



## Important Dates

Monday, October 11  
**Schools Closed for  
Indigenous People  
Day**

Tuesday, November 2  
**Schools Closed for  
Election Day**



Hello, Talent Search scholars, parents, and guardians - and welcome to our first newsletter of the 2021-22 school year! **We are excited to kick off a new year of HYBRID services** to support you in your educational journey.

To remain eligible for Talent Search services including college tours, field trips, enrichment opportunities and more, **returning students must submit a 2021-2022 program application by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, October 10.**

**[Click here to complete your program application now!](#)**

**Penn Educational Talent Search now serves 6th-12th grade students at the following schools:**

- Parkway West High School
- The Workshop School
- John Bartram High School
- Murrell Dobbins Technical High School
- Thomas Edison High School
- Jules E. Mastbaum Area Vocational Technical School
- Middle Years Alternative School
- Robert E. Lamberton School
- John F. Hartranft School

Do you know a student at one of these schools who could benefit from our services? We'd love to have them join us! Please share our application link at:

**<https://talentsearch.vpse.upenn.edu/apply/>**

**Calling all high school seniors!**

October begins FAFSA & PHEAA season



**FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid**, which **MUST be filled out by EVERY student who plans on attending any trade schools, 2-year colleges, or 4-year colleges next year.**

PHEAA, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, is a state level aid you can be awarded. Both are FREE to file and help students receive FREE money to finance their post-secondary education.

As you get ready to file FAFSA & PHEAA, keep the following tips and tricks in mind:

- You and your parent/guardian should **create FSA IDs** in preparation for filing.
- Start collecting documents you'll need to file, which include you and your parent/guardians' SSN, you and your parent/guardians' 2020 tax returns, records of untaxed incomes and assets, and a list of schools you are interested in.
- **SDP and Talent Search will share out group FAFSA & PHEAA filing dates** where staff will walk you through filing step by step as they are released, so know you're not in this alone.
- PRO TIP: a link for PHEAA's application can be found on the confirmation page of your FAFSA application submission - if you click this link, it will transfer over all of your info - otherwise, PHEAA requires you to start from scratch.
- Want to get started ASAP? **Watch this video guide:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK0bbu0y5AM>

Questions about FAFSA/PHEAA financial aid? Reach out to Asst. Director of Enrollment & College Preparatory Programming, Sam Horchos at [horchos@upenn.edu](mailto:horchos@upenn.edu)

## Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

### Cecil B. Moore Scholars Program

Temple University's Cecil B. Moore Scholars Program offers selected students pre-college prep, focused campus mentoring and advising, and **scholarships that cover base tuition at Temple.**

Students from the following zip codes are eligible:

19121, 19122, 19123, 19125, 19130, 19132, 19133, and 19140

Students must submit an Early Action Common Application to Temple by November 1.

**[Visit the Cecil B. Moore Scholars website for application information.](#)**

### Young Scholars @ Penn

The Young Scholars High School Program at University of Pennsylvania allows high school juniors and seniors to take college-level courses alongside Penn undergraduates.

Courses are offered in subjects such as anthropology, English, math, psychology, economics, linguistics, philosophy, and sociology.

Philadelphia public and charter high school students may enroll in one course **tuition-free** in the upcoming spring semester.

**[Apply for the Spring 2022 semester by December 1.](#)**

### NACAC Virtual College Fairs

The National Association for College Admission Counseling's next Signature Fair is scheduled for:

**Sunday, October 24 from 1 to 6 p.m.**

The virtual fair will feature 379 colleges and universities, with 34 live sessions from

### Friday Night Writes

Need help with college admissions essays or other writing assignments? The Philadelphia Writing Project offers drop-in assistance (VIRTUAL and in person) to **7th-12th graders Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Writing coaches from the University of

Pennsylvania schools.

[Visit the College Fairs website to register.](#)

Pennsylvania are available on campus and online the following dates this month:  
**10/1, 10/8, 10/5, 10/22 and 10/29**

[Visit the Friday Night Writes website to sign up for a virtual time slot.](#)

[Visit the Talent Search website](#) and follow us on social media

