



## The College Adviser

December 2009

### DECEMBER IS A GOOD MONTH FOR..

#### Seniors:

1. If you are applying to colleges requiring **SAT subject tests (formerly SAT IIs)**, the latest time you should take them is January. Remember that fewer than 200 colleges require the SAT II, although some schools “recommend” them for specific majors. Be certain that you know what is expected of you for your schools.
2. Attend **off-campus college receptions** for applicants in your area. These are a great opportunity to make a connection with the admissions counselor who may be reading your application folder!
3. Finish any remaining **college essays and supplements**. Be especially mindful of colleges’ own essay supplements. Usually, these questions require a shorter answer than the main college essay, and your response should be fairly direct but specific to the college involved..
4. Continue researching **Financial Aid**. Go to [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov), [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for links to scholarship information.
5. The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is available in your Guidance Office and online, but **you may not complete the FAFSA before January 1 of the senior year**. Still, now is a good time to become familiar with it and to start collecting the data it will require.
6. Check with your high school counselor to **be sure your transcripts have been sent to your colleges, and contact colleges to be sure your application packets are complete**.

#### Juniors:

1. Consider your interests, college size, urban-rural preferences, and distance from home that you would like your college to be.
2. Find out your high school GPA and class rank, if available, as well as any PSAT scores you may have.
3. Once you have this information, start comparing colleges in various college guidebooks in your high school guidance office. Two of the jumbo-size guidebooks I like are Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges and CollegeBoard’s The College Handbook. Students often like the more subjective guides such as The Princeton Review’s The Best 371 Colleges or The Fiske Guide to Colleges, both of which are fun to read.
4. Plan to take the SAT in May, after you have strengthened your math and writing skills.
5. Schedule an appointment with your guidance counselor and meet the guidance secretary. They are both very important people in the college admissions process!

6. **Parents: if you have been saving money for college in your student’s name, you have until December of the junior year to convert these funds to be in your name. It is advisable to do so, since 35% of the student’s funds are “taxed” (eligible) for tuition/aid purposes, but only about 6% of parent assets are. One exception is the 529 accounts which are a good vehicle for saving in the student’s name. More about 529’s in a subsequent issue.**

### DECLARING A MAJOR: DEEP INTEREST OR ADMISSIONS PLOY?

*Dr. Linda Shapiro, Guidance Director/Counselor/Independent Counselor/Guidance Professor at Harvard Graduate School of Education and a person who has something to say.*

It is a sad fact that many students, as they fill out applications, see each question as a land mine poised to explode their chances of admission if they should answer the “wrong” way. One of these “loaded” questions is the one that asks for a preferred or expected major. While some seventeen year olds may be firmly committed to Neuroscience or Middle Eastern

Studies, most high school seniors don't even know such majors exist. Living in simpler times, I started college without knowing what psychology was, much less that it would be my major and ultimately my career. I don't know what the statistics are, but I am fairly sure that a high percentage of the students who declare a major on their application do not end up with that major.

So why do colleges ask? I think they have several reasons. It gives them a rough idea of the interests of their applicants so they don't overload or neglect one department or another, and it may help to assess the depth of interest of the young people who apply and whether those interests match what the student has been involved with so far. Also there are a number of popular majors, which can be oversubscribed and for which they have only a certain number of slots. Nursing, Engineering and, in some schools, business are some to these majors. Schools have to be very careful that they don't take more students than the major can accommodate.

Students are often afraid that not having decided on a major may make them look indecisive or like dilettantes. They put down the first thing that comes to mind hoping they will look more solid. This strategy is in error for several reasons. First and foremost, colleges are well aware that most high school seniors are not clear about what they want to study. They expect that for these students college will be a journey of discovery. Freshmen will take a variety of courses as part of their general education or distribution requirements, and somewhere along the line something will click. At that time they will find a major they love and are good at. Most liberal arts colleges do not require students to declare a major until the beginning or end of the sophomore year and most majors are easy to change. These facts reinforce the notion that colleges will not penalize students who are undecided.

Also, a college application should be a consistent and realistic portrait of the applicant. If a student declares an interest in business as a major, there should be other indications in the record that business is a valid interest: business courses in high school, an internship or summer job in a business field, involvement in Junior Achievement or some other business club. If a student wants journalism, but has taken no extra English courses and has no involvement in the school paper, there is something wrong with the picture. It looks more like a modern painting with nose askew and eyes to the side than it does a clear and understandable portrait.

Some students seek to game the system, declaring a major they have heard admits students with lesser credentials. They believe that applying for education or hotel and restaurant management will get them in and then they can switch when they get there. There are a few flaws in that strategy. First, it may not be so that a particular major is a gateway to admission. If the school doesn't get enough applicants with strong credentials, they may just take fewer students in that major and make up for it in the following year. Also, while most majors are easy to switch out of, many are not so easy to switch into. Consider nursing at Salem State or the U. Mass Dartmouth. If you decide you don't like it or you find it too difficult, you can switch out, but if you didn't come in as a nursing major it may be difficult to switch in.

