. Applications may be found at [bold.org/scholarships/overcoming-adversity-jack-terry-memorial-scholarship](http://bold.org/scholarships/overcoming-adversity-jack-terry-memorial-scholarship) and are due by February 29, 2024.

**Merrimack Valley & Bridgewater Credit Unions Scholarship Program** Graduating seniors in the Merrimack Valley and South Shore regions are eligible and do not need membership with the credit unions to apply. Applicants must electronically submit a copy of their transcript, one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, etc., and complete the essay with no more than 500 words. Visit [www.mvcu.com/scholarship](http://www.mvcu.com/scholarship) for the application and essay prompt. Multiple awards available: Lisa Lewis Goodman Community Spirit Award (\$2,500), fourteen \$1,000 awards. Apply by February 29, 2024.

**Information Security Undergraduate Scholarship** Up to 20 scholarships ranging from \$1000-\$5000 will be awarded to students pursuing or planning to pursue a degree with a focus on cybersecurity, information assurance, or similar field in the fall of 2024. US citizenship is not required. For more information about eligibility and to apply, visit [www.iamcybersafe.org/s/undergraduate-scholarships](http://www.iamcybersafe.org/s/undergraduate-scholarships). Applications are due February 29, 2024.

**TheDream.US Scholarship** TheDream.US scholarships cover the full cost of tuition and fees for highly motivated undocumented students

who are eligible to receive in-state tuition in their home state (not applicable if attending a private institution) but still have significant, unmet financial need. They have no access to federal aid and limited access to state aid. Salem State University and University of Massachusetts Boston are partner schools. Incoming or current students who are DACA or Undocumented can apply for the National scholarship. Visit [thedream.us](http://thedream.us) for details! The deadline for the application is February 29, 2024.

**Donald and Barbara Mozley Scholarship** This award provides support for students pursuing an engineering degree at an ABET-accredited college or university. Applicants should be active in a STEM activity in or out of school, or a STEM mentor/volunteer. Multiple awards of \$5000 each year will be awarded. Details and the application can be found at [www.sae.org/participate/scholarships/donald-and-barbara-mozley-scholarship](http://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships/donald-and-barbara-mozley-scholarship). The deadline to apply is February 29, 2024.

**Tau Beta Pi Engineering Scholarship** Tau Beta Pi Association, the engineering honor society, is the world's largest engineering society. The purpose of the Tau Beta Pi is to recognize engineering students of superior scholarship and exemplary character and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering colleges. Headquartered in Knoxville, TN, the Association's largest national philanthropy is its fellowship program, which has provided \$7,809,000 in advanced-study grants to 1,706 students, and the scholarship program that has provided \$6,557,000 in awards to 3,369 engineering seniors. Applicants must be US residents with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.75, planning to pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program. For details and to apply, visit [www.sae.org/participate/scholarships/tau-beta-pi-sae-engineering-scholarship](http://www.sae.org/participate/scholarships/tau-beta-pi-sae-engineering-scholarship). Applications close on February 29, 2024.

**Women's Cyber Security Scholarships** This scholarship, designed just for women, offers between \$1000 and \$5,000 to a woman who is pursuing, or plans to pursue, a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance, and who has a GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. Visit [www.iamcybersafe.org/s/womens-scholarships](http://www.iamcybersafe.org/s/womens-scholarships) to apply. Completed applications must be received by February 29, 2024.

**American Chemical Society Scholars Program** The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to undergraduate students from historically underrepresented groups in the chemical sciences, majoring in chemistry-related disciplines, and intending to pursue chemistry-related careers. Selected recipients are awarded up to \$5,000\* per academic year. Applications can be found by going to [www.acs.org/education/acs-scholars.html](http://www.acs.org/education/acs-scholars.html). Completed applications are due by March 1, 2024.

**Columbus Citizens Foundation** To be eligible, applicants must be of Italian descent (at least 25%) and have a minimum GPA of 3.5. Visit [www.columbuscitizens.org/applications](http://www.columbuscitizens.org/applications) for more information and to apply. Multiple awards are available. The deadline is March 1, 2024.

**Massachusetts Elks Vocational Scholarship** The MA Elks Vocational Scholarship is for students who are going to school full time in a non-bachelor's degree/vocational program. The applicant needs to be



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attending a vocational/technical school, a junior college, or a community college working on a one- or two-year program of studies that will further his/her education culminating in an associate degree, diploma or certificate is less than a bachelor's degree. This application is due to the local lodge by March 1, 2024. Information about the award and the application is found at [www.maelks.org/scholarships](http://www.maelks.org/scholarships).

