



Highland Park CCRC Happenings

Sept. 15th – 28th, 2023

College Admission Visits and More!

College visit season is here! Colleges & programs from all over the United States will be visiting Highland throughout this fall and early winter. This is your time to meet with admission counselors to ask questions about their college, application and acceptance requirements. Listed below are the colleges and programs that will be visiting the next 2 weeks. Click on link below to sign up for a visit!

Upcoming College Visits:

Tuesday, Sept. 19th

St. Olaf College 1:43pm (start of 4A)

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

Columbia Univ. 9:05am (middle of 1B)

Northern Michigan Univ. 1:43pm (start of 2B)

Thursday, Sept. 21st

Univ. of Minnesota- TC 9:05am (middle of 1A)

Univ. of Miami 10:30am (middle of 2A)

Thursday, Sept. 28th

Univ. of Denver 10:30am (middle of 2A)

Lawrence Univ. 1:43pm (start of 4A)

[Click here to RSVP/ Sign Up for a Admission Visit and to see the Highland Park Admission Visit Schedule!](#) *Note: This schedule is updated regularly.*

Announcements!

CCRC After-School Workshops for Seniors

Starting on Tuesday, September 19th, Mr. Carlson will be hosting after-school workshops in the CCRC from 3:00 – 5:00. These workshops will be held every week on Tuesdays and are meant to be space for 12th grade students to get support with anything related to the college application process, their plans for after high school, or just be quiet space to get work done!

National College Fair Field Trip for 11th & 12th Graders

The HP School counseling staff will be taking 11th and 12th graders to the National College Fair at the Mpls Convention Center on Thursday, Oct. 5th from 9:40am – 12:30pm. This is great way for students to explore various colleges from around the country and meet with college

admission staff. Students can pick up a permission slip from Ms. Baheriy or Mr. Carlson in the CCRC.

Xello College App Transcript and Letter of Recommendation Directions

Seniors! When applying to colleges you may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation and/or an official transcript. To request either of these you will use Xello! [Click here to see directions and videos on how to submit these requests!](#)

College Possible is Back

COLLEGE POSSIBLE

College Possible coach, Lindsey is back at Highland! Below is the College Possible session information:

Juniors

College Possible still has spaces available for juniors! [Click here to apply!](#)
Sessions will begin in January!

Seniors

Start September 12th

Sessions: Tuesdays & Wednesdays Time: 3:15-4:15pm Location: 2213

CCRC Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm

QuestBridge National College Match Application

The National College Match program is a chance for students to receive a guaranteed FULL 4 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP to 40 colleges around the country! QuestBridge is looking for high-achieving students who exhibit strong personal character and come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually. Most National College Match finalists are in the top 5-10% of their class and are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Deadline to apply is September 26th! [Click here for more info and to apply!](#)

ACT 2023-2024 Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 28 th	September 22 nd	October 6 th
December 9 th	November 3 rd	December 1 st
February 10 th	January 5 th	January 19 th
March 12 th (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 th	March 8 th	March 22 nd
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 17 th
July 13 th	June 7 th	June 21 st

ACT Update: I strongly encourage all students research their prospective colleges' guidelines/requirements regarding the ACT. At the start of COVID many colleges changed their ACT requirements due to testing limitations. Many colleges have announced they will continue being test-optional (will not require the ACT test) for the class of 2024 and some have eliminated the requirement indefinitely.

Register to Test

Register for the ACT at actstudent.org. Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12th test. Registration for this test will happen on paper and in school.

Free Online ACT Prep Resources

Check out these FREE ACT preparation resources:

- FREE Virtual Practice Tests
- ACT Academy
- ACT Study Guide
- The Princeton Review Free Practice Tests

Job/Internships & Other Career Opportunities!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current jobs/internships & other career opportunities! This list will be updated throughout the year, so check back frequently

Upcoming Post-Secondary & Volunteer Opportunities!

Event Name	Description	When & Where	Notes
Experience MN: An Open House for Multicultural Students	Experience Minnesota is a high-energy, once-a-year multicultural event that gives you the chance to experience a day in the life of a Golden Gopher and see how you can expand your horizons, discover new passions, and accomplish your goals and dreams as a University of Minnesota Twin Cities. You and your supporters will learn more about our outstanding academics and opportunities to enhance your college experience, while exploring the multicultural community of our vibrant Big Ten campus and great Twin Cities location.	Saturday, Sept. 23 rd Check-In 8:45-9:30am Program 9:30am-2pm Carlson Family Stage, Northrop University of MN Twin Cities	Click here for more information and to register! At this event students will be able to enjoy group performances from campus, attend sessions regarding financial aid and majors, learn about student cultural centers, tour the U of M and more!
LEDA's Princeton University Summer Institute	Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer institute program at Princeton University. At this summer program students will receive leadership training,	Deadline to apply is December, 12th 2023. Click here for more information and to apply!	Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.