So what is a student to do? If you have a passion that translates into a major, go for it! Declare the major and point out in the essay and by way of your record how this interest developed and where you hope to go with it. If you have some vague ideas, but are not sure if a particular field is right for you, take a closer look. Take an interest test, read up on what is going on in the area you are thinking about or take a course, a summer job, or volunteer position that will help you clarify your feelings. Then if you feel strongly about the field, let the college know. If you have no idea what you want to study, don't worry. Tell the college that you are looking forward to exploring a number of fields. Colleges will not find you less desirable because you are still open to new paths. In declaring a major in all application questions, be who you are. The real you will be the one who gets in.

**REASONS NOTED AS VERY IMPORTANT IN SELECTING COLLEGE** *Source: The American Freshman, National Norms, Fall 2007*

College has a very good academic reputation  
Graduates get good jobs.  
A visit to campus  
Offered financial assistance  
Size of the college.  
College has a good reputation for its social activities  
Cost of attendance

Information from a Web site  
My parents wanted me to come here.  
Admitted via early action/decision program  
Could not afford first choice.  
High school advisor advised me  
The athletic department recruited me  
My teacher advised me

Grads gain admission to top grad./professional schools                      Religious affiliation/orientation of college.  
Wanted to live near home    Not offered aid by first choice college.  
Ratings in national magazines

## **A GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL AID TERMS**

*Stonehill College "A Guide To Paying For College : A Financial Overview"*

### **Alternative Financing**

Students who do not receive sufficient need-based financial assistance, or families who are unable to meet their expected family contributions, may borrow through one of the alternative financing programs available to them. Information regarding specific programs would be available in the financial aid dept. at the college at which the student plans to attend.

### **Cost of Education (Total Student Budget)**

Tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board, living expenses, and estimated transportation costs comprise the annual Cost of Education.

### **Expected Family Contribution**

This is the amount the student and his or her family are determined able to contribute towards one year of college education. This is calculated by a formula established by Congress (Federal Methodology) for awarding government assistance, or alternately by an Institutional Methodology for the awarding of institutional aid by many private colleges. The formulas include factors such as taxable and non-taxable income, assets, family size, and number of family members attending college.

### **FAFSA Form**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is processed at no cost to the applicant. It is used to determine a student's eligibility for government grant, loan, and work-study funds. This form should be completed online at [www.fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.fasfa.ed.gov) But, it is also available in your high school guidance office.

### **Federal Methodology**

This is the name of the formula created by Congress that is used to determine eligibility for federal and state funded financial aid programs. The family information presented on the FAFSA is used in this formula.

### **Financial Aid Package**

The award notice sent to the student lists the financial aid for which he/she is eligible at that particular college. The awards comprising the Financial Aid package may include gift aid (scholarships, grants), loans, and/or work study awards.

### **Financial Need**

Financial need is the amount by which total college costs exceed the Expected Family Contribution.

### **Grants**

Grants are gift aid that is awarded based on financial need. They require no repayment. Grants are available through the accepting college, the federal government, state agencies, and private donors.

### **Institutional Methodology**

This is the name of the formula used by many private colleges and universities to more accurately assess financial need. It was developed through the efforts of The College Board. The formula uses a broader range of family information to calculate the Expected Family Contribution for use in awarding institutional funds.

### **Loans**

Loans are funds made available in advance through lending institution or schools, as well as private sources – which must be repaid sometime in the future. Repayment terms vary based on need, rate of interest, interest benefits, repayment period, and/or credit worthiness. Traditional student loans, which are based on need, include interest benefits for the in-school period, and repayment is deferred until after the completion of studies. Non-need based student loans typically accrue interest during the in-school period. Some require credit tests and repayment that begins immediately.

### **Merit Based Awards**

Many colleges award merit scholarships each year to highly qualified students who possess excellent academic credentials. To be considered for merit aid, many colleges recommend (but not require) that the PROFILE Form be filed.

### **Need – Based Awards**

Students whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is less than the Cost of Education demonstrate financial need. Since the family is unable to pay all educational costs, the students would receive funding to help make up the difference. Such funds that seek to provide the student the financial ability to attend college may be comprised of gift aid, loan aid, and/or job aid.

## **PROFILE**

The College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE is a fee based supplemental financial aid application form used by most private colleges and universities to more accurately assess financial need. It is available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

About four weeks after the student files the Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA), this report is mailed, either by paper or electronically to the student by the federal processor. The document shows the Expected Family Contribution derived through the Federal Methodology and indicates any eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant. If incorrect, incomplete, or outdated information exists, the form may be corrected and re-submitted for adjustment.

