

COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTION

SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

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B.E.S.T. FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION CLOSING ON MARCH 7, 2022

Inver Grove Heights



The Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation provides scholarships to Simley graduates for college (technical, community, and 4-year college or university). *This year, the Foundation will be awarding more scholarships than ever; roughly 140 scholarships totaling over \$210,000.* This is an excellent opportunity, offered only to Simley seniors, and one not to be missed!

There is only one application to complete. Each student will be considered for every scholarship for which they qualify and will be awarded the highest dollar scholarship for which they qualify. Please make note that once you have submitted the application form, a copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided. **IF YOU DO NOT GET A CONFIRMATION EMAIL, YOUR APPLICATION WAS NOT RECEIVED BY THE B.E.S.T. FOUNDATION.**

Ms. Kimble will be delivering information about the scholarship and how to apply in senior English courses. **The application will open online to students on Monday, February 7, 2022 and will close promptly at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2021 with no exceptions.** For more information and to apply, go to: <http://www.ighbestfoundation.com/> under the Scholarship tab.

UNIQUE CAREER PROGRAMS



Simley High School provides students with a variety of **unique opportunities to explore their post-secondary career options**. It's of critical importance for students to explore different career pathways and to do so early and often. *Benefits of participating in a career pathways program* at Simley include: learning what career options are available and gain a better understanding of what you are looking for in a career, improve knowledge, develop goals and confidence, and college credits are included as a part of many programs. Programs range from **immersive experiences** to **internships** to **hands-on learning**, both onsite at Simley and at offsite partner locations.

Opportunities are being presented to students in their Social Studies classes as a part of the registration process. Opportunities will be presented to students in their Social Studies classes during registration. To learn more, go to: <https://bit.ly/simleypathways22> (updated 1.24.22) or watch the overview video outlining each program at: <https://vimeo.com/669973628>.

There will be **follow-up interest meetings** held for several of these programs. Interested students will be able to ask questions, learn more in-depth about the programs, hear from current students and teachers, and get help with next steps. Students will be able to complete the interest form during presentations but the form can also be completed here: <http://bit.ly/simleycareer2022>.

- *DCTC/917 programs interest meeting*: Tuesday, February 8th @ 9:25 am
- *Genesys Works interest meeting*: Tuesday, February 8th @ 11:15 am
- *TriDistrict/CAPS program interest meeting*: Thursday, February 10th @ 10:20 am

SIMLEY FINANCIAL AID EVENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 (4:30 PM - 6:30 PM)

Simley High School is pleased to offer a free financial aid workshop! **Any and all Simley senior students (and their parents) planning to attend a technical, community, or 4-year college are invited and encouraged to attend.** This workshop is designed to help students and families complete the FAFSA or MN Dream Act (financial aid application for undocumented students) by providing free professional support from local college financial aid officers.

Please RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/FAFSArsvp2>



Megan Kimble

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Book a meeting with me at: <https://bit.ly/kimblemeeting>

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2: Financial Aid/ FAFSA Completion Event (virtual, 4:30 – 6:30)

February 7: B.E.S.T. scholarship opens

February: Ms. Kimble meets with all juniors in small groups for post-secondary planning

March 7: B.E.S.T. scholarship deadline (3:00 PM)

March 8: Juniors take the ACT (for free) at Simley

March 15: MNACAC College Fair at Simley (60+ colleges and universities)

FREE VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID EVENTS

FINANCIAL AID EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The series, running February 8 through March 1, will cover general financial aid information, details on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Minnesota Dream Act for undocumented students, and other ways to pay for college. All sessions will have interpretation in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. **Participants who attend 4 out of 5 sessions will be eligible to win a \$500 scholarship.**

Space is limited to register soon! These sessions are offered by the MN Office of Higher Education, MN Department of Education, ECMC The College Place and MN Goes to College.

To register: bit.ly/readysselfafsa.



Ready, Set, FAFSA!

