SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & STATISTICS

The Career Readiness office distributes scholarship applications to seniors as they become available. The application deadlines vary throughout the year. The CR office will forward all scholarship applications that are received, either national, statewide, or local, however, students need to be vigilant in their search as well. There are MANY more scholarships out there. It is imperative students check their school email regularly for scholarship information shared from the CR office.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **National:** Available and awarded to any student across the country by a national business or organization.
- **College/University:** Awarded to an accepted student by the college or university. Sometimes these are redeemable for all four years!
- **State:** Available and awarded to a NH resident (usually from a NH business or organization)
- **Local:** Awarded by a Pittsfield (or a surrounding town) business or organization. Most are only available to a graduating Pittsfield student.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Most of the local scholarship applications consist of a questionnaire and/or essay. They may also ask for a copy of your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), high school transcript, current class schedule, resume, letter(s) of recommendation* (i.e. teacher, coach, counselor, community service supervisor), and college acceptance letter.

*Letters of recommendation must be from someone outside of your family.

You should contact those who you need a letter of recommendation from as soon as possible. You may get a copy of your transcript from the Career Readiness office. Scholarship applications can be time-consuming and some may have similar deadlines so be sure to manage time wisely!
WHERE CAN I FIND NATIONAL OR STATE SCHOLARSHIP?

www.nhheaf.org
www.nhcf.org/scholarships
www.edvestinu.com
www.studentscholarships.org/
www.scholarships.com/
www.finaid.org/scholarships/
www.mycollegescholarship.org/
www.scholarshipamerica.org/
www.shopsleuth.com/resources/scholarship-guide
www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship
www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships
There are MANY more local businesses who run their own programs without the assistance from Pittsfield Middle High School. In March, start contacting local businesses to find out if they are awarding scholarships this year. Here are some local scholarships awarded to PMHS graduates from the past few years.

- Globe Manufacturing Scholarship
- Granite State Conference Scholarship
- Grimes Memorial Scholarship
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
- Granite State Conference Athletic Association
- Kiwanis Club of Concord Book Scholarship
- 4-H Foundation of Merrimack County

**BEGIN CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES IN March.

APPLICATION DEADLINES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE PROVIDER.**
Scholarship Application Essay Topics

The following essay topics are commonly found in scholarship applications:

- Describe your personal growth throughout high school (through your academic career and community service).
- Who has been influential throughout your high school career (how and why)?
- What schools have you been accepted to? Why did you apply to those particular schools?
- What is your desired field of study? How did you come to that decision?
- How would your field of study influence or contribute to Pittsfield and the surrounding community?
- What are your goals for life after high school? How will this scholarship help you to achieve your goals?
- What sports activities/teams have you been involved in throughout your high school career and how have they impacted you, your educational career and your family?
- What are your interests and activities outside of school?
- What kind of community service have you provided and what has been the most impactful? How has that influenced the way you will help others in the future?
- How has participating in community service affected your personal growth? How has it helped others?
- What have you taken with you by participating in sports and/or extra-curricular activities?
- State how your personal and academic experiences at PMHS, as well as your contributions to Pittsfield, have changed you personally.
- Why should you receive this scholarship?