### **Work – Study Program**

The Work-Study Program is a federally subsidized part-time employment program administered by the College. The amount indicated on the Financial Aid Letter is the limit of potential earnings, not a guaranteed financial resource. The funds are earned by working part-time in a position posted by the College's Work-Study Office. These positions may be in a variety of on-campus departments or in private, not-for-profit or government entities in the local community, such as the American Cancer Society or local elementary school systems.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS**

**Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference** on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Westin Hotel Copley Place located at 10 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA

Guidance Counselors are asked to identify secondary school and college minority students (particularly African-American, Hispanic American and American Indian/Alaska Native students) interested in science and mathematics who would benefit from being matched with advisors/role models from the biomedical and other science-related fields, attending interactive workshops and panel discussions for each academic level, exciting keynote addresses, and a resource room. The workshops/ panel discussions will cover topics such as Getting into College and Succeeding, Application Process for Medical and Graduate Schools, Interviewing Skills, Funding and Research Opportunities, Residency training, Nursing Education Pathways, and Transitioning from two-to Four-Year College. Keynote Addresses will be given by Robert L. Satcher, Jr., Ph. D, MD (invited), NASA Astronaut, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins University; and Francis S. Collins, MD, Director, National Institute of Health. Space is very limited. For more information contact Lise D. Kaye at [lise\\_kaye@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:lise_kaye@hms.harvard.edu) or (617) 432-0552

**Emerson College, Boston, MA** will host auditions for Acting & Musical Theater, Theater Education & Theater Study with emphasis on performance. Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis.

Regular Auditions will be held:

- 1.) Boston auditions will be held on January 23 & 30 on February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010
- 2.) New York auditions will be held in NYC on January 28 & 29, 2010 at Chelsea Studios, 151 W. 56<sup>th</sup> St.  
January 30 & 31, 2010 at United Audition, 1601 Broadway
- 3.) Los Angeles, CA auditions will be held February 6,7,8, 2010 at 54 West Centeron Blvd.  
San Francisco, CA auditions will be held on February 5, 2010 at a place TBA

Call (617) 824-8780 or Email [stagedoor@emerson.edu](mailto:stagedoor@emerson.edu). An audition form is included in an Emerson Application Package, but can also be obtained on the Emerson web site: [www.emerson.edu](http://www.emerson.edu)

**Norwich University, Northfield, VT** will offer **Leadership Challenge Weekends**. The dates are:

December 11 to 13, 2009

January 29 to January 31, 2010

February 26 to February 28, 2010

March 26 to 28, 2010. The Leadership Challenge Weekend is designed to expose the college-bound student to a military college and university life, while providing a worthwhile leadership experience through the development of individual leadership skills, self-confidence and teamwork. Students participate as members of a team during the course and receive instruction in leadership and effective communications. Students also participate in a Leadership Recreation Course, physical fitness training, water survival training and other physical activities. Briefing on

how to apply for college, to the Federal Academies, and information on Reserve Officer Training Corps. (ROTC) scholarships and financial aid are part of the 3 day program. Students should only apply if they are interested in pursuing a college education and have an interest in attending a Federal Academy. There is a \$50 application fee. For greater detail call Norwich University at (802) 485-2531 or consult [www.norwich.edu/lcw/index](http://www.norwich.edu/lcw/index)

**Syracuse U. Col. of Visual & Performing Arts, Sch. of Art & Design, Drama, or Sch. of Music, or the Sch. of Architecture.** Applicants must complete a portfolio review or audition. Visit the Syracuse web site at [www.admissions.syracuse.edu](http://www.admissions.syracuse.edu) to obtain audition and portfolio review deadlines or call 315-443-2769 to make an appointment. At Syracuse, NY, Drama Days, December 4

New York City at Lubin House Audition Dates Jan. 9, 10, 11, 2010

**Portfolio Reviews for School of Architecture in N.Y.C. call for specific dates & times (212)826-0335**

**Newbury College Brookline, MA** is offering “On-The-Spot Decisions” on Dec. 9, 2009 for high school seniors. Interested students should bring: High School Transcripts, College Transcripts (if transferring), 2 Letters of Recommendation, and a completed Application. Regarding the 2 letters of recommendation: this should include a letter from an instructor and a writing sample. Prospective candidates for admission are asked to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor by calling (617) 730-7007

## **DECEMBER 2009 OPEN HOUSE NOTICES**

**NOTE: Please remember to check the Date and Time of meetings and programs below.**

OH = Open House Program IS = Information Session ON = Over Night

Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA., Dec. 4 -OH- call (617) 585-6705

Assumption Col., Worcester, MA Dec. 5 -tour only- call (888) 882-7786

Boston Architectural Center, Boston, MA., Dec. 7 -Information Session- 5:30 pm to 7 pm, pm, call (617) 585-0123

Bryant U., Smithfield, RI, Dec. 5 & 12 -Saturday Interview Days-, call (800) 622-7001

Champlain Col., Burlington, VT., Dec. 5 & 12 -Saturday Sessions-, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm call (800) 570-5858

