

COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTION

SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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COLLEGE EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES EXPLORE COLLEGES VIRTUALLY & IN PERSON THIS SPRING!

During the spring months, the majority of colleges and universities hold special sessions and events to get prospective students on campus and for families to learn about their programs and what they have to offer. While most colleges have had to cancel or minimize these large-scale events, many schools are starting to open up for in-person tours. *Spots are typically limited and require a reservation but if you are able to get on campus, do it!* It is one of the very best ways to really understand what you are looking for in a school and if a particular campus will (or won't) be a good fit for you!

Still other schools have shifted these opportunities to be virtual. They are still very worth checking out! These sessions and special events are typically aimed at juniors but all are welcome to attend and learn more about different colleges. Below are a few upcoming, local opportunities to take advantage of!

To find out what kind of visit opportunities a college is offering you can go to their website and click on their "admissions" tab. Below are two excellent upcoming opportunities that you should take advantage of if you are considering a technical or community college after high school!

⇒ DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (DCTC)

- Virtual Open House on **Thursday, April 1st (3 PM – 6 PM)**
- Apply for FREE, learn about admissions, get your questions answered, find out how to pay for college and apply for financial aid, and explore scholarships. Those that attend and apply during the Open House will be entered for a chance to win one of five \$500 scholarships.
- This is a one-day event, so don't wait to reserve your spot! <https://www.dctc.edu/go/open-house/>

⇒ INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Inver Hills annual **College Access Day** will take place virtually on the afternoon of **Tuesday, March 30th (4:30 PM – 5:30 PM)**. Students will get a chance to connect with staff, learn about student support services and what it's like to take courses as an Inver student, and apply! Click "College Access Day 2021" at <https://www.inverhills.edu/admissions/VisitUs.aspx>.

ASVAB TO BE OFFERED AT SIMLEY

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

While the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test) is a requirement for those planning on joining any branch of the military, the exam and specifically the career exploration program isn't just for students interested in the military. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program helps students to discover their strengths and interests then map out post-secondary plans with comprehensive information for over 1,000 occupations.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is open to any Simley Student in grade 10-12 who want to learn more about their career options or for those that are interested in joining the military. There are 2 parts to the ASVAB Career Exploration Program.

Part 1: Aptitude Test on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

Part 2: Score interpretation, interest self-assessment, and career exploration tools (May- date/time TBD).

Because Wednesday's are our distance flex-days, students will need to provide their own transportation to this offering. Students can expect to be done around 11:45 A.M. and can sign-up in person with Ms. Kimble or online at: <http://bit.ly/SimASVAB21>.

Please note that no scores or student names are released to the military. Students are able to opt-in to have their scores sent to whichever branch of the military that they choose.

DATES & DEADLINES TO NOTE:

April/May:

Ms. Kimble will be in junior English classes talking about all aspects of post-secondary planning and paying for college/financial aid

April 21:

ASVAB is offered at Simley (8:30 AM)

May/June:

AP testing takes place in-person at Simley and virtually at home. If you are an AP student who has not completed the survey indicating which format you would like to test in (in-person or digitally), you must do so by Monday, 29th or your test will default to a digital exam. bit.ly/simleyap2021

June 8:

College Essay Guy's course in how to write your college essay begins! Amazing opportunity for any junior planning to apply to selective schools that will require an essay or personal statement in fall. Pay-what-you-can course. Learn more and register today at:

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/how-to-write-a-personal-statement>