	college guidance, ACT/SAT prep and more. Students will continue to have access to program resources during their senior year of high school and college.		To be eligible for the program a student must be an 11 th grader, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less than \$90,000. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, are enrolled in rigorous coursework available at their school, and have demonstrated leadership.
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Note Employers and organizations reach out to counselors to share job and volunteer opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Highland does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Highland does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

Scholarships

Minnesota Association for Korean American (MAKA) Scholarship- The Minnesota Association for Korean Americans (MAKA) is awarding a limited number of scholarships to Minnesota high school seniors of Korean origin/heritage who plan to pursue a higher education. The MAKA Scholarship Committee will award a scholarship of \$1500 to scholarship winners who are seniors in high school, have a minimum of 25% Korean heritage, minimum 3.0 gpa and have demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership qualities. *(Deadline 10/1/23)*

Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation Scholarship- The Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation, in cooperation with PMA districts, are offering scholarships of \$1,000 or more to individuals seeking a career in the metalforming industry. Each award is for one year and will be granted based on academic merit. Post-secondary students may reapply for consideration the following year. No applicant may receive more than two scholarship awards. Graduate students, trades job training, certificate program and apprentice applicants are limited to one award. *(Deadline 10/2/23)*

Golden Door Scholars- Status doesn't determine opportunity. Tenacity and hard work do. With our scholarship, undocumented students invest in their education and define their future. *(Deadline 10/1/23)*

Coca-Cola Scholars Program- This is an achievement-based scholarship. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be selected to receive this \$20,000 scholarship. *(Deadline 10/2/23)*

Optimist Club Scholarship- 15- \$3000 scholarships will be awarded to St. Paul seniors! Applicants should have broad records of success at school and in community in the face of adversity (e.g. economic, familial, medical/disability, etc.) and 3.0+ GPA is recommended. *(Deadline 10/6/23)*

Heisman High School Scholarship- Applying for the Heisman High School Scholarship is your chance to be rewarded and gain local, state, and even national recognition for all that you've put into your high school career. If you've maintained at least a B average, participate in at least one of the school sponsored sports, are a leader in your community and role model at your school, then you've got what it takes. *(Deadline 10/17/23)*

United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)- Two student leaders from each state will participate in a remote learning experience about the work of their national government. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, and they will hear from the president of the United States and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. *(Deadline 10/28/23)*

Voice of Democracy Scholarship- Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000. *(Deadline 10/31/23)*

Ron Brown Scholarship- The Ron Brown Scholarship advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. *(Deadline 11/1/23)*

Aspiration in Computing Award- The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Award recipients will be selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Minnesota Aspirations Award applicants will automatically be entered into the national NCWIT Aspirations Award competition. *(Deadline 11/6/23)*

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship- The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be awarding over 500 High School Seniors from across the country scholarships in the amount of \$2.44 million dollars. At our local Minnesota Lodge, they have given out more than \$80,000 in scholarships to seniors. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards- The Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finances, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Sports and Technology. *(Deadline 11/13/23)*

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship- The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. *(Deadline 11/16/23)*

The Schoolhouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship- Our program is one of the nation's only national scholarship programs specifically serving youth that have experienced homelessness. The goal of our program is to provide financial assistance and staff and peer support to ensure that you are successful in getting to and through higher education and into the workforce. *(Deadline 11/24/23)*

Act Six Scholarship- Act Six is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, Act Six will select between 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for full scholarships to six partner colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College- Moorhead and University of Northwestern. *(Deadline 11/28/23)*

MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Council- The council will be awarding \$18,000 in \$1,000 individual scholarships - providing 18 Minnesota credit union members the opportunity to cut the cost of college. Any member of a Minnesota Credit Union Network affiliated credit union pursuing post-secondary education in the fall 2024/spring 2025 *OR* is a high school senior graduating in 2024 is eligible to apply. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

The NHS Scholarship- Since 1946, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships to outstanding NHS seniors. This year, we are awarding \$2 million in scholarships to 600 students. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

The Leadership Scholarship- Our awards aim to financially support students in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area who have supported their communities by contributing their time and energy to make their communities better places to live. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled full time in your last two years of high school, or your first year in college. You must either be currently living in affordable housing in Minnesota, or have lived in affordable housing in Minnesota in the past. *(Deadline 12/31/23)*

More Scholarships

- Your college's scholarships- search your college's financial aid website for scholarships your college offers!
- [Big Future College Board](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Scholarship.com](#)
- [Fastweb](#)