Colby Sawyer Col., New London, NH Dec. 1 & 4 -Senior Discover Day-, call (800) 272-1015

Culinary Inst. of Amer., Hyde Park, NY., Dec. 4 -OH, high school students and non traditional students- (800) 285-4627

Dean Col., Franklin, MA, Dec. 5 -Saturday Information Session- call (508) 541- 1508

Emerson Col. Boston, MA., Jan./Feb./Mar. Audition Prog. (Boston & New York)- call (617) 824-8780

Endicott Col., Beverly, MA Dec. 6 -Saturday Information Session- Call (800) 325-1114

Fitchburg St. Col., Fitchburg, MA, Dec. 5, 12 -Saturday Information Session- 11:15 am, call (800) 705-9692

Framingham State Col., Framingham, MA., Dec.5 -Information Sessions- call (508) 626-4500

Gettysburg Col. -Saturday IS-, are offered through Dec. 5 at 10 am, call (800) 431-0803

Hallmark Inst. of Photography, Turner Falls, MA., Dec 6 -OH- 12:30 pm, call (413) 863-2478

Hartwick Col., Oneonta, NY, Dec. 5 -Fall Saturday- call (888) 427-8942

Johnson State Col., Johnson, VT, Dec. 4,7,11 -Early Admissions Day-, call (800) 635-2356

Johnson & Wales U., Providence, RI, Dec. 12 -OH- 10 am , Dec. 11 -Culinary Discovery Day-, call (800) 342-5598

Lake Forest Col., Lake Forest, IL Dec. 5 & 12 -Saturday Visit Days- call (847) 735-5002

Lawrence Memorial, Regis Col., Collab. A.S.N. Prog., Medford, MA., Dec. 3 -OH, Nursing- 7 to 9 pm, (781) 396-9250

Lewis & Clark Col., Portland, OR, Sept 4 through Dec 3 -Over Night Program- call (800) 444-4111 or (503) 768-7040

Loyola Col., Baltimore, MD., Dec. 5 -Saturday Information Program- , 11:00 am, call (800) 221-9107

Lyndon State Col., Lyndon, VT., Dec.5 -Decision Day, submit an application and receive a decision-, call (802) 626-6413

Maine Maritime Aca., Castine, ME., Dec. 5 -OH-7:30 am - 4 pm, call 800-227-8465

Maine, U. of, Southern Maine, Dec. 5 -Saturday Information Session- , call (800) 800-4876

Manhattan Col., Riverdale, NY, Dec. 5 -Select Saturday Day- , call (800) 622-9235

Mass Maritime Aca., Buzzards Bay, MA., Dec. 6 - Athletic OH- & -Fin Aid Program-, call (800) 544-3411

Merrimack Col., No. Andover, MA., Dec. 5 -Interview Day- call (978) 837-5100

Montserrat Col., Beverly, MA., Dec. 5 -OH- call (800) 836-0487

Newbury Col., Boston, MA, Dec. 9 -Decision Day, Dec 5 & 12 -Saturday visit Day.- 11 am call (617) 730-7004

New England Inst. of Art., Brookline, MA, Dec. 5 -OH- call (800) 903-4425

New Hampshire, U. of, Dover, NH, Dec. 2 -Ed. Tours--, Dec. 9 -Nursing Tour- call (603) 862-1360

Norwich U., Painfield, VT, Dec. 11 to 13, -Leadership Challenge- See Special Program Section call: (802) 482-2531  
Ohio Wesleyan U., Delaware, OH, Dec. 7 -OWU Visit day- by appointment, call (800) 922-8953  
Regis Col., Weston, MA Dec. 5 -IS- 9 am to 11 am, call (800) 456-1820  
Rochester Institute of Tech., Rochester, NY., Dec. 4 -OH-, interview events, call (585) 475-6631  
Rollins Col., Winter Pk., FL., Dec. 19 Saturday Visit- call (407) 646-2161  
Southern Florida, U. of, Lakeland, FL, Dec. 11 -Frank Friday- call (800) 274-4131  
Southern Maine, U. of, Gorham, ME Dec. 6 -IS- call (207) 780-5670  
Stony Brook Col., Long Island, NY Dec. 5 & 12 -Tour & Information Sessions- call (631) 632-6868  
Suffolk U., Boston, MA Dec. 12, -Tour & Interviews- call (617) 573-8460  
Syracuse U., Syracuse, NY, January Admissions Programs at Lubin House, NYC, see Special Program section  
Western New England Col., Springfield, MA., Dec. 6 -OH-, 11 am to 4 pm, call (800) 782-1122  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, Dec. 5 & 12 -Saturday Visiting Days- call (508) 831-5286

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, NEW LISTINGS....**

**Live Poets Society Poetry Contest** is open to all U.S. high school students. Poems must be 20 lines or less, unpublished, the sole work of the entrant. Prizes: \$1,000 scholarship one \$500, four \$300 six \$150 awards.  
Deadline for submission: March 31, 2010 for details go to Website:  
[http://www.highschoolpoetrycontest.com/to\\_ewnter](http://www.highschoolpoetrycontest.com/to_ewnter)