WHO'S HIRING

JOB POSTINGS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Inver Wood Golf Course Inver Grove Heights	Inver Wood Maintenance Team is looking for new team members for the 2021 season. Perform various maintenance functions. Start early AM and have all afternoon free. \$11.40- \$17.45 with experience. Must be 16+ with driver's license.	Contact Joel Metz, Golf Course Superintendent 651.554.0132 or jmetz@ighmn.gov
Skyhawks IGH (and surrounding)	Hiring student athletes to be coaches this summer. Work with kids up to 30 hours a week coaching a variety of sports. Criteria: must have played a varsity level sport, have at least a 3.0 GPA, and have a great attitude!	Apply online at: www.skyhawks.com/staff/application
Bremer Bank Inver Grove Heights	Hiring for teller positions. Complete various teller transactions and customer care. Previous experience handling cash and/or customer service preferred but not required. Must be 16+.	Apply online at: https://www.bremer.com/careers Click "view open positions" and search for "Inver Grove Heights" in the search box.
Patio Town Burnsville	Hiring for inside retail sales and outdoor yard crew. Flexible summer schedule, training, competitive wages at \$13-\$15/hour.	Email resume to mseifert@patiotown.com or apply online at: https://www.patiotown.com/about-patio-town/job-opportunities/job-application
Ebenezer Senior Living West St. Paul and Highland Park	Join our team of caring professionals at Ebenezer! You'll have the opportunity to be part of a team that is creating an extraordinary living experience for seniors living in your community. Currently hiring high school students for our Resident Assistant and Culinary/Server Assistant positions. Must be at least 15 years old and be able to perform all physical aspects of job.	See current openings and apply online at: https://www.ebenzercares.org/careers
WSP Parks & Recreation West St. Paul	WSP Parks & Rec is hiring for summer! Youth rec instructor (day camp counselor or youth sports instructor) and rec coordinator. Great summer job for high school student! See website for full details.	https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/wspmn/jobs/2324022/youth-recreation-instructor-summer-seasonal https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/wspmn/jobs/2964308/recreation-coordinator-summer-seasonal
ISD 199 Evening Building Supervisor Inver Grove Heights	This is a part-time position, supervising evening community use of ISD 199 buildings and grounds. Hours: 5-15 hours/week, variable hours M-F between 5:30pm-9:30pm. \$15/hour Required Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED (AA preferred).	https://www.applitrack.com/invergrove/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1
A&W Inver Grove Heights	Hiring for all positions: manager, crew members, shift supervisors, and more. Hourly wages up to \$15/hour based on experience.	Stop by A&W for an application or send resume to: Jepsen.office2@gmail.com
O'Reilly's Auto Parts Inver Grove Heights	IGH and WSP stores are hiring for multiple positions. Part time and full-time positions. Competitive salary and benefits.	https://corporate.oreillyauto.com/onlineapplication/careerpage/stores
Dairy Queen Inver Grove Heights	Crew Member. \$9-\$13/hour. See website for full details on job duties and responsibilities.	Stop by DQ for an application or apply online at: https://www.indeedjobs.com/dairy-queen-fa36a39/jobs/cb954ebc83d75a18ef57
Good Samaritan Society Inver Grove Heights	Hiring for CNA or Dietary Aide. 16+. Able to hire non-certified assistants and help with training.	www.good-sam.jobs or call 651.451.1853

Note: Employers and organizations reach out to share job opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Simley does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Simley does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS AND STRATEGIES

- Create a separate email address specifically for scholarships so that your primary email isn't flooded.
- Read the directions. Follow the directions.
- It's a numbers game- be strategic with where you are spending your time. Apply more to win more.
- You CANNOT win if you don't apply.
- It gets easier after the first 6 applications.
- Be open, honest, and yourself! Make it personal.
- Don't throw out small scholarships- they add up!
- Tailor your application to meet the sponsor's goals
- Create a resume/activity list so that you don't have to recreate it each time.
- Reuse your essays! If it is the same topic or similar question, be efficient and reuse essays.
- Be diligent and set aside time to specifically work on scholarships.
- The more local you can stay, the better.
- If a scholarship looks like a lot of work, consider applying, as typically these have less competition.
- NEVER pay to be considered for a scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH ENGINES & RESOURCES

