

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

The school year is just a few weeks old but it's not too soon for students to be thinking about life after high school.



Students and their families are invited to Pickaway County College & Career Night, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Teays Valley High School. All ages are welcome, including adult learners thinking about going back to school or changing careers.



The event will feature more than 100 representatives from two- and four-year schools, technical and trade schools, the military, skilled trades and

employers.

Also scheduled is a 7 p.m. free session on financial aid.

"College & Career Night is the perfect opportunity to check out options for the future. No matter what your career plan, there will be representatives there with information to help in the decision making process," said Christy Mills with Pickaway HELPS, which is organizing the event.

Pickaway HELPS collaborates with all county schools and the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners. The ESC is also a partner, providing an office for Christy.

Also organized by Pickaway HELPS is a free financial aid workshop from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Ohio Christian University in Classroom SL105 in the Maxwell Center.

"For students wanting to go to college, financial aid can make a big difference but a lot of people are unaware of what's available," Christy said.

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Professional financial aid counselors will be available to provide individual help, answer questions and assist with the online completion of the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA).

Pickaway HELPS also provides ACT Prep Workshops twice a year.

The fall workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the ESC, 2050 Stoneridge Drive. Seating can be reserved by calling Christy at (740) 474-5383 or sending an e-mail to highered@pickaway.org. There are still some spots available.

The session, taught by Lucinda Eubanks, will feature timed ACT practice tests, tips for test day, reading techniques and time management skills.

The cost is \$50, due at the workshop, and the Official ACT Prep Guide, which is required, can be purchased at that time for \$15.

High school seniors who are first-generation college students are eligible to apply for the Pickaway HELPS/Ula Jean Ater Metzler scholarship. One scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior at each of the county high schools who will be the first in their immediate family to complete a post-secondary credential or degree.

Applications will be available soon in high school counseling offices.

For more information about Pickaway HELPS, go to www.pickawayhelps.org/index.php/home.

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