**American Chemical Society ASC Scholars Program** is open to high school seniors and college students. Applicants must be of underrepresented students. Amount: up to \$5,000. For details contact [Scholars@acs.org](mailto:Scholars@acs.org)

**The American Association of Physics Teachers** The Barbara Lotze Scholarship for Future Teachers. Amount: up to \$2,000 for each of four years. Student must be preparing to become a Physics teacher. Contact: ACS Scholars Program, 1155 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC or [Scholars@acs.org](mailto:Scholars@acs.org)

**“My Turn” Essay Competition** Kaplan/Newsweek will award ten winners with scholarships. Open to all high school students. First Prize = \$1,000, Second Prize = \$500, eight more students will win \$1,000. Submit a 500 to 1,000 word personal essay on a topic of your choice. Deadline: early February For details check: <http://www.kaptest.com/essay>

**Optimist International Essay Contest** High school students (under age 19) write short essay on the topic: “The Internet; Today’s Evolution or Tomorrow’s Menace.” Contact your local Optimist Club in early January. Check the internet for the address of a club near you at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org) club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$650 scholarship. District winners advance to the International contest in which the top three essays receive 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$6,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$3,750 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$2,250

### **Scholarships cited in previous newsletters -- 1997 through 2010....**

**The following listing has been compiled and added to for the past 15 years. It has not been updated or validated thus there is the possibility that one or a few of the scholarships in the listing are no longer in existence.**

**AFL-CIO Scholarship Guide, Edition 2009** is available. It lists scholarships sponsored by national, state, and other labor union and cites hundreds of awards. Many are restricted to children of union members. The book is free to union members.

Contact: AFL-CIO Education Dept., 815 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 or call (202) 637-5000

**All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program** offers a scholarship up to \$5,000 for HS seniors & undergraduate students. Applicants must be U.S. citizens have a GPA of 2.5 and complete an essay on who has had the greatest impact in their life. Deadline: Dec. 31, 2008 Contact: [www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx](http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx)

**American Institute of Architects**, 1735 New York Ave., NW Washington, DC 20006-5292 (202) 626-7300. The institute distributes a booklet, 2000 Scholarships, which describes its financial aid program for those entering the field and provides a list of colleges and universities accredited in architecture.

**American Ground Water Trust**, PO Box 1796, Concord, NH 03302 (603) 228-5444. The Trust offers a \$2,000 scholarship to high school seniors interested in preparing for a career related to ground water. Applications are due May 1.

**American Medical Technologists**, 710 Higgins Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068 (847) 823-5169. Several \$500 scholarships are offered to students interested in medical technology, medical assisting, dental assisting, or phlebotomy studies. Must apply by April 1. Include a stamped self addressed return envelope with your request for information.

**Society of Automotive Engineers**, 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 (412) 772-8534. Students planning to major in a field related to the automotive industry are eligible for a scholarship of \$1,000 which is renewable. Must have a 3.75 high school gpa and a comparable class rank and test scores. Application is due in November.

**Professional Aviation Maintenance Association Foundation Scholarships**, a scholarship of \$1,000 is available to students who are interested in pursuing aviation maintenance as a career. Visit the association's website to download an application at [http://files.pama.org/PAMA\\_Scholarship\\_IndividualStudentApp.pdf](http://files.pama.org/PAMA_Scholarship_IndividualStudentApp.pdf) Mailing address: 717 Princess St, Alexandria Va. 22314

**Boy Scouts of America Scholarships** for members of the Boy Scouts of America -- Awards: Scholarships & Grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 -- Criteria: Academic Achievement, Extracurricular Activities, Leadership Experience or Potential and Community Service. Check with your local Boy Scout Chapter for local awards and write for information regarding national awards to Boy Scouts of America, 1324 Walnut Hill la. P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079 call (214) 580-2431

**Ron Brown Scholar Program** has 10 renewable scholarships for \$10,000 available for African American High School Seniors. Criteria: Academic Achievement, Financial Need, Essay, Extra Curricular Activities, Potential for Success, Recommendations, Leadership Potential or Experience. For details call (434) 964-1588 or consult the web site [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org)

**Coca Cola Scholarship Foundation** -- 150 awards, including 50 scholarships of \$20,000 and 100 scholarships of \$4,000. Awarding based on Academic Achievement, Financial Need, Work Experience, Extracurricular Activities, Leadership Experience or Potential. Consult website [www.cocacolascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/index.jsp](http://www.cocacolascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/index.jsp)

**Executive Women International (EWI)** is devoted to encouraging networking and leadership development opportunities for women in business. Scholarships: as much as \$10,000 in scholarships to female high school juniors interested in business. Contact Ewi, 515 South 700 East, Suite 2A, Salt Lake City, UT 84102 or consult web site [www.executivewomen.org](http://www.executivewomen.org)

**Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund**, 8441 West Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80123 (800) 323-4140. Current federal and postal service employees or their children are eligible for scholarships which range from \$500 to \$1,500. Based on prior academic work, recommendations, and an essay. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a request for information.

