



FWHS Programs & Events:

Upcoming Gap Year Fair

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A
GAP YEAR?

We are co-hosting a GAP Year Fair at Ludlowe. Connect in-person with gap year experts, programs & alumni for the latest gap year information.

USA GAP YEAR FAIRS GO OVERSEAS

MAKE THE WORLD YOUR CLASSROOM

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

GAP YEAR SUMMER PROGRAMS INTERNSHIPS

VOLUNTEER + ACTIVISM LANGUAGE SCHOOLS COLLEGE CREDIT

Fairfield Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, CT

TUE, JAN 13 • 6-8:30 PM

Presentation: 6-6:45pm | Fair: 6:45-8:30pm
Free & open to all!

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026
6:00pm-8:30pm
@ Ludlowe High School
[Register HERE](#)

ASVAB - Career Exploration Program

Fairfield Warde High School will be offering the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program (CEP) to students in grades 10, 11, & 12. The program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work.
<https://www.asvabprogram.com/>
more information to come

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER
on.ncaa.com/playcollegesports

NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES
[Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

Volunteer Opportunity:

YaleNewHavenHealth
Bridgeport Hospital

Bridgeport Hospital's Volunteer Program provides a rewarding opportunity for individuals over the age of 15. Volunteers contribute a minimum of four hours a week for at least six months. There are a variety of volunteer roles to fit individual time schedules, abilities and interests. Volunteers may work directly with patients or choose to work behind the scenes. Opportunities are available at the [Bridgeport, Milford and Park Avenue Medical Center](#). Application available in early March
[Volunteering Information](#)



Free Webinars for Parents

Educational webinars

- ***Navigating the Critical Changes in Admissions testing***
Thursday, 2/3 @ 10pm
[Register Here](#)
- ***College Planning Case Study***
Thursday, 2/12 @ 10pm
[Register Here](#)



Free College Admissions Webinars

Explore Crucial College Admissions Topics

- ***Research Tips for Evaluating College Fit***
Tuesday, 1/13 @ 8pm
[Register Here](#)
- ***Q&A with a College Admissions Counselor***
Tuesday, 1/20 @ 8pm
[Register Here](#)
- ***Planning Productive College Tours***
Tuesday, 2/3 @ 8pm
[Register here](#)



Calling High School Leaders! EXPLORE.EXPERIMENT.LEARN

Looking for a summer immersion program?

This resource offers over 4,000 opportunities for high school students. Some are academically focused, others are skills-based, and all are engaging and fun, offering enrichment opportunities for teens to expand their horizons.

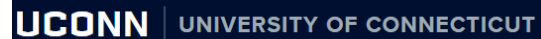
[TeenLife](#)

Dynamy Internship Year (gap year): Remote Interview

<https://dynamy.org/>

Dynamy Internship Year (DIY) is a domestic, long-standing gap-year program created for students ages 17-22 who want to pursue a unique, hands-on learning experience. This is a great alternative for those who are not ready to take on college or do not believe it is the right fit. At the same time, Dynamy is a great post-secondary option for students with learning differences such as ADD/ADHD. Sign up for a virtual open house to learn more about the programs. Register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOdnkWdyfYPHUZq6fOBjxLrFDMjFqZVIP67CxWRkUxbUPcKQ/viewform>



UConn Pre-Summer Program

Students will employ computer-aided designing (CAD), 3D printing, and biomedical sensors to develop creative solutions to real-world engineering challenges in healthcare

Find out more: [HERE](#)

Pre-College & Enrichment Programs

Rhode Island School of Design: Pre-Collegiate Programs

RISD Pre-College offers rising high school juniors and seniors the chance to experience life as a RISD undergrad. For six weeks you'll follow a college-level curriculum with day-long studio classes, critiques and final projects. You'll work alongside hundreds of other creative, highly motivated students from around the world who will challenge, inspire and encourage you to push your limits and produce your best work. You'll live like a RISD student, access renowned resources and instructors, strengthen your portfolio and forever change the way you approach art and design. https://precollege.risd.edu/?utm_source=slate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pc22&utm_content=email2



Calling all Art Students! National Portfolio Day

It's time to show off what you've been doing for the past few years! Visit with counselors, admissions team members, and faculty from art and design schools for a review of your portfolio before applying to colleges or universities. Multiple dates for virtual events!

Click [here](#) for details

FASFA INFORMATION

Everything you need to know about FAFSA®

<https://www.salliemae.com/blog/fafsa-faqs/>

Get the most financial aid possible with these FAFSA® tips

<https://www.salliemae.com/blog/tips-to-help-file-fafsa/>

Helpful links:

- FAFSA [application](#)
- [2026-2027 FAFSA Checklist](#)
- [CSS Profile](#)
- [CT Office of Higher Ed: Student Financial Aid InformationGuide to Federal Student Aid](#)
- [CT Dollars & Sense: Financial Literacy Portal](#)
- [Big Future: Financial Aid 101](#)
- [Connecticut Opportunities Guidebook Spanish Guidebook](#)
- **Tuition Break:** <https://nebhe.org/tuitionbreak/>

New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break program, the New England Regional Student Program (RSP), provides significant tuition savings to residents of the six New England states when they enroll at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England and pursue approved programs.



