The semester is almost half-way over. Don’t forget midterms on March 14 (1st & 3rd) and March 15 (2nd & 4th). Make sure you are doing what needs to be done so you can walk across the field to receive your diploma on May 20. You will NOT participate in graduation or receive your diploma if you have not met graduation requirements.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE OR VO-TECH**

2. Complete FAFSA application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply for financial aid and TOPS.
3. Apply for scholarships
4. Touch base with college or vo-tech that you plan to attend to make sure everything is squared away.
5. Touch base with financial aid office of college or vo-tech to see what is available for you.
6. Complete LOSFA Consent Form in counselors’ office if you haven’t done so.
7. Retake ACT if need higher score for TOPS, college. (April test is last date to get 8 semesters of TOPS.)

**TOPS** – A lot of things have been said concerning TOPS in the media. As far as we know, nothing official has been decided. Keep doing what you need to do for TOPS in case it stays in place. Currently the minimum ACT for TOPS is 20 and for TOPS Tech is a 17.

**CPR TRAINING** – All Seniors must take CPR before they graduate. CPR training will be offered by Coach Henagan at 1st block on March 16 and at 1st & 3rd on April 13 and May 4. Sign up in office.

**ACT** – Pick up ACT brochure for registration information in the counselor’s office or go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### IMPORTANT ACT INFORMATION

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- Cost – Basic $39.50, Plus Writing $56.50
- 11th or 12th grade students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can use a total of 2 fee waivers
- Grant’s School code is 190740 (Put this so ACT will send us your scores.)
- TOPS Code: 1595 (Use as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to TOPS.)
- The April test date is the last date for TOPS without a penalty. (If you take the test in June, TOPS will give you 7 semesters of tuition instead of 8.)
- Grant’s Testing Center Code: 154700 (Put this only if testing at Grant.)

**COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & TIPS** – Click on the Students and Parents tab on the following websites to learn more about preparing for college and receiving financial aid.

- [www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov)
- [www.regents.louisiana.gov](http://www.regents.louisiana.gov)
- [www.lela.org](http://www.lela.org)

**NCAA** - To play college sports, you must register with NCAA. Students with free or reduced lunch can receive a waiver for the registration fee. You can register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

**LSU SUMMERS SCHOLARS PROGRAM** – Eight-week summer program for minority seniors who have applied and are eligible to enroll at LSU for Fall 2016. Visit [Summer Scholars](http://lsu.edu/ssp) at lsu.edu/ssp for more info. Deadline is March 11.
**SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES** – Go to website www.osfa.la.gov, then scholarship searches for a page of links to LA colleges and other scholarship search sites. Do not pay for any scholarship search.


**ASKLELA.ORG** – This website has an extensive list of scholarships and deadlines. Click on For Students and Parents Tab, then on Scholarships. **See attached tables for some of these upcoming scholarships listed on this website.**

**MARINE OPTION NROTC SCHOLARSHIP** – Any student who is interested in a career in the Marine corps who has 22+ on ACT or 74+ on ASVAB, is able to run 3 miles and do pull-ups, and demonstrates leadership, integrity, initiative, visit www.nrotc.navy.mil for more information.

**SUN TRUST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS** - Award Amount $500 (2 winners every 2 weeks for 30 winners. Application Deadline October – May (you may resubmit an entry every 2 weeks. Visit [https://www.suntrusteducation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html](https://www.suntrusteducation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html)

**LHSAA and LHSCA SCHOLARSHIPS** - If you are a student-athlete, visit [http://lhsaa.org/schools/students-and-parents/scholarships-and-awards](http://lhsaa.org/schools/students-and-parents/scholarships-and-awards) and [http://www.lhsca.org/scholarships](http://www.lhsca.org/scholarships) for various scholarship information. Application must be postmarked by March 4.

**EMC BIG BASS BLOWOUT SCHOLARSHIP** – Visit website [www.bigbassblowout.com](http://www.bigbassblowout.com), go to the EMC Memorial Scholarship drop box to Application to download guidelines and application. Deadline is March 15.

**KENNY DONNELLY JR SCHOLARSHIP** – For seniors with 3.5 GPA or higher who demonstrates positive impact involvement. Visit [http://www.kdjmsf.com](http://www.kdjmsf.com) to apply. Deadline: March 15, 2016

**LOUIS P. LEDET, SR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Any senior who has been a member of a WoodmenLife chapter for at least 2 years and is planning to attend a Louisiana college or university. Deadline: March 25. See Counselors for application.

**LOUISIANA LIFE SAFETY AND SECURITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** - Parent must be active duty law enforcement or fire service personnel. Application and guidelines at [www.llssa.org](http://www.llssa.org) Deadline is March 25, 2016.

**BRIAN CABBARREAX “DO IT RIGHT”**- For any student with a 2.5 GPA planning to attend any CLTCC campus majoring in a Career & Technical Education program. See counselors for application. Due March 31.

**CLOFX LIONS CLUB** - For seniors pursuing medical career. Deadline: March 31. See counselors for application.

**CHAD CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP** – Any 4-year athlete, see counselors for application. Due March 31.

**GRANT PARISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – For any Grant Parish Senior. Essay on timber industry in Grant Parish is required. Deadline is April 1.

**BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP** – For any male senior who plans to attend LSU in the fall and is a leader, scholar, athlete, and gentleman, apply online at [www.lsusigep.com](http://www.lsusigep.com). Deadline is April 1.
LOUISIANA SHERIFF’S SCHOLARSHIP - Must attend a Louisiana institution of higher learning as a full time student. Scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, activities, honors, and financial need. Due to the sheriff’s office by April 1. See counselors for application.

PELICAN STATE CREDIT UNION – For seniors who are Pelican State Credit Union members. Visit www.pelicanstatecu.com for details. Deadline is April 15.

STUDENT VIEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Any high school senior who plans to attend 4 yr, junior college, career school. Complete survey at www.student-view.com to be entered into scholarship drawing. Due: April 22

SUZANNE EASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Senior Girl with GPA of 2.5 or higher who is active in school, community, church, etc. Deadline – April 29

NEBLETT BEARD AND ARSENAULT - For any senior who is a US citizen and a permanent Louisiana resident. Essay on the risks of distracted driving is required. Due May 15

NURSING SCHOOLS ALMANAC ASPIRING NURSE SCHOLARSHIP - $1,000 scholarship awarded to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates academic excellence and a passion for the nursing profession. Applications open to any high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing. Apply at www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com by midnight on June 30.