**Gates Millennium Scholars Program** focuses on underrepresented students (minority students). Candidates must be citizens/legal residents of the USA, have an accumulated g.p.a. of 3.3. For greater detail consult: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)

**Golf Scholarship -- The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund** -- the average 1st year award is \$1,500 plus eligibility to receive \$5,000 per year for the 2 or 3 years after the initial scholarship. Criteria: 1. The candidate must have worked at a golf facility for at least 3 years (caddie, pro shop worker, etc.); 2. Complete an FAF (SFAF or PROFILE); Submit 3 recommendations (1 from a high school counselor and 1 from his/her supervisor at the golf course); Be interviewed; Present a satisfactory academic credential and must do community service. The Ouimet Scholarship will be awarded in the summer, or early fall, of the entering year. The scholarship application is to be submitted by December 1 of the prior year in which the scholarship is to be used (if you are a senior in high school this year, you are submitting for your sophomore year in college and if you are a junior in high school you are submitting for a scholarship for your freshman year in college.) There is a premium on minority and female candidates. For details write to: The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, Golf House, 190 Park Rd., Weston, MA 02193

**Guideposts Young Writers Contest** - Entrants must be high school juniors or seniors - Submit a first person story about a memorable or moving experience they have had - must be original, unpublished - 1,200 words - manuscripts must be sent to Young Writers Contest, Guideposts, 16 East 343 St., New York, NY 10016 Consult web site [www.guideposts.com/young\\_writers-contest.asp](http://www.guideposts.com/young_writers-contest.asp)

**Horace Mann Co.** offers scholarships for high school seniors who are children or legal dependents of public school employees. Amount: multiple scholarships amounting to \$32,000. 1. Scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 over 4 years - 2. Scholarships of \$4,000 over 4 years. Deadline: late February - Contact: Horace Mann Co., Springfield, IL, call (217) 789-2500 X 5357

**Imitation Computer arts Scholarship** - This Computer Arts Scholarship program rewards students for self expression, ingenuity in combining art and technology. 25 winners of \$1,000. Deadline mid December - consult website [www.imation.com/en\\_US/main](http://www.imation.com/en_US/main)

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**, One Sansome St., Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94104 -- (415) 445-9930

A \$37 million grant from the Lilly Endowment will permit a major increase in the number of scholarships for Hispanic students. The fund hopes to double the number of students receiving scholarships by 2007

**JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest.** -- Open to high school students in grades 9-12. The essay requires, in less than 1,000 words, a written essay that is original, creative, and demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in "Profiles in Courage." Address one of the following two topics: "A current elected public official in the United States, who is acting courageously to address a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level" OR "An elected public official in the United States since 1956 who has acted courageously to address a political issue at any level." Deadline: Jan. 6, 07

**John Cannon Memorial Scholarship** The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences will award one \$40,000 (\$10,000 each year) college scholarship and nine \$1,000 onetime scholarships to high school seniors planning to pursue a career in television or a related field. For greater detail consult [www.emmyonline.org/foundation/scholarship\\_application](http://www.emmyonline.org/foundation/scholarship_application)

**Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) 1420 King St., Alexandria, VA – (703) 548-5387**

The Next Generation Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for high school seniors planning to pursue a career in power generation or a related field plus be active in one or more JETS Programs. Applicants must submit an application and a maximum 500 word essay.

Contact : JETS 1420 King St., Alexandria, VA (703) 548- 5387

**Maureer L. & Howard N. Blitman Scholarship** To promote diversity in Engineering, \$5,000 award for the freshman year award to a high school senior (Male&female) from an ethnic minority. Consult the following web site

[www.nspe.org/scholarship/sc-home.asp](http://www.nspe.org/scholarship/sc-home.asp)

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**, Scholarship Committee, 5413 Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA 22151 (703) 642-5360. Children or grandchildren of military service veterans & Purple Heart recipients, are eligible for a stipend of \$1,700 per year. This may be renewable throughout college if the applicant maintains a 3.5 g.p.a. Applications are due March 1

**International Union of Police Assoc., AFL-CIO c/o Scholarship Program**, 1549 Ringling Blvd., Suite 600, Sarasota, FL 34236. Telephone # (941) 487-2560 Web: [www.iupa.org/Scholarship.doc](http://www.iupa.org/Scholarship.doc) Area: Criminal Justice Eligibility: high school seniors. Applicants must plan to pursue a career in law enforcement, labor relations or a related field, plus must have a parent or guardian who is a member of a union affiliated with the International Union of Police officers.

