

COLLEGE & CAREER CONNECTION

SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

B.E.S.T. FOUNDATION DEADLINE

Seniors! Don't miss your opportunity to be considered for a **B.E.S.T. Foundation scholarship!** These scholarships are for any Simley senior planning to attend a technical, community, or 4-year college or university next year. Monday is the **LAST** day to apply for a BEST Foundation scholarship so apply today! The deadline is **Monday, March 1st at 3:00 PM- no exceptions!** Go to: www.ighbestfoundation.com to apply!

EXPLORE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS

Interested in a career in the health field? Want to learn more about different professions? You're in luck! Health Professions Week (HPW) is in full swing this spring! Join in at any point during the full 5 weeks of spring HPW. Events run through March 31st. Interested students and parents can register for any week of Spring HPW and will be able to participate in games, virtual events, webinars, and other exploration opportunities.

There will be over 20 healthcare professions represented. Go to: <http://hpw.explorehealthcareers.org/springhpw2021/inquiryform> to register. Once registered, you will be able to see the calendar of events.



UPCOMING VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of upcoming virtual college fairs! As a junior (or as a rising sophomore) spring is the time to be exploring college options and doing research on which post-secondary plan and college will be the best fit. A great way to start this exploration and check out a wide variety of schools in a short amount of time is by attending college fairs.

Most fairs offer live information sessions, college booths, and more. Even if you are unable to attend live, be sure to register, as this will give you access to all sessions, even after they are over. Because virtual college fairs are still pretty new, check out this video for how to make the most out of attending a fair: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kbym4J6Ptww&feature=youtu.be>.

- **NACAC STEM FAIR** (March 7th (12 PM – 4 PM))
 - Register at: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>
 - Over 150 colleges and 34 live information sessions, all with a focus on STEM
- **NACAC PERFORMING ARTS FAIR** (March 16th (3 PM – 7 PM))
 - Register at: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>
 - Over 90 colleges and 13 live information sessions, all with a focus on performing arts
- **NACAC NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR** (February 28th (12 PM – 6 PM) or March 21st (12 PM – 6 PM))
 - Register at: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>
 - Over 500 colleges and universities
- **MNACC COLLEGE FAIR**
 - Regional college fair. This is the fair Simley holds every fall.
 - Tues. March 16th, 2021 at 9:00 - 11:00 AM & 2:00 - 4:00 PM
 - Wed. March 17th, 2021 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 - 6:00 PM
 - Thurs. March 18th, 2021 at 9:00 - 11:00 AM & 2:00 - 4:00 PM
 - Register at: <https://mnacc.swoogo.com/MnAccSpring>



DATES & DEADLINES TO NOTE:

March:

Junior post-secondary planning meetings with Ms. Kimble

March 1:

B.E.S.T. Foundation scholarship application deadline. *No exceptions!*

Tuesday, March 2nd:

ACT offered to all Simley juniors

March 7th:

Genesys Works application deadline
<https://genesysworks.tfaforms.net/4652060>

March 7th:

TriDistrict Programs application deadline
<https://bit.ly/simleycareer2021>

FREE JOB RESOURCES

Get started early with your job search! Learn what to expect when applying for your first job and get tips on preparing for your interview and creating your resume. Find out about library resources that can help you develop essential on-the-job skills.

Check out Dakota County Library's new series of [Teen Job Skills virtual programs](#). All of these **FREE programs** are specially designed for **teens ages 14 and older**, and registration is now open. You don't need a library card to register and save your spot and participants of all abilities are welcome.

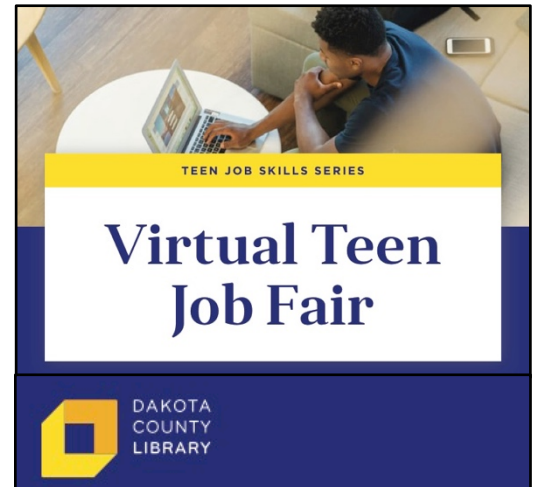
Registration required. Visit: www.dakotacounty.us/library. Search *teen job skills* for more information and to register. Free workshops and job fairs include:

- **How to Create Your First Resume**
- **Teen Job Skills 101**
- **How to Prepare for Your First Interview**
- **Drop-in Virtual Employer Meet-up**

Make a good impression with potential employers during this live, drop-in virtual event. Connect and talk with companies through live chat, audio and video to ask questions and learn about job opportunities. Geared for teens and young adults ages 14–21. Online virtual event – Registration coming soon. Thursday, March 18, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

- **Virtual Teen Job Exploration Fair**

Drop in anytime and explore Dakota County's new online job platform and find out about seasonal and year-round job opportunities for teens and young adults. Get access to our website and browse employers and organizations that meet your interests and submit your resume for job openings during this 4-day virtual drop-in event. Registration required. Geared for teens and young adults ages 14–21. Registration information coming soon. Online virtual event.



WHO'S HIRING

JOB POSTINGS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

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 FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Sponsor/Amount	Deadline/how to apply	Eligibility/requirements
<p>B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarships Sponsored by: IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation</p> <p>Over 110 scholarships awarded each year!</p>	<p>March 1, 2021 (3:00 PM deadline, no exceptions)</p> <p>www.ighbestfoundation.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.E.S.T Foundation scholarships offered only to Simley students. • One, online application to be considered for all scholarships. • The more you complete on the application, the more scholarships you are considered for. • 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>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 8, 2021</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 2021-2022 school year at 1 of 64 MnACC member institutions (see list here: https://www.mnacc.org/directory) • Complete the scholarship application, including the required essay on diversity or leadership • Only MN students eligible- if eligible, you are highly encouraged to apply!

<p>AAUW Scholarship Sponsored by: American Association of American University Women</p> <p>\$4,000/year (renewable for up to 8 consecutive semesters or until the scholar graduates with a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first)</p>	<p>March 9, 2021 (postmarked by March 4, 2021)</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> <p>The scholars must 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>
<p>Catch a Break! Scholarship Sponsored by: Catch a Break Scholarship Program</p> <p>15 new scholarships available each year. All scholarships are renewable, up to \$11,000 per year, up to four years.</p>	<p>March 15, 2021</p> <p>https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/catchabreak</p>	<p>Scholarships are offered to MN residents for full-time study at an accredited public four-year college or university in Minnesota for the entire academic year. We welcome your application if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have faced challenges in your life and learned from them. You are highly motivated and know why you want a college education • You have been admitted to a 4-year public (<u>not private</u>) college or university in Minnesota • Your composite ACT score is 24 or higher • You will be 21 years of age or younger when admitted as a freshman • Your family's household income shows significant financial stress/challenges in paying for your college education. Award amount determined after consideration of all sources of financial aid.
<p>Sparkling Ice Flavorful Futures Scholarship Sponsored by: Sparkling Ice</p> <p>\$5,000 (5 scholarships)</p>	<p>March 16, 2021</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 2021 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider: How will you use your education to support your flavorful future? What inspires you to have confidence in yourself?
<p>Art Engelbrecht Memorial Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Scholarship Sponsored by: Viking Sportsmen, Inc.</p> <p>\$1,000 (1 scholarship)</p>	<p>March 19, 2021</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D7fJKsli3yQygZ2H8sPKCqIGZIHtPcgx/view?usp=sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in 2007 by the family and friends of Conservationist Arthur O. Engelbrecht. • To provide financial assistance for qualified individuals pursuing higher education in the natural resources and environmental sciences. • Awarded to MN student based on achievement, extracurricular activities, community involvement, leadership, service, and legacy. • Awarded to a student majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. Natural Resources includes, but not limited to, course studies in natural resources management, natural resources law enforcement, and natural resources aviation.

<p>MN Golf Association Foundation Women's Scholarship Sponsored by: MGA Foundation</p> <p>\$3,000 (renewable for 4 consecutive years- 2 scholarships awarded in 2020)</p>	<p>March 31, 2021</p> <p>https://www.mngolf.org/MWGA_Foundation</p>	<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.
<p>College Covered Sponsored by: Discover Student Loans</p> <p>\$5,000 (1 scholarship per month, 12 times a year)</p>	<p>March 31, 2021; April 30, 2021; May 31, 2021; June 30, 2021</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. 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>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>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 following the registration dates.
<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/1vPBOYArtCfQ20Vq5daAjNplzICHh_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=PLcgu3UyuWulHxNgtD02AThOREiF3orAa>
The site [Student Aid \(http://StudentAid.gov\)](http://StudentAid.gov) provides the most up-to-date resources and information on financial aid.

REFERENCE AND RESOURCES CONTINUED

⇒ 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>