SESSION DATES/TIMES:

- 2/08/22 @ 7 p.m. | Financial Aid Overview
- 2/15/22 @ 7 p.m. | Complete the FAFSA
- 2/17/22 @ 7 p.m. | Complete the MN Dream Act
- 2/22/22 @ 7 p.m. | Understand Your Offer Letter
- 3/01/22 @ 7 p.m. | Scholarship Search

* Interpreters available in Hmong, Spanish and Somali.

Brought to you by MN Office of Higher Education (MOHE), MN Dept. of Education and ECMC The College Place.

SIGN UP NOW!



FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. ON YOUTH TOUR

DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION/RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Dakota Electric Association will provide five high school sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour, **June 14-19, 2022.**



Each June, more than 1,500 students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. for the NRECA Youth Tour. During the trip, they learn about electric cooperatives and government, meet elected officials and tour national monuments and sites, including the Smithsonian, the FBI building and more.

Students can apply using the form here: (<https://www.dakotaelectric.com/community/youth-tour-test/>) or request an application from the College and Career Center. The application deadline is **February 25**. Students must be available for an in-person interview on Thurs., March 10 or Tues., March 15 after 3:30 p.m. Applicant's household must be a member of Dakota Electric.

ACT OFFERED FREE TO ALL JUNIORS

TEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 8, 2021

We are administering the ACT Plus Writing, free of charge, to all juniors on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022** starting at 8:30 a.m. All 11th grade students will be excused from their classes on Tuesday, March 8th so that they may test if they choose. 11th grade students who take the ACT Plus Writing will be excused from school after the conclusion of the test. **Families of junior students will receive a letter in the mail soon with more detailed information.**

9th, 10th, and 12th grade students will have an at-home alternative learning day on March 8, 2022, which means they will not be in attendance at Simley High School on that day. Rather, students will work at home (self-paced) on class assignments in Schoology. Teachers will be available for virtual support during their regular class hours. A letter with more in-depth information and next steps will be going out to families of juniors soon.

As an alternative to the ACT, we will also be offering the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program (CEP) to 11th and 12th graders at the same time as the ACT. This is an excellent alternative to the ACT for students who are interested in the military pathway or for those who are not considering a 4-year college but still want to explore their future options. Please note that ASVAB scores are not released to the military but there is an opt-in release form for any student who wishes to send their scores to the military. If your student would like to participate in the ASVAB, please contact Megan Kimble, Career and College Counselor, at kimblem@isd199.org.



WHO'S HIRING

JOB POSTINGS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Position	Job Description	Contact/How to Apply
Subway Inver Grove Heights (Broderick Blvd.)	Start Fresh! Subway is hiring for their team. Flexible scheduling, employee discounts, and growth opportunities! Apply today!	www.mysubwaycareer.com or text SUBHIRE to 242424
The Sanctuary (Assisted living) West St. Paul	We are hiring non-certified licensed position and nursing licensed jobs, as well as culinary food services and housekeeping cleaning! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part and full-time opportunities (even for students), flexible schedule, growth opportunities, benefits now offered at 48 hours/two weeks, those working scheduled p/t hours can get our get tuition reimbursement or assistance, current extra hourly pay \$ incentive in place for several positions 	www.EbenezerCares.org/Careers
Vermillion State Bank Vermillion	Vermillion State Bank is seeking a highly motivated TELLER to join our team! Candidates must have strong verbal, written, and communication skills. Responsibilities will primarily include performing teller transactions and handling customer requests. Hours/days are flexible with opportunities after school, Saturdays, and during the summer.	Contact us at: hr@vermillionbank.com or give Deanne a call at (651)480-4600.
Home Depot Inver Grove Heights	Home Depot in Inver Grove Heights is hiring for multiple positions! Must be at least 16 years old. No necessary experience!	Click here to apply
Target Inver Grove Heights	Target IGH is hiring for seasonal positions. Benefits include: competitive pay (\$15/hour starting), great discounts, flexible scheduling, free virtual doctor appointments, and more!	www.targetseasonaljobs.com
Kohls Eagan	Kohl's is hiring students as young as 16 as part-time associates either on the sales floor or at the registers. We offer a flexible schedule, and substantial discounts on brands that students are interested in, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, as well as cosmetics, and electronics.	https://careers.kohls.com/ (search Eagan)