**Hagan Scholarship Foundation** This scholarship provides up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters, providing recipients with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA. For more information, visit [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org). Applications are due March 1, 2024.

**Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation** To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a child or stepchild of an Active duty, Reserve, or veteran U.S. Marine, and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Applicants must demonstrate financial need through a family adjusted gross income of \$117,000, and be planning to attend an accredited school that is eligible for federal funding. The application is found at [www.mcsf.org/apply/eligibility/](http://www.mcsf.org/apply/eligibility/) and is due by March 1, 2024.

**National Italian American Foundation Scholarship** This organization will award \$12,000 to 200 qualified applicants. Applicants must have an active NIAF Membership, or be the child or grandchild of an active member. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be enrolled in a US accredited institution of higher education on a full-time basis for the Fall 2024 semester and have a GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 (or the equivalent). Applications can be found by going to [www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships](http://www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships). They are due by March 1, 2024.

**Military Benefit Association Scholarship** The Military Benefit Association has established a scholarship program to assist members' dependent children and spouses, along with National Guardsmen, Reservists and Veterans who are members and who plan to continue education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at any accredited institution of the student's choice. This year, MBA will award up to 25, \$3,000 college scholarships for the Academic Year 2024. Eligible applicants include high school seniors who are enrolling full-time as an undergraduate student at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school in the Fall of 2024, have a 2.5 grade point average, and are the unmarried, dependent child under age 26 of an MBA member. For more information and to apply, visit [learnmore.scholarsapply.org/militarybenefit](http://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/militarybenefit). Applications are due by March 5, 2024.

**Rockland Trust Scholarship** Rockland Trust awards 16 renewable scholarships of \$3,000 each for students entering college for the first time with a 2.5 minimum GPA. Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, participation in school and community activities, work experience, a statement of career and educational goals and objectives, and unusual personal or family circumstances. To apply, visit [www.rocklandtrust.com/about-us/explore/scholarships](http://www.rocklandtrust.com/about-us/explore/scholarships). Applications are due March 8, 2024. (Please note, applications will no longer be accepted once 1500 applications are received.)

**Microsoft Disability Scholarship** To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a current high school senior living with a disability (as defined by WHO), whether that be visual, hearing, mobility,

cognitive, speech or other disability. The applicant must plan to enroll in an undergraduate program at an accredited 2 or 4-year University/College or Vocational/Technical School, in the United States, in the fall of the upcoming academic year, and pursue a degree in the following eligible majors: engineering, computer science, computer information systems, law, business, or a related field (e.g. paralegal, pre-law, finance, business administration, or marketing). Applicants should demonstrate a passion for technology and demonstrate leadership at school and/or in the community. Recipient will receive a \$5,000 award. Up to 10 awards will be granted. Awards are renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, full-time or half-time enrollment, and continued enrollment in the eligible major. Applications can be found by going to [www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoft-disabilityscholarship.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoft-disabilityscholarship.aspx). Applications are due by March 13, 2024.

**Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship** BAM is dedicated to supporting the continued growth and development of black employees and encouraging students to pursue a career in technology. The BAM Scholarship was created to enable Black and African American students to attend college and pursue a career in technology. The goal is to empower future generations to do and be more. Applicants must be a US-based high school senior of African descent (for example, African American, African, Ethiopian, etc.), planning to attend a four-year college or university in the US in the fall immediately following your high school graduation, pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing), with financial need. More information and the application is available at [www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/bam-scholarship.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/bam-scholarship.aspx). Fifty scholarships will be awarded, five \$5,000 scholarships, renewable up to three times, forty-five one time \$2500 awards. Applications are due by March 13, 2024.

**Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation** This foundation was created to help deserving young men and women excel in their quest to improve themselves, their school or their community. This organization awards annual grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 as specifically requested for school tuition, summer programs and other appropriate extracurricular activities. Any Massachusetts high school student is eligible. The scholarship is not academically based, but is awarded on the basis of need. The committee is looking for exceptional leaders and people who have proven this leadership within their school. In addition, the committee will give more serious consideration to those students who have made efforts to make a difference in their communities. Visit [markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/scholarships](http://markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/scholarships) for more information and the application. Apply by March 15, 2024.

**Colleges that Change Lives Scholarship** Two \$6,000 awards will be made to current high school seniors who intend to enroll at one of the 44 Colleges that Change Lives this fall. For a complete list, visit [ctcl.org/category/college-profiles](http://ctcl.org/category/college-profiles). To apply, visit [bit.ly/497XkHE](http://bit.ly/497XkHE). The first part of the application is due by March 15, 2024. (The second part is due by April 8, 2024.)