

## **COUNSELORS' REPORT NCHS COUNSELING OFFICE**

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**Murray State University Application Fee Waiver:** Murray State is still accepting applications for enrollment in Fall 2024. Current high school seniors may still apply and have the \$40 application fee waived by using the code: MSU4IL2024

**High School Career Exploration Workshops:** Kaskaskia College is hosting free general career exploration workshops for students this summer who are at least 16 years old. Sessions will include strengths assessment, industry tours, resume building, and much more. In addition, KC will also host various workshops on specific career fields. These areas include healthcare, criminal justice, agriculture, truck driving, cosmetology, industrial welding/fabrication, STEM, engineering, precision measurement instruments, and automotive technology (hybrid & electric vehicle) workshops. Contact [tchesnek@kaskaskia.edu](mailto:tchesnek@kaskaskia.edu) for more information and to register.

**Archeology Summer Camp:** SIUC is hosting a summer camp June 9-12 for high school students who are interested in participating in an archaeological dig in Southern Illinois. The camp will involve daily hiking through the hills of the Shawnee National Forest, digging at a real archaeological site in the forest, and nightly activities on the SIU campus. This camp is for students particularly interested in history and anthropology. Further information is available at: <https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/camps-youth-programs/archeology-camp.php>

**Gamification Summer Camp:** SIUC is hosting a summer camp June 10-14 designed for high school students interested in learning more about how to incorporate cutting-edge fields including virtual reality, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and podcasting to gamify their stories and bring education to life. Campers will use Virtual Reality headsets, a podcasting booth, and artificial intelligence programs in addition to learning about careers outside the traditional STEM fields that use these technologies. Further information is available at: <https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/camps-youth-programs/gamification-camp.php>

**Kaskaskia College Jumpstart Program:** The Jump Start Program is for freshman, sophomore, or junior students that attend a high school in the Kaskaskia College District. Registering through Jump Start allows students to take one class each semester at half the tuition cost each year they are in high school. If students are interested in enrolling in a summer class at KC, they should contact the guidance office for a Jumpstart form.

**Scholarships:** A full list of scholarships is posted on the Counseling Office webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/nashville-k12.org/scholarships>

- **KIDS' CHANCE OF ILLINOIS** - To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a parent who has been killed or seriously injured as a result of a work related accident that meets the criteria of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need. For more information and the application visit: <https://www.kidschanceofillinois.com/apply-for-scholarship.html> The deadline to apply is May 31.

**FAFSA:** One of the first steps of the college financial aid process is completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The FAFSA enables students who qualify to receive federal/state grants, scholarships, as well as to participate in work-studies programs. Items needed to complete the FAFSA are: student's driver's license, student's social security card, records of untaxed income, and information regarding net worth of family and student assets. Parents and students **MUST** have their FAFSA id number created before having the ability to complete the FAFSA. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create the accounts. **State law in Illinois requires all graduating seniors to submit the FAFSA or complete a FAFSA Nonparticipation Form online.**

**ACT Testing Dates:** The next ACT test date open for registration is June 8. Registration is due by May 3. An additional ACT testing date for the year is July 13. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at [www.ACTStudent.org](http://www.ACTStudent.org). Our high school code is 143-110.

**SAT Testing Dates:** The next SAT test date open for registration is June 1. Registration is due by May 17. Students may register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Our high school code is 143-110.