- ✓ **RAISE.ME** raise.me/join Raise.me is a free micro-scholarship platform where you can earn money for doing well in your classes, visiting colleges, and participating in extracurricular activities. You can begin to earn money as early as 9TH grade! Check out the website for specific schools that will accept raise.me scholarships.
- ✓ **GOING MERRY** www.goingmerry.com
- ✓ **FASTWEB** www.fastweb.com
- ✓ **BIG FUTURE** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- ✓ **UNIGO** <https://www.unigo.com/>
- ✓ **SCHOLLY** <https://myscholly.com/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MARCH 25, 2021

Sponsor/Amount	Deadline/how to apply	Eligibility/requirements
MN Golf Association Foundation Women's Scholarship Sponsored by: MGA Foundation \$3,000 (renewable for 4 consecutive years- 2 scholarships awarded in 2020)	March 31, 2021 https://www.mngolf.org/MWGA_Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MGA Foundation Women's Scholarship is open to MN high school senior girls who intend to enroll in college the year they complete the application. • Awarded based on academic performance (a minimum 3.2 average), continued financial need and quality of character as demonstrated by civic and academic activities. • Although skill or excellence in the game of golf is not a criterion, candidates shall demonstrate an interest or involvement in the sport.
College Covered Sponsored by: Discover Student Loans \$5,000 (1 scholarship per month, 12 times a year)	March 31, 2021; April 30, 2021; May 31, 2021; June 30, 2021 https://scholarship.collegecovered.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for emails to get helpful college tips and resources, and enter for the chance to win a scholarship. Throughout the year, 12 eligible students or parents will be randomly selected to win a \$5,000 Discover Student Loans Scholarship Award to help cover college expenses. • You can enter once per promotional period.

<p>Superpower Scholarship Sponsored by: UNIGO</p> <p>\$2,500 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>March 31, 2021</p> <p>https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/superpower-scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award is open to all U.S. students who are 13 and older and who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than fall of 2026) in an accredited postsecondary institution of higher education. • Respond to the prompt: "Which superhero or villain would you want to change places with for a day and why?" The student's written response must be written in English, with correct spelling and grammar, and it must not exceed 250 words.
<p>Page Grant (Scholarship) Sponsored by: Page Education Foundation</p> <p>\$1,000 - \$2,500 (renewable)</p>	<p>April 1, 2021</p> <p>https://www.page-ed.org/</p>	<p>The Page Education Foundation has awarded annual, renewable scholarships to students of color who are pursuing a post-secondary education in Minnesota.</p> <p>Virtual information and help-sessions will also be held through the deadline.</p> <p>To be eligible for a Page Grant, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a student of color and/or American Indian • A Minnesota high school graduate • Will be enrolled full-time at a MN post-secondary educational institution • Willing to complete 50 hours of volunteer service with children in K-8th grade
<p>Mary Ann Kosel Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by: Wakota Federal Credit Union</p> <p>\$1,000 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>April 4, 2021</p> <p>https://wakotafcu.org/scholarship/</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current high school student graduating in 2021 or current college student. • Be a member of the Wakota Federal Credit Union (South St. Paul) in good standing. • Enrolled or planning to attend an accredited trade school, community college, or university in an undergraduate or graduate program in the 21-22 school year. • Financial need is not considered in the selection of the scholarship recipient. Scholarship is awarded based on 500-word essay only.
<p>The World Food Prize Minneosta Youth Institute Sponsored by: University of Minnesota and World Food Prize Foundation</p> <p>\$1,000 (Guaranteed scholarship to the U of M CFANS college for participating, recognition as a Borlaug Scholar, and are eligible for additional fellowships, international and domestic internships and an opportunity to represent MN at the Global Youth Institute)</p>	<p>April 12, 2021</p> <p>z.umn.edu/mnyiapply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MN Youth Institute (MNYI) challenges high school students to solve local and global hunger issues, by connecting science, economics, agriculture, social justice, and more. • MNYI is an interactive half-day program where high school students from across the state participate in immersive experiences while having the opportunity to connect with research and industry leaders and gain hands-on exposure to a variety of agricultural, food, and natural resource fields. • MNYI 2021 will be held virtually. The deadline for registration and paper submissions is Monday, April 12th and the virtual MNYI event is set scheduled for Monday, May 17th. • See website for registration information, paper instructions and resources, and more information.