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH ENGINES

GOING MERRY	www.goingmerry.com
FASTWEB	www.fastweb.com
UNIGO	https://www.unigo.com/
SCHOLLY	https://myscholly.com/

SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF JANUARY 28, 2022

Sponsor/Amount	Deadline/how to apply	Eligibility/requirements
B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarships Sponsored by: IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Over 140 scholarships this year (\$225,000 in scholarships)	March 1, 2021 (3:00 PM deadline, no exceptions) www.ighbestfoundation.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.E.S.T Foundation scholarships offered only to Simley students. Don't miss this opportunity! One, online application to be considered for all scholarships. Once you hit submit you will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive an email, your application may have not be submitted, so you should contact the BEST Foundation to confirm.

<p>Raise.Me</p> <p>Colleges and universities in the region that partner with Raise.Me include (not limited to): U of MN- Duluth, Mankato State U, Gustavus Adolphus College, Augsburg University, U of MN- Morris, and others. Award amounts vary.</p>	<p>Each college partnered with Raise Me has their own deadlines. Check the website for details.</p> <p>raise.me/join</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise.me is a free “micro-scholarship” platform where you can earn money for your achievements. You can begin to earn money as early as 9TH grade! • Students add their achievements (grades, participation in clubs and athletics, volunteering, visiting college campuses, completing FAFSA, etc.) to their portfolio and earn micro-scholarships at partner colleges. • Check out how Raise.Me works here: https://youtu.be/CCwbPDB_f3k
<p>College Covered</p> <p>Sponsored by: Discover Student Loans</p> <p>\$5,000(1 scholarship/month,12/year)</p>	<p>January 31, 2022, February 29, 2022</p> <p>https://scholarship.collegecovered.com/</p>	<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. • 12 eligible students or parents will be randomly selected to win a \$5,000 scholarship each year.
<p>Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship</p> <p>Sponsored by: Digital Responsibility</p> <p>\$1,000 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>January 30, 2022</p> <p>http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/technology-addiction-awareness-scholarship/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an application form including a 140-character message about technology addiction (prompt: <i>Instead of spending time with technology, I'd rather...</i>) • Must be a current high school student (9-12) or college student and a U.S. citizen or legal resident. • Top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. Finalists will be asked to write a full 500-1,000-word essay about technology addiction.
<p>Youth Financial Leadership Scholarship</p> <p>Sponsored by: Youth Financial Leadership</p> <p>\$30,000 (1st place), \$27,500 (2nd place), \$25,000 (3rd place), \$22,500 (4th place), \$20,000 (5th place), \$15,000 (10 awards), \$10,000 (10 awards), \$7,500 (10 awards), \$5,000 (30 awards)</p>	<p>January 31, 2022</p> <p>https://www.yflfoundation.org/scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YFL Scholarship Program is available for current high school seniors and first year college freshman. • The scholarships awarded are based on a financial literacy exam and written essay submitted by the student. • The financial topic is chosen by the student based on a series of questions posed to them during the selection process.
<p>Union Plus Scholarship Program</p> <p>Sponsored by: Union Plus Education Foundation</p> <p>\$500 to \$4,000. (199 scholarships were awarded in 2021)</p>	<p>January 31, 2022</p> <p>https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current & retired members of participating unions, their spouses, & their dependent children. At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent (if applicant is a dependent). The one-year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31 of the scholarship year. • This is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor.
<p>KPMG Future Leader's Program</p> <p>Sponsored by: KPMG</p> <p>\$10,000/year for 4 years (22 scholarships)</p>	<p>February 1, 2022</p> <p>https://womensleadership.kpmg.us/chartable/developing-future-generations-women-leaders1.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on developing future generations of women leaders. Awards 22 top female seniors the opportunity to enhance their personal growth through college scholarships, a leadership development retreat, and mentorship. • Applicants must: be a high school senior female planning to enroll in a 4-year undergraduate program for the upcoming 2022 fall semester, academic excellence and leadership potential, minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, interest in a business or STEM field, demonstrate significant financial need, and a letter of recommendation from a nonprofit/community organization.

<p>United Educator Foundation Scholarship Program Sponsored by: United Educator Foundation</p> <p>\$1,000 (3 scholarships)</p>	<p>February 4, 2022</p> <p>https://www.expeditioncu.com/documents/UE_StudentApp_2022_fillable.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student award is for graduating high school seniors. You must be a member of Expedition Credit Union (formerly United Educators Credit Union), or the child, grandchild, or dependent of a member to be eligible for the award. You must be planning to attend a university, college, or community college in the fall of 2022. It is not necessary to demonstrate a financial need for the award. Must submit: application, two letters of recommendation, essay, and official transcript.
<p>AAUW Scholarships Sponsored by: American Academy of University Women</p> <p>\$4,000 (multiple awards and renewable for up to 8 semesters)</p>	<p>February 22, 2022 (postmarked by)</p> <p>https://aauwstpaul.org/scholarship/</p>	<p>The Scholarship Trust offers a four-year college scholarship for young women who are graduating high school seniors of accredited public or private schools in the St Paul Metro Area, specifically from the designated geographic boundaries within the Independent School Districts of 623, 622, 625, 197, 6, 199 and 833.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholars must plan to attend an accredited college or university to earn a bachelor's degree. Scholarships are based on the student's financial need, academic excellence (in the top 20% of her graduating class, or acceptable ACT/SAT scores), school and/or community volunteer activity, a teacher recommendation, personal essay and a personal interview.
<p>The Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Scholarship Sponsored by: Richfield United Method Scholarship Foundation</p> <p>Multiple awards, renewable</p>	<p>February 25, 2022</p> <p>https://www.richfieldumc.org/events/scholarships/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of this Fund is to award annual post-secondary scholarships for qualified students desiring to matriculate and pursue careers in music education, performance, or music therapy. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, an applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a graduating high school senior from a MN high school. Be entering college as a freshman. Applicants will be notified if invited to a finalist audition on March 26, 2022.
<p>Horatio Alger Scholarship Sponsored by: The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans</p> <p>\$25,000 (106 national scholarships to be awarded)</p> <p>\$10,000 (645 scholarships awarded in 2021)</p>	<p>March 15, 2022</p> <p>www.scholars.horatioalger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These state and national scholarships are open to JUNIOR STUDENTS. As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross income). Applicants must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree (can start at 2-year institution and transfer), be a U.S. Citizen and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

<p>Sparkling Ice Flavorful Futures Scholarship Sponsored by: Talking Rain Beverage Company</p> <p>\$5,000 (5 scholarships)</p>	<p>March 15, 2022</p> <p>https://www.flavorfulfutures.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be: a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident, a high school senior, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5+, and enroll for Fall 2022 as a first-year student at an accredited technical, community, or 4-year college or university. • Must create an original video that shows who you are in 3 minutes or less. <p>Consider: How will you use your education to support your flavorful future? What inspires you to have confidence in yourself?</p>
<p>MnACC Students of Color Scholarship Sponsored by: MN Association of Counselors of Color</p> <p>\$500 - \$2,500 (Number of awards vary per year- 10 scholarships were awarded in 2020)</p>	<p>March 21, 2022</p> <p>https://www.mnacc.org/Scholarships/</p>	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify as a student of color graduating from a MN high school • Enroll as a full-time, first year student for the 2022-2023 school year at 1 of 67 MnACC member institutions (see list here: https://www.mnacc.org/directory) • Complete the scholarship application, including the required essay on diversity or leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Only MN students eligible- if eligible, you are highly encouraged to apply! <input type="checkbox"/> Please note: we DO NOT ask about citizenship status. We encourage undocumented, refugee, and DACA students to apply.
<p>Page Grant (Scholarship) Sponsored by: Page Education Foundation</p> <p>\$1,000 - \$2,500 (renewable) <i>Last year there were around 1,000 applications for 500 Page Grant Scholarships.</i></p>	<p>April 1, 2022</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>Check the website for more detailed information and the application. 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>ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship Sponsored by: Iowa State Loans</p> <p>\$1,000 (10 scholarships- awarded by random selection)</p>	<p>April 29, 2022</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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Planning to attend an eligible college the fall following the registration dates.

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