

# Leavitt Area High School

## February 2019 ♥ Guidance Newsletter ♥



### Upcoming Scholarship deadlines are:

#### February 14

- We the Students Essay Contest

#### February 28

- Diane E. Curtis Medical Scholarship

#### March 1

- Mainly Character Scholarship

#### March 15

- Unitil Scholarship Fund Application
- George Coleman Scholarship
- Maine Society of Professional Engineers

### **IMPORTANT!**

**The local scholarship packet will be available this month!  
Listen for Guidance Announcements!**

Hello Seniors!

As you start your final semester here at Leavitt Area High School, please note that it's extremely important to end your high school career with your best possible grades. Colleges, military recruiters, and prospective employers want to see that you did not let "Senioritis" get the best of you!

-Guidance Staff

### **INFORMATION ON UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES**

As you're receiving college acceptance letters, you now have the task of choosing which college to attend. In order to help with this process, we encourage you to attend Open Houses where you can meet other students who have also been accepted, you can tour the campus, and you can learn more about the programs and majors offered. Below are a few of the upcoming Open Houses in Maine. If your schools are not listed, you should look online for more information.

**MECA (Maine College of Art):** Open House February 16, 2019  
10:30am – 3:00pm. RSVP at [www.meca.edu/admissions](http://www.meca.edu/admissions)

**Southern Maine Community College:** Open House April 6, 2019  
[www.smccme.edu/admissions-aid/visit/](http://www.smccme.edu/admissions-aid/visit/)

**Maine Maritime Academy:** Open House April 6, 2019 8:00am – 4:00pm. [www.mainemaritime.edu](http://www.mainemaritime.edu)

**University of Maine:** Spring Open House April 27, 2019 9:00am – 2:00pm. For more information go to [www.go.umaine.edu/visit](http://www.go.umaine.edu/visit)

# Understanding your Financial Aid Letter

If you have questions about your financial aid letter, please stop by the guidance office and we'll help explain it! Here is a sample financial aid award letter:

Dear

Congratulations on your admission to College! On behalf of the University, I am pleased to offer you financial assistance for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Your award is as follows:

Source:	Fall	Spring	Total
College Grant	11,750	11,750	23,500
College Scholarship	3,500	3,500	7,000
Federal Perkins Loan	500	500	1,000
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	1,750	1,750	3,500
Fed. Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	1,000	1,000	2,000
Fed. Work Study Opportunity	1,000	1,000	2,000
<b>Total Awards:</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>39,000</b>

Please note that you will need to provide the following documents to our office as soon as possible in order to finalize your award:

Award Acceptance Agreement (enclosed) Student  
Statement of Non-filing  
Parent IRS transcript

Your financial aid offer is based on your reporting that other members of your family will be attending undergraduate or graduate school at least half time during 2012-2013. You may be required to provide document his/her enrollment. Please notify our office of any changes in enrollment plans.

All award offers are subject to change based upon the review of the documentation requested above and any other information we receive that changes your overall financial aid eligibility. When submitting requested documentation, please be sure all forms are signed and completed properly.

Please review the enclosed "Award Guide" for specific information on your offer of aid and the terms and conditions of your award. Please be sure you have a clear understanding of the assistance you are being offered. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions about your award. You may reach the Office of Financial Assistance at (123) 456-7890, by fax at (123) 456-7890 or by email at [finaid@college.edu](mailto:finaid@college.edu).

Sincerely,  
Assistant Director

## RESCINDED ACCEPTANCE LETTERS – FACT OR FICTION?

How important is it to keep your grades up after being accepted to college? Extremely important! We, in the guidance office, have copies of actual rescinded acceptance letters. Those students were accepted to a college and then decided that they no longer needed to do any work in high school. The colleges then decided to withdraw their acceptance. Keep working hard!



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Contact the college's financial aid office directly to discuss special circumstances such as unemployment, divorce, loss of income, unusual medical expenses, parent(s) attending college, or any financial change not reflected on the FAFSA.

**All transcript requests for scholarships must be submitted by the last day of school!**

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