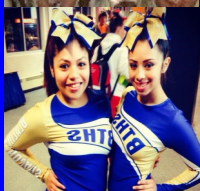




## Post Secondary Newsletter



### Apply, Apply, Apply!

College Application season is well underway. It is still not too late for students to apply to four year universities. If there are any questions regarding the application process, students should see Mrs. Winters in the counseling office. **The Class of 2020 has submitted over 900 applications in this first semester!** If a student requests a transcript it is usually fulfilled within 2 business days. If a student has a letter of recommendation from a community member, Mrs. Winters can add it to your student's Naviance account.

### Financial Aid Information

FASFA opened on October 1st. If you need assistance please see Mrs. Winters in the counseling office or Simone Sharma from the Illinois Student Assistance Committee (ISAC) who is available in the counseling office every Tuesday from 10 AM to 2PM. We encourage all of our students to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Financial aid is not only accepted by colleges and universities but also available at community colleges and trade schools.

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 20 credits from the approved list of courses and students must meet the following minimum requirements:

English	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	2.0 credits
Social Studies Electives	1.5 credits
United States History	1.0 credit
Civics	0.5 credit
Econ/Consumer Ed	0.5 credit
Physical Education	2.0 credits
Fine Arts/World Language/Career and Technical Education	2.0 credits

Students must also pass the Constitution Test and take one semester of Health.

### Upcoming Events

January 6- Classes Resume

January 15- Early Release

January 20- MLK, No School

January 29- Early Release

February 3- Open House 1-7pm

February 4- Institute Day, No School

### Class of 2019

99% applied to college or technical school

8 Students graduated with their Associate's Degree from PSC

12 State Scholars

900 Average SAT Score

Collectively awarded over **\$17,000,000** in scholarships.

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## Scholarship Opportunities



The Class of 2020 has already been awarded 4 Million Dollars in scholarships! Make sure your student brings their award letters to the counseling office to help the class reach our goal of 18 million dollars!!!

All scholarships are listed in Naviance, but please check out the following links for scholarship opportunities:

### 1) Ron Brown Scholarships

<http://www.ronbrown.org/> The Ron Brown Scholar Fund is a 501(c)3 public charity, managed by an independent Board of Trustees. The Program which was named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences.

### 2) FastWEB Scholarship Search

<http://www.fastweb.com/> Fastweb is the leading online resource in finding scholarships. The student sets up a profile and is matched with available scholarships to apply for.

### 3) Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/> The Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) Scholarship program addresses the financial needs of college students and provides extensive, hands-on mentoring and support services. Once chosen from a national, selective application process, *Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars* receive a generous four-year grant to attend the undergraduate school of their choice and enroll in JRF's celebrated "42 Strategies for Success Curriculum". This four-year program guides JRF Scholars to effectively navigate their college environments, explore career options, develop leadership skills, and embrace a commitment to service.

### 4) College Board Scholarship Search

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly **\$6 billion**

### 5) Sallie Mae Grants and Scholarships

[http://www.salliemae.com/parent\\_answer/decide/explore\\_alternatives/grants.html](http://www.salliemae.com/parent_answer/decide/explore_alternatives/grants.html)

Scholarships can be need-based, merit-based, or based on things like your hobbies, field of study, ethnicity, religion, and more. You don't need to be number one in your class or an all-star athlete to get free money for college.

### 6) Student Scholarships

<http://studentscholarships.org> Student scholarships has the largest collection of scholarships on the web.

### 7) One for Two Education Foundation

<http://www.1for2edu.com> The One for Two Education Foundation is seeking highly motivated scholars planning to attend accredited U.S. four year colleges and universities to apply for its tuition scholarships. The Foundation's unique scholarship program employs a "pay it forward" model that encourages scholars to take responsibility for their education. Persons awarded a grant by the Foundation commit themselves to "pay it forward" by agreeing to support the education of their fellow scholars.

**Don't forget to visit the Counseling Office!** Bloom has 15 scholarships available in the counseling office at the start of the second semester. These scholarships have been provided by alumni over the years and are only available to Bloom students. There will also be some other private scholarships available that are paper based that will be housed in the counseling office.

## College Application Check List

Make sure you check each college or university's requirements. Here are some of the common requests:

- ⇒ Essay/Personal Statement
- ⇒ Letters of Recommendation
- ⇒ Transcript Requested via Naviance
- ⇒ SAT/ACT scores (if official are needed must be sent by test provider, waivers are available)
- ⇒ Application fee waiver (sent with transcript or via Common App)

## Congratulations to Bloom's 2019 State Scholars:



**Lauryn Agnew, Elysse Bonds, Devin Burks Jr., Nya Conn, Julio Cornejo, Cameron Franklin, Ashley Gamero, Tatiana Lopez, Miranda Naomi, Caren Morris, Chidinma Obialor, Evelyn Pyakurel, Nathaly Ruiz, Issac Sanchez, Yuliana Torres, and Maria Vasquez**

The Illinois State Scholar program is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT test scores and the sixth semester class size and unweighted class rank and Grade Point Average (GPA).

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