- **PACT Pledge:** [PACT](#) funding covers the gap between federal and state grants you receive, and community college tuition and mandatory fees. To receive PACT funding, apply, register for classes (12+ credits), and fill out the FAFSA. Entry into the program will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.



ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEBT-FREE WITH PACT

- [The College Place](#)- Connecticut: Free college access services to low income, first generation college bound, and undocumented students. Sign up [here](#) to receive targeted resources and to speak with an advisor.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Scholarships:

Scholarships can help pay for college and career school and don't have to be repaid. Searching and applying to scholarships takes time and effort. Use the national scholarship search links and resources to assist you in your search. Below are specific scholarships that are sent to the College and Career Center.



A resource for higher education support: Loans, scholarship, financial planning, and FASFA guidance.

[Sallie Mae Link](#)

Scholarship Search Tips:

[How To Find Scholarships](#)

[Fastweb](#) and [Quick Tips](#)

[Student Scholarships](#)

[BigFuture](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[GoingMerry](#)

[Unigo](#)

[CareerOneStop](#)

[Scholarship Tips & Information Guide](#)

College & Career Center [Scholarship List](#) (please note that some deadlines are not updated yet)

HIGHLIGHTED SCHOLARSHIPS



2026 National Scholarship Packet

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Specifically for students pursuing a career in education. It is designed to support graduating high school seniors who are committed to continuing their education and making a positive impact on the lives of future students.

2026 National Scholarship Packet.pdf

Deadline: January 16, 2026

Educational (Book) Award

For high school students who have excelled in both academics and community service, to encourage them to become the next leaders in our communities.

Book Award_26.pdf

Deadline: January 16, 2026

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc. Scholarship

The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.® (“The Fund”) brings dreams to life by providing scholarships and mentoring to high-achieving, African-American students who face significant financial obstacles in their path toward a college education.

The Fund provides awards of \$1,500 annually for up to four academic years, depending on availability of funds, to qualified high school seniors who have been accepted to a four-year institution. The scholarship is renewable for four years, provided applicants academic requirements are met each year. Our goal is to promote the academic achievement required to pursue careers including, but not limited to: Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine, Law, Business, Education, and Creative Arts.

<https://girlfriendsfund.org/scholarships/scholarship-criteria/>

Deadline: March 1, 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS Continued

AGC of Connecticut Scholarship Programs

Applicants must be Connecticut residents currently enrolled in or entering a construction management, civil engineering, or construction-related four-year degree program.

- The Angelo Giardini Scholarship (\$5,000 for two years, \$2,500 each year)
- The Michael Timura Scholarship (\$5,000 for two years, \$2,500 each year)
- The Terry Wooding Scholarship (\$5,000 for two years, \$2,500 each year)
- (2) The Young Contractors Council Scholarship (\$2,000 for one year)
- (2) The AGC of Connecticut Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000 for one year)

[2026 AGC of Connecticut Scholarship Application](#)

Deadline: February 28, 2026

2025 KPMG Future Leaders Program

The KPMG Future Leaders Program is a charitable initiative focused on developing future generations of women leaders. Funded by proceeds from the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship and KPMG Women’s Leadership Summit, the KPMG Future Leaders Program annually awards twenty-two top female high school seniors the opportunity to enhance their personal growth through college scholarships, a leadership development retreat, mentorship, and an introduction to golf. Visit:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/kpmg-future-leaders-scholarship>

Deadline: February 1, 2026

Eileen Kraus Scholarship

The Eileen Kraus Scholarship was established in 2016 in partnership with Kaman Corporation. The scholarship awards \$5,000 each year to one outstanding Connecticut woman beginning her first year of college or university.

<https://www.cwhf.org/eileen-kraus-scholarship-application>

Deadline: May 6, 2026



Fairfield County’s Community Foundation manages a large and impactful scholarship program for both graduating high school seniors and full-time students already enrolled in college. We steward over 150 scholarship funds established by generous individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that help students pursue their college education and strengthen the future of our communities. These funds cover many different areas of study and may have their own eligibility criteria.

Look for our 2026 Scholarship Program to open soon!
[Fairfield County's Community Foundation](#)

High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield (local scholarship opportunity):

The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial aid in the form of one-time scholarships to graduating seniors of Fairfield high schools going on to accredited institutions based upon financial need, academic achievement, school and community service and other relevant factors without regard to race or religion.

The application will open in March, visit their [website](#) for more info.

Need help or have questions? Let's research together! Stop by the College & Career Center and see Mrs. Montero, Room P38.

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