

Seton Guidance Corner

February 16, 2023

Applications Now Open for Virginia Boys and Girls State Programs

The American Legion Virginia Boys and Girls State programs offer current juniors a week-long study of Virginia government while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Participants run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. In addition, successful completion of Boys and Girls State is recognized by employers, service academies, and university admission boards as an indicator of strong leadership skills and character traits.

This year's Boys State will be held June 18-24 at Radford University. For those interested in applying, email Mrs. Guyant at cguyant@setonschool.net for details **by Tuesday, February 28**. Interviews will take place at American Legion Post 10 in Manassas on Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m. Candidates are evaluated based on qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service. For more information about the program, visit www.vaboysstate.org/.

This year's Girls State will be held June 18-24 at Longwood University. For those interested in applying, email Mrs. Guyant at cguyant@setonschool.net for details **by Friday, February 24**. Candidates for Virginia Girls State are chosen through an interview process conducted by the ALA Post 10 in Manassas on Saturday, March 18, at 1:00 p.m. Candidates are evaluated based on their leadership abilities and interest in government, service to others, and academics. For more information about the program, visit www.vagirlsstate.org.

Christendom College Open House this Saturday

Christendom College invites high school students and their families to their Open House scheduled this Saturday, February 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meet President Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, experience a class with a Christendom professor, take a tour of campus, learn about financial aid offerings, and more. To register, visit <https://www.christendom.edu/admissions/open-house/>.

NOVA CORE Scholarship

The NOVA CORE (Community of Rising Engineers) scholarship awards students a full-ride scholarship for an A.S. in Engineering at Northern Virginia Community College. The scholarship amount of \$6,000 per year covers full tuition and fees. The engineering curriculum is designed to prepare students to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program in a wide range of engineering fields. Engineering faculty will hold an information session on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm**. To register, visit <https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrDOGurTIpG9Dvc5KWFXdAqDCwvfV-qd0p>. Click [here](#) for a flyer with additional information.

SAT & PSAT Preparation Course

Hunt Programs is hosting a preparation course (five 3-hour classes) for the SAT and PSAT at John Paul the Great High School (March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – February 25 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – February 20

Click [here](#) to register.

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

SAT Test Date – May 6

Registration Deadline – April 7

Click [here](#) to register.

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

ACT Test Date – April 15

Registration Deadline – March 10

Click [here](#) to register.

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

The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series

The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series was created to encourage high school students to become engaged and responsible citizens. The 2023 Regional Topic is "Resolved: All United States citizens should serve one year of mandatory national service between the ages of 18 and 26." Students who advance to debate finals at the regional competition in Richmond, Virginia, on Saturday, May 6, will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Reagan Library in Southern California where they will compete for scholarship awards of up to \$10,000. A Zoom information session is being offered to help students prepare for the event: Thurs., April 13 (6:00-7:00 p.m.) <https://reaganfoundation.zoom.us/j/81137388762>. To register, visit https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=25808. The final round from last summer's debate is available for viewing here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eK3ACBzhrts>. For more information, resources, and debate guides, visit <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/great-communicator-debate-series/>.

Scholarship Opportunities

Society of Women Engineers Scholarship

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: March 20, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8914/society-of-women-engineers-scholarship>

Bridging the Dream Scholarship

Amount: \$10,000

Deadline: March 27, 2023

<https://www.salliemae.com/landing/bridging-the-dream/>

National High School Essay Contest

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: April 3, 2023

<https://afsa.org/essay-contest>

Men's College Scholarship

Amount: \$50,000

Deadline: April 4, 2023

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/79371-Foundation-For-Fraternal-Excellence->

Abbott Painters Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: April 30, 2023

<https://painterslangley.com/apply>

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.