



Dear **Student** and **Parent**:

ACCESS is a **FREE** program offered in the public high schools of South Hampton Roads to make education beyond high school achievable for all interested students. Each year we help more than 10,000 students in South Hampton Roads enroll in college and obtain approximately \$32 million in financial aid and scholarship money from federal, state and private sources. It is time to get on the right path, right now, and we can guide you.

Freshmen & Sophomores

- Make sure you turn in your Join Now card to your ACCESS Advisor
- Get involved in clubs, sports, community service and start building your college resume; make sure to keep track of all activities, awards, and honors
- Search for scholarships; we have provided a list of great websites that will help you in this process

Juniors

- Search for scholarships; we have some great websites that will help you in this process
- Create your College Board account, www.collegeboard.com, and get some help with a practice SAT test, college choices and careers

Seniors

- Complete your admissions application process. See your ACCESS Advisor if you qualify for Fee Waivers or Fee Payments
- Devote your time in January to the financial aid process, remember, applying early is the key to receiving the most money; file your FAFSA by February 15

We look forward to seeing you soon in the ACCESS office at your school.
College, here you come!

Best Wishes!

ACCESS College Foundation
www.accesscollege.org





It is never too early to start planning for the future; your education beyond high school. All students can check out the websites listed below for college searching, scholarship searching, and financial planning.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Websites

Local / State

www.hamptonroadscf.org
www.schev.edu
www.tbaonline.org
www.vasfaa.org
www.vawizard.org
www.vbschools.com/scholarship

National

www.collegeboard.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.fastaid.com
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.com
www.gmsp.org (Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship)
www.gocollege.com
www.gibill.va.gov
www.hispanicfund.org (Hispanic College Fund)
www.nasfaa.org
www.petersons.com
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.uncf.org (United Negro College Fund)
www.zinch.com

**Visit the ACCESS College Foundation website for more links at
www.accesscollege.org**

As you begin the scholarship search process please *BEWARE* of scams. Here are some signs to look for:

- You should not have to pay money to get money; legitimate scholarship foundations do not charge an application fee.
- You should never have to give your credit card number or checking account information to an organization.
- Scholarship services do not come with a “money back guarantee”.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it just might be.
- Remember FAFSA stands for FREE Application for Federal Student Aid; your ACCESS Advisor can help you file the FAFSA for **FREE**.

Do not hesitate to ask your ACCESS Advisor for assistance with college searching, scholarship searching, and financial aid. We are here to help you on your path to college.

Seniors!

January 1st through February 15th is the time to file your FAFSA. If you have not already done so, please contact your ACCESS Advisor to make an appointment to file your FAFSA early.

Four Keys to Success:

- File the FAFSA early with your ACCESS Advisor!
- Search for scholarships!
- Keep copies of everything!
- Use the Financial Aid Officer at the college as a resource!



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