**National Center for Learning Disabilities -- Ann Ford Scholarship** -- Open to high school seniors. Applicants must be high school seniors with learning disabilities. They must also demonstrate financial need, have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be U.S. citizens. Those who receive the scholarship must be willing to act as mentors to others which learning disabilities. Amount: \$10,000 for four years of study. Contact: Nat'l Ctr. For Learning Disabilities, 381 Park Ave.South, Suite 1401, New York, NY 10016-8806 [www.ncl.d.org](http://www.ncl.d.org)

**National "Alliance of Postal & Federal Employees"**, 1628 11<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC 2001. Students who are a dependent of a member of the Alliance may receive a Charter Scholarship of from \$1,900 to \$5,000 based on community & academic involvement, academic record. Deadline: early April - call (202) 939-6325 or write to the above address.

**National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation**, 250 South Wacker Dr., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606-5843 (800) 765-2122. The Foundation offers Undergraduate Merit Scholarships of \$2,000 for high school seniors interested in a career in the food service industry. Must have a 2.7 g.p.a., have worked for at least 250 hours in a food service establishment and plan to enroll in a food service related educational program. Applications are due July 1.

**NSPE National Scholarships, National Society of Professional Engineers**, sponsors a national scholarship for high school seniors who plan to study engineering. Applications and specific information available at following web site:

[www.nspe.org/scholarsips](http://www.nspe.org/scholarsips)

**National Scholarship Trust Fund of the Graphic Arts Industries**, 4615 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Students interested in graphic communications careers are eligible. Criteria: tests scores & recommendations - Deadline: Mid March - call (412) 621-6941 or write to the above address.

**32st Annual National Scholarship Awards** - The Washington Crossing Foundation - Scholarships of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for students planning careers in government service - paid over 4 years at the college of the recipients choice. Deadline: mid January. For details call (215) 493-6577, write to The Washington Crossing Found., 1280 Gen. DeFermoy Rd., Box 17, Washington Crossing, PA 18977

**National Writers Association Foundation** – Applicants must show merit in the field of writing (novel writing, non fiction writing, journalism, editing, etc.) Writing sample is not to exceed 20 double spaced pages and may be a short story, screenplay, article, essay or a portion of a novel. NWAFA, 3140 South Peoria St., #295 Aurora, CO 80014 (303) 841-0246 or consult their web site at [www.nationalwriters.com/foundation/scholarship\\_criteria.htm](http://www.nationalwriters.com/foundation/scholarship_criteria.htm)

**Overseas Press Club Foundation** offers 12 scholarships to students interested in becoming foreign correspondents. Applicants must submit an essay, cover letter and resume. Amount: \$2,000 Deadline: Dec. 1, 2008

Contact: Overseas Press Club Foundation, 40 West 45<sup>th</sup> St., Ny, NY 10036 call (212) 493-9087  
foundation@opofamerica.org

**The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** acknowledge and commend high school students who demonstrate self initiated community service. Schools and designated organizations (YMCA, 4H Clubs, etc.) may select one candidate per every 1,000 students. Finalists receive \$1,000 and an all expense trip to Washington D.C. Ten national candidates are chosen to receive a \$5,000, a medallion and a trophy. For greater information contact  
[www.prudential.com/community/spirit/awards](http://www.prudential.com/community/spirit/awards)

**Ronald Reagan Future Leaders Scholarship Program.** Features renewable scholarships to college undergraduates who demonstrate leadership on behalf of the cause of freedom, American values and constitutional principals. For greater detail consult the following Web page: [www.thephillipsfoundation.org/futureleaders.hym](http://www.thephillipsfoundation.org/futureleaders.hym)

**Target** the retail chain store offers more than 600 All-Round Scholarships (including one \$25,000 scholarship) annually to high school seniors. Criteria: community service, volunteer readership, recommendations, plus an essay. For greater detail call (800) 537-4180 or consult the Target web site [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

**Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship** will award one \$5,000 and three \$1,000 scholarships to skateboarders who are high school seniors and have attained an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher. For greater detail consult:  
[www.skateboardscholarship.org/apply](http://www.skateboardscholarship.org/apply)

**Navy League of the U.S., Essay Contest**, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201 -- (703)528-1775 The Samuel Morrison Essay contest offers high school students a chance to compete for scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$3,000 on the basis of a written essay and other criteria. Send a stamped, self addressed envelope when requesting information. The essay must be received by Feb 15.

**Discover Card Tribute Award** - Deadline: mid January - Criteria: 2.7 C.P.A., Excellence in four of the following five areas; Special Talent, Leadership, Obstacles Overcome, Unique Endeavors, Community Service. Write to: Discover Card Tribute Program A/O AASA P.O. Box 9338, Arlington, VA 22219

**Associated Male Choruses of America Scholarship**, % David Thomas, Scholar. Found., 1206 Bellow St. West St. Paul, MN 5518-2103 Six Awards of \$500 - Fields; Music, Perform. Arts -- Criteria: Recommendation and personal essay  
Deadline: early April

**Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship** - apply at any Elks Lodge - 500 awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000, Deadline: mid January -- Criteria: Academic Achievement, Leadership, Recommendation, Top 5% of graduating class & 90 average.

