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SAT Dates SHS School Code 481345

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
12/30/11	01/28/12 (BLHS)
02/10/12	03/10/12
04/06/12	05/05/12
05/08/12	06/02/12 (BLHS)

(BLHS) Bonney Lake High School is a test site.

Registration must be through College Board.

ACT Dates SHS School Code 481345

Register online at www.actstudent.org

<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
01/13/12	02/11/12
03/09/12	04/14/12
05/04/12	06/09/12

Dates To Know

12/16/11 Community Scholarship is online! The Community Scholarship represents the opportunity for scholarships offered by people and organizations in the Sumner, Bonney Lake, Puyallup, and Tacoma areas. The donors have all worked together in this process to be part of a community of financial awards for the seniors at Sumner High School.

The FAFSA is coming – be prepared! What is the FAFSA? The Free Application for Student Aid is a form used to college family income and asset information to determine the eligibility for financial aid. If you think you need help paying for your college education, you should know about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.) Basically, this form helps determine what types of financial aid you qualify for. The FAFSA is also used by most colleges to determine a student's aid eligibility. FAFSA.ed.gov

FAFSA PIN Your Key to Online Identification

The Personal Identification Number (PIN) is the code that the U.S. Department of Education uses to identify you online. A PIN allows you electronically sign to speed the process, check the status, make corrections, and fill out an online renewal form for the next year. **To obtain a PIN, eligible students AND parents can visit www.pin.ed.gov (students and parents should receive their own PINs.) Click on "Apply for PIN" near the top of the page. Allow four hours for instructions to be sent via e-mail.**

FAFSA Tips

- Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible beginning January 01, and each successive year once you're in college: Early submission maximizes chances of receiving aid.
- Fill out a "FAFSA on the Web" worksheet: Click "Before Beginning a FAFSA," then "Print a Pre-Application Worksheet." Use the print-out as a guide before committing answers online.
DO NOT enter online answers directly from the paper FAFSA! FAFSA on the Web and paper FAFSA questions are in a different order!
- Sign the application: If you are filing as a dependent, make sure your parents sign too. You can use your PIN if signing electronically.
- Save your FAFSA online if you can't finish it in one session: Click the "Save" button at the bottom of each step to save info for 45 days.

Remember that the FAFSA is FREE! If you need help-call the FAFSA Help Desk at 800/4FED-AID.

Why should I get a PIN?

You can use your PIN to access your financial aid data at these U.S. Department of Education Web sites:

- **FAFSA on the WebSM** website at www.fafsa.ed.gov: Access and complete your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). You can also:
 - submit corrections to your processed FAFSA,
 - use your PIN to electronically sign your submitted FAFSA,
 - obtain a copy of your processed FAFSA information, or
 - add a school code to your FAFSA application.
- The **National Student Loan Data SystemSM** website at www.nsls.ed.gov: View a history of the federal student financial aid you have received.
- The **Direct Loan Consolidation** website at www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov: Your PIN will enable you to track the processing status of your online Consolidation Loan application throughout the entire consolidation process from application receipt to booking with Direct Loan Servicing.
- **Direct Loan Master Promissory Note** website at www.StudentLoans.gov: You can electronically sign a master promissory note (MPN) for your Direct LoansSM.

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Instructions: Read the description for each scholarship and decide which you would like to apply for. If the description includes a website, you must apply and/or get the information through that website.

AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship *Deadline: 02/15/12* Seniors give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Students are required to submit an autobiography and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions: "How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life? What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease? Please visit <http://www.afateens.org/documents/2012%20Scholarship%20Application-%20Essay%20Competition.pdf> for more information and application materials.

American Cancer Society Scholarship *Deadline: 02/25/12* Seniors who are cancer survivors. Please visit <http://www.cancer.org/MyAcs/Ohio/ProgramsandServices/ohio-college-scholarship> for more information and application materials.

American Indian Endowed Scholarship *Deadline: 02/01/12* Seniors must demonstrate financial need and be a resident of Washington State with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian Tribe. Applicants must also be enrolled as a full time student in an in-state public or independent college/university by the Fall term 2012. Please visit www.hecb.wa.gov and type American Indian Endowed Scholarship in the Search bucket for more information and application materials.

Burger King Scholars Program *Deadline: 01/10/12* Seniors with a minimum 2.50 GPA, work at least fifteen hours per week, demonstrate financial need, and participate in community service and extracurricular activities. Please visit http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html for information and application materials.

Federal Way Chorale College Scholarship *Deadline: 01/31/12* Seniors from Federal Way or surrounding areas who have excelled in vocal/chorale music and plan on studying music or musical theater. Please visit www.fwchorale.com for more information and application materials.

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program *Deadline: 02/08/12* Senior with a minimum GPA of 2.75 who is planning to enroll in a 2 or 4 year in-state college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Please visit www.kfcscholars.org beginning 12/01/11 for more information and application materials.

Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship *Deadline: 01/27/12* Seniors planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college in the fall. Please visit <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/> for more information and application materials.

Society of Exploration Geophysicists Scholarships *Deadline: 03/10/12* Seniors planning to pursue a career in exploration geophysics; must have an interest in and aptitude for physics, mathematics, and geology. Please visit www.seg.org. Type scholarship in the Search line and then click on Scholarship under Student Resources for more information and application materials.

StudentCam - C-SPAN's Annual National Video Documentary Competition *Deadline: 01/20/12* High school students where applicants create a five- to eight-minute documentary that presents multiple views on a specific topic and includes C-SPAN video. Each entry should reflect this year's theme: "The Constitution and You: Select any provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video illustrating why it's important to you." Please visit <http://www.studentcam.org/> for more information and application materials.

Sylvia K. Burack Writing Award *Deadline: 03/15/12* This is a writing contest for Seniors and Juniors. To enter, submit a previously unpublished 600- to 800- word personal essay on the following topic: "Select a work of fiction, poem or play that has influenced you. Discuss the work and explain how it affected you." Please visit <http://www.writingclasses.com/ContestPages/Burack.php> for more information and application materials.

University of Washington Scholarships *Deadline: Varies by scholarship* Please visit <http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/ugaid/scholarship.html> for more information about scholarship opportunities at the UW.

Washington State University Scholarship Programs *Deadline: Seniors must have met WSU application deadline to apply for scholarships.* Visit <http://futurestudents.wsu.edu/scholarships/scholarships.aspx> for information regarding scholarship program opportunities offered at WSU.

WyzAnt College Scholarship *Deadline: 04/01/12* Seniors and Juniors compose an essay of 300 words or less that answers the question: "What is the most important lesson you have learned in your life. Please visit <http://www.wyzant.com/scholarships/v2/about.aspx> for more information and application materials.

Young Naturalist Award *Deadline: 03/09/12* Students must plan and conduct your own scientific expedition, one which will provide original data, questions, and observations on a topic in the natural sciences. An essay is required to be considered for this award. Please visit <http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/youngnaturalistawards/> for more information and application materials.