Scholarship Newsletter – December 2018

This year's priority deadline for the Utah Regent's Scholarship is **Friday, December 7**. If you haven't already done so, recipients are required to fill out a FAFSA application, which you can find at https://fafsa.ed.gov. For additional information regarding your Regent's application, please contact them directly at 801-321-7159. Their website is: https://stepuputah.com/program/regents-scholarship/.

Here are some scholarship opportunities we have recently been made aware of:

- Lynn Jensen Memorial Scholarship
- > CTE Scholarships and Tuition
- > Jiffy Lube Teen Driver Scholarship Program
- Ron Brown Scholar Program
- Cosmetology and Esthetics Scholarship Opportunities
- > Jessica Elizabeth Luttrell Scholarship (see your counselor for an application)
- Susan W. Coda Memorial Scholarship (see attachment)

Often, private scholarships require a personal statement and letters of recommendation. See below for tips on how to request a letter of recommendation.

For some great information on how to write a personal statement, use the following link: https://stepuputah.com/2017/06/3-month-personal-statement-writing-tips/

When requesting a letter of recommendation, be sure to do the following:

- Make an appointment with the person you are asking. *Plan ahead* to meet your deadline and allow 10-14 days for completion of the letter. Do not assume the letter will be written if drop your request off on a desk or just send an email request; be sure to make personal contact.
- At the time of the appointment, give specific dates and directions on what to do with the completed recommendation letter. If it needs to be mailed somewhere specific, provide a stamped, addressed envelope.
- ➤ Give as much information about yourself as possible to the person who is writing your letter (see list below).
- ➤ Write a short 'thank you' to the person for his/her support.
- ➤ Keep a copy of your letter(s) in case you need to submit them somewhere else.

Helpful information to provide to your letter writer:

- ✓ Your name, address and cell phone number
- ✓ Specific purpose of letter
- ✓ Explain your future goals and plans for college
- ✓ List 3-4 descriptive adjectives that best characterize your strengths, motivation and personality
- ✓ Give specific examples of 2-3 things you did well for the person writing your letter (e.g., class presentation, service project, etc.)
- ✓ List highlights of your school activities, awards, clubs, honors and service projects you've been involved with. Make sure to let them know where you spend your time and energy outside of the classroom setting.