**National Society of Public Accountants Scholarship**, Scholarship Foundation, 1010 No. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314 -1574.33 awards of \$500 to \$1,000 - Deadline: early February - Criteria: Need, Academic Achievement, Leadership

**Intel Science Talent Search**, Scholarships & Awards - 40 scholarships ranging from \$100,000 to \$5,000. Deadline: late Nov., 2001 Contact: Intel Science Search, Sci. Service, 1719 N. St., NW, Washington DC 20036 or  
[www.sciserv.org/sts/process.asp](http://www.sciserv.org/sts/process.asp)

**Jaycee War Memorial Scholarship**, Jaycee War Memorial Fund., Dept. 94922, Tulsa, OK 7419-0001 -- Thirty awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 -- Deadline: early January -- Criteria: Need, Academic Achievement, Leadership -- A completed application must be sent to the state Junior Chamber of Commerce Organization and postmarked by late February.

**National Association of Women in Construction/Founders Scholarship**, 327 South Adams, Ft. Worth, TX 76104 -- Open to everyone -- Fifty awards of \$500 to \$2,000 -- Deadline: early Feb. -- Fields of Study: Science, Engineering, Construction, Construction Management -- Criteria: Academic Achievement, Recommendations -- (800) 552-3506

**Society of Women Engineers**, 120 Wall St., New York, NY 10005-3902 (212) 509-3902. The Hopper Memorial Scholarships offer \$1,000 to women interested in majoring in engineering or computer science. Applications due May 1

**Simmons College**, Boston, MA offers "**Freedom Scholarships**" (four year scholarships) for incoming students who lost a parent in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The 12 "Freedom Scholarships" will be awarded to academically qualified students who begin their study at the woman's college in the fall of 2002. Contact the office of Financial Aid at (800) 345-8468

**Stokes Educational Scholarship Program**, students planning to major in Computer Science, Mathematics, Languages, Computer or Electrical Engineering. Award: full tuition, books, fees, plus a salary Criteria: high school GPA 3.0, SAT's 1100+, ACT

**U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC)**, 5301 south 76<sup>th</sup> St., Greendale, WI, (800) 514-2695 **SMART Program, Gift of Life Scholarship** for high school students. Students must demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 GPA and an interest in bowling. Applicants must provide one letter of reference, a 500 word essay, and complete an application.Amount: 12 scholarships of \$1,000 Deadline: early April Contact: USBC at [smart@bowl.com](mailto:smart@bowl.com) or [www.bowl.com/scholarships](http://www.bowl.com/scholarships)

**Youth Foundation Scholarships** four year renewable grants from \$2,500 to 4,000 per year for undergraduate study. For high school seniors with 3.5+ GPA and financial need. Must have recommendation from HS principal, advisor or coach.

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Contact: Youth Foundation 36 West 44<sup>th</sup> St., NY,NY or [www.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/youthfnd](http://www.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/youthfnd)

**Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship Awards** two \$5,000 college scholarships to a graduating US high school student who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools/communities. For greater detail consult: [www.vrg.org/student/scholar](http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar)

### **AVOIDING SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS**

Each year, an estimated 300,000 students and parents are cheated by scholarship scams, according to the Financial Aid Information Page, a financial aid web site. "Fraudulent scholarship and loan companies are counting on families in desperate need of financial resources to not thoroughly investigate their company.," cautions Bob Williams, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau. Scholarship scams have existed for years but with increased usage of the Internet, they are on the rise. Dr. Kenneth Hartman, author of the College Board's "Internet Guide for College-Bound Students," and contributor to the College Board's web site, provides the following warning: "Scholarship scam artists lurk on the World Wide Web, and they could be hazardous to your bank account."

Several warning signs have been reported to the Financial Aid Information Page and the Better Business Bureau. The following are just a few: Scholarships with application fees. Scholarship services requiring fees. Questionable addresses. Unusual requests for personal information.

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### **"Heads Up!" There are phony college scholarship services.....**

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission found a number of Web sites with deceptive practices. Companies posing as scholarship search or financial-aid foundations charge from about \$25 to provide lists of scholarships, to more than \$800 to guarantee eligibility for a minimum amount of financial aid. These promises of guarantees are not possible. To identify false claims consult the following web site: [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams) Beware of services that do "all the work" students must apply for scholarships and grants. Advice: Don't give out credit card or bank account information to "hold a scholarship." Scholarship lists are available at schools and libraries or at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

*Source: Dallas Martin, Ph.D., president, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Washington D.C. [www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org)*

### **\*\*\*\*\*FINANCIAL AID SOURCE\*\*\*\*\***

**The most complete and accessible source of financial aid is in the TERI COLLEGE ACCESS