<p>FinU virtual financial education courses Sponsored by: Royal Credit Union</p> <p>\$100 (4 courses- \$10 for 1st class, \$20 for 2nd class, \$30 for 3rd class, and \$40 for 4th class plus win other great prizes!)</p>	<p>April 12, 2021</p> <p>www.rcu.org/finU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn money while you learn about money! • Using a virtual format, young adults will be able to learn about a variety of financial topics meant to help boost financial independence and foster creative financial learning. • Attend one or all four classes! Class registration will be limited, and participants cannot attend the same class more than once. • These engaging classes are approximately one hour long and open to Members and non-members ages 14-22. • Participants must receive a score of at least 75% on the posttest to receive cash incentive.
<p>MN Workforce Development Scholarships Sponsored by: MN State Colleges & Universities</p> <p>\$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester-renewable) <i>Hundreds of awards are available- don't miss this great opportunity!</i></p>	<p>Deadlines vary from school to school. DCTC & Inver Hills Workforce Scholarships open on April 12, 2021</p> <p>For more information and how to apply, visit your college's financial aid/scholarships webpage or go to: https://minnstate.edu/stories/wds/</p>	<p>The Minnesota Legislature has provided funding for hundreds of \$2,500 scholarships at the 30 community and technical colleges of Minnesota State in the high-demand fields of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Health Care Services, Information Technology, Early Childhood Education, Transportation <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in a high-demand occupation within an eligible program • 9 credits per term; 2.0 GPA, Minnesota resident • Preference for students in financial need <p><i>Eligible colleges include (but not limited to):</i> Dakota County Technical College, Century College, Inver Hills Community College, Normandale Community College, and St. Paul College. Check individual college financial aid pages for college-specific dates and deadlines.</p>
<p>SPIRE Scholarship Program Sponsored by: SPIRE Credit Union</p> <p>\$1,000 (5 scholarships- 3 for graduating high school seniors, 2 for non-traditional students)</p>	<p>April 15, 2021</p> <p>https://www.myspire.com/about-spire/giveback/spire-scholarship</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an online application form and submit a 500 - 1,000-word essay on the topic, "How has the global pandemic financially affected you and/or your family, and what steps have you taken to manage your finances throughout this time?" • Applicants must be a primary member of SPIRE Credit Union. • Applicants must retain a 2.0 GPA
<p>EMPOWER Scholarship Sponsored by: Courage Kenny Foundation, made possible by David M. Hersey Endowment Fund</p> <p>\$2,000 (2 scholarships this year)</p> <p><i>*Typically around 20 applicants for this scholarship so take advantage of this great opportunity!</i></p>	<p>April 15, 2021</p> <p>https://www.allinahealth.org/courage-kenny-rehabilitation-institute/programs-and-services/volunteer-opportunities/empower-scholarships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMPOWER (Encourage Minority Participation in Occupations with Emphasis on Rehabilitation) Scholarship encourages and supports ethnically diverse students who are pursuing a career in a medical or rehabilitation field. • Applicants must identify how they will use their education and training and demonstrate their interest in rehabilitation. • Selection is based on the applicant's stated intentions (pursuing a degree in healthcare), past achievements, financial need, and graduation ranking (minimum 2.0 GPA).

<p>The Linden Scholarship Sponsored by: The Salvation Army</p> <p>\$1,500 (2-year colleges) \$3,000 (4-year colleges) <i>Multiple scholarships awarded</i></p>	<p>April 16, 2021</p> <p>https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/scholarship/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to students who are committed to improving their communities through active volunteer service. • The scholarship committee is looking for students (high school seniors) who permanently reside in Washington, Ramsey or Dakota counties, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. • Recipients must be enrolled in a two-year or four-year college or vocation school.
<p>All About Education Scholarship Sponsored by: UNIGO</p> <p>\$3,000 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>April 30, 2021</p> <p>https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award is open to all U.S. students who are 13 and older and who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than fall of 2026) in an accredited postsecondary institution of higher education. • Respond to the prompt: "How will a \$3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?" The student's written response must be written in English, with correct spelling and grammar, and it must not exceed 250 words.
<p>ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship Sponsored by: Iowa State Loans</p> <p>\$1,000 (10 scholarships-awarded by random selection)</p>	<p>April 30, 2021</p> <p>https://www.iowastudentloan.org/scholarships/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no financial need, minimum grade point average or class rank requirements for the ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship. • The ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship is open to students who are: legal U.S. residents. High school seniors who are residents of Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota or Wisconsin. • Planning to attend an eligible college the fall.
<p>MN Association of Townships Scholarship Program Sponsored by: MN Association of Townships (MAT)</p> <p>\$2,000 (5 scholarships)</p>	<p>May 1, 2021</p> <p>See Ms. Kimble for application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a junior student attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home school study program to be eligible and plan to attend a technical, community, or 4-year college or university. • Participants submit a written essay on the 2021 topic: Land Use. (See Ms. Kimble for application with more detailed essay information). • An official transcript and one letter of recommendation is required.
<p>Jeff Johnson Group Scholarship Program Sponsored by: Jeff Johnson Group</p> <p>\$1,500 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>June 6, 2021</p> <p>https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/thejeffjohnsongroup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small real estate firm based out of Edina, MN. • Application is open to current seniors and should take 20-30 minutes to complete. • Two letters of recommendation required. • Questions can be directed to Cecilia Hoffman, Marketing and Operations Manager. (952) 358. 9690

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Check out the Simley College & Career website:

https://www.isd199.org/schools/simley/college_career

QUICK REFERENCE AND RESOURCES

⇒ ORDERING YOUR OFFICIAL SIMLEY TRANSCRIPTS

We use a secure site called Parchment (www.parchment.com) to send your official transcript wherever you choose. See handout for more information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vPBOYArtClFq20Vq5daAjNplzICHh_vQ/view?usp=sharing

⇒ FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

Watch super helpful videos about paying for college, completing the FAFSA, financial aid, creating a FSA ID, and more at this Paying for College YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcgu3UyuWulHxNgtD02AUThOREiF3orAa>
The site [Student Aid \(https://studentaid.gov/\)](https://studentaid.gov/) provides the most up-to-date resources and information on financial aid.

⇒ MINNESOTA DREAM ACT

In MN, if a student is undocumented, they are eligible to complete the MN Dream Act application which will provide them with in-state tuition costs, state grants, and more. For more information, go to: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2056> and watch this helpful video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNGUSNA-SbU&feature=youtu.be>. *Note: if you're a citizen (student) with an undocumented parent you are eligible to complete the FAFSA.*

⇒ COLLEGE RESEARCH SITES

- College Board's *Big Future* site is one of my favorites. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- *College Navigator* is also a favorite for starting college research. <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- *College Express* is a great site for all things lists (best food, school spirit, hidden gems, etc.) www.collegeexpress.com

⇒ COLLEGE VIRTUAL TOURS

- *You Visit* provides visitors with excellent, professional, in-depth tours of over 600 colleges and universities across the nation. There are pictures, 360-degree campus tours, and virtual tour guide! www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/
- *Campus Reel* provides the complete student perspective on over 300 college campuses-all through student led videos. These videos are usually selfie-style but are all taken by current students so visitors get a very real and honest look at what student life, academics, classrooms, dorm rooms, and campus are actually like. www.campusreel.org

⇒ CAREER RESEARCH SITES

- *Career Finder* is an amazing resource for all things career research: <https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder>