

Seton Guidance Corner

October 6, 2022

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Now Available

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the single most important thing students can do to get money to help pay for college. Colleges and universities use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, scholarships, educational loans, and work-study programs. Therefore, even though the FAFSA is technically the application for federal aid, students still have to fill it out to receive state and college-sponsored financial aid as well.

You can access the FAFSA for the 2023-24 academic year here:

studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

FAFSA Checklist - What you need to complete the form:

https://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/fafsa-checklist?utm_source=solo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220920_EDU

10 FAFSA Mistakes that Affect Financial Aid:

https://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/the-10-fafsa-mistakes-that-affect-financial-aid?utm_source=solo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220920_EDU

A FAFSA Visual

studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png

**The federal government and many states award financial aid on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is wise to submit the form as soon as possible after October 1.*

The Cardinal Newman Society's First-Ever Virtual College Fair

Tuesday, October 18 (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Register and learn about the advantages of choosing a faithful Catholic college at The Cardinal Newman Society's First-Ever Virtual College Fair. In addition, learn about unique scholarship opportunities (**you could win a \$1,000 scholarship simply by attending!**); chat with admission representatives from each college; and attend live presentations. For more information and to register, visit

<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/cardinalnewman-registration>.

The Abbey Experience at Belmont Abbey College

Students are invited to attend The Abbey Experience on November 5 to find out what Belmont Abbey has to offer. Students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and current students. Some of the day's events include meeting academic department heads, learning about student life, Mass, and a tour of the campus and residence halls. For more information and to register, visit

<https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/admissions/visit/abbey-experience/>.

2022 FCPS College Fair

Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Location: Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University
4500 Patriot Cir, Fairfax, VA 22030

Fairfax County Public Schools along with the Office of Admissions at George Mason University presents the 47th Annual College Fair. This event is one of the largest College Fairs in the region. It features nearly 250 colleges and universities from around the nation as well as representatives from the U.S. Service Academies. Each year, the College Fair draws thousands of students and their families. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.fcps.edu/event/2022-fcps-college-fair>.

Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) Scholarship & Volunteer Fair

On Tuesday, October 18, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the ISCC will host its fourth annual in-person Scholarship and Volunteer Fair at Manassas Baptist Church, "Rock Building", 8730 Sudley Road, Manassas. **There will be a drawing for a scholarship that evening at 7:30 pm.** Students, parents, school officials, and the community are invited to take advantage of this event to learn about multiple local scholarships and volunteer opportunities.

Cardinal Newman Society – Recommended Catholic Colleges

Over the next several weeks, the Seton Guidance Corner will highlight a recommended college by the Cardinal Newman Society. This month's feature is **The Catholic University of America**.

Year Founded: 1904

Number of Students: 2,929

Location: Washington, D.C.

Number of Majors: 130+

The Catholic University of America is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and as the only higher education institution founded by U.S. bishops. Established in 1887 as a pontifical chartered graduate and research center, the University began offering undergraduate education in 1904.

Catholic University is one of the largest institutions within The Newman Guide, with more than 130 academic programs in 12 schools of business, canon law, nursing, philosophy, theology, and more. The Busch School of Business has earned a positive reputation for integrating Catholic and business principles. The comprehensive, liberal arts core curriculum includes three Catholic theology and three philosophy courses.

The University offers more than 100 student clubs to include chemistry, rugby, poetry, chess, ice hockey, and drama. It is also home to 25 varsity intercollegiate teams in the NCAA Division III Landmark Conference.

CUA's campus ministry offers countless ways for students to put their faith in action from weekly service projects to international mission trips. There are several Masses, Confession, and Adoration each day on campus and at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which is an extraordinary benefit to students.

(<https://www.catholic.edu/index.html> and <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college/>)

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – October 15 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – October 10

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – November 5

Registration Deadline – October 7

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – December 10

Registration Deadline – November 4

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Smart Owl Scholarship

Amount: \$2,222

Deadline: October 29, 2022

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19879/smart-owl-scholarship>

National Driving and Traffic School Essay Contest

Amount: \$500

Deadline: November 30, 2022

www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/

WiseGeek Community Service No-Essay Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: December 1, 2022

www.homequestionsanswered.com/community-service-scholarship.htm

Upcoming College Visits at Seton

Tuesday, October 11 – Benedictine College

Thursday, October 13 – Franciscan University

Tuesday, October 18 – Catholic University

Thursday, October 20 – Thomas Aquinas College (New England)

Students are encouraged to stop by the table in the main entrance lobby during lunch and take advantage of this great opportunity to meet with visiting admissions representatives and ask any questions they may have (i.e. admission requirements, majors, scholarships, financial aid, sports, etc.).



A Visit from the University of Dallas

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*