

Seton Guidance Corner

December 7, 2023

2024 Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School

Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School provides current gifted sophomores and juniors with intensive educational experiences in Agriculture; Humanities; Mathematics, Science, and Technology; and through mentorships in Marine Science and Engineering. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks during the summer. During this time, students are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, and research with noted scholars and other professionals. A school or division selection committee chooses the nominees from each school or division and forwards the nominees to a state committee. Consideration is given to students' academic records, test scores, extra-curricular activities, honors and awards, creativity, original essays, and teacher recommendations. Tuition ranges between \$975 and \$1750. While this is a fairly involved process, it has the potential of being a valuable experience. Please email Mrs. Guyant at cguyant@setonschool.net if you are interested in applying by Friday, Dec. 15. For more information, click [here](#).

Planning a Gap Year before going to college? Consider Deferring Admissions

Deferring admission is the process of applying to a college and postponing the start date for a semester or a year. The college agrees to hold the student's place, and the student agrees (by paying a deposit) to attend the college the following year. This is advantageous for students who want to take a gap year to travel, volunteer, work and save money, complete an internship, etc. In addition, some students might not feel they are "college ready" and need additional time to develop maturity and skills such as independent decision making and time management. Other students might need to take time off before college due to family obligations or medical concerns. There are several benefits of applying to college while in high school if planning to attend college later. Students have access to resources needed to apply, including the school counselor and registrar who are available to answer questions about the college application process as well as assist with high school transcripts and letters of recommendation. Moreover, a student's gap year experience will not be interrupted by the process of applying to college, and the student will have a peace of mind knowing the process is complete and college is on the horizon.

Adapted from <https://www.linkforcounselors.com/taking-a-gap-year-between-high-school-and-college-six-reasons-to-defer-admission-after-acceptance-to-college-and-two-reasons-to-think-twice/>.

2024 NOVEC Youth Tour

Applications for the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) 2024 Youth Tour are open now. This national program takes students from all over the country on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 17-21, to meet with congressional representatives, tour museums, visit historical sites, and enjoy special events. Local electric cooperatives like NOVEC accept Youth Tour applications from high school sophomores and juniors who receive electricity from that co-op in their home. For more information and to download the application, visit www.novec.com/youthtour. Application deadline is February 16, 2024.

Seniors, Don't Forget...

January 1st is the application deadline for many colleges. If you need to request your high school transcript to meet this deadline, please do so by Friday, Dec. 15 before Christmas break. Be courteous and email Mrs. McIntyre now at tmcintyre@setonschool.net.

What's Changing with the 2024-25 FAFSA?

Click [here](#) for information.

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

***CLT Test Date – January 27 (Remotely Proctored)**

Registration Deadline – January 16

Click [here](#) to register.

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

Digital SAT Test Date – March 9

Registration Deadline – February 23

Click [here](#) to register.

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

ACT Test Date – February 10

Registration Deadline – January 5

Click [here](#) to register.

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

**Thanks to Franciscan University, students taking the remotely proctored, at-home CLT exam on January 27 can test for free by filling out an application. Visit <https://www.cltexam.com/tests/clt/> for more information.*

Scholarship Opportunities

NOVEC's 2024 Scholarship

Each year, NOVEC provides local area high school students the opportunity to apply for college scholarships. The scholarships award \$1,500 to high school students in five counties where NOVEC provides electric service – Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, and in the City of Manassas Park. Students may attend public, private or home school. One scholarship will go to a student attending an HBCU, and another to a student attending a vocational or trade school. Because the majority of NOVEC customers live in Prince William, Fairfax and Loudoun counties, two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded in these counties. Application deadline is March 1, 2024. To apply, visit

<https://www.novec.com/Community/scholarships.cfm>.

Holiday Wishlist Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: December 31, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19120/happy-holidays-scholarship>

2024 Youthcon Scholarship - Rise to the Occasion

Hosted by [AASuccess](#), a Falls Church-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth to gain confidence while fostering leadership skills by living a motto of “perfecting the act of giving back”.

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: January 13, 2024

<https://youthcon.aasuccess.org/>

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship

Competition is open to all high school seniors who are planning careers in government service.

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: January 15, 2024

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington-crossing-foundation-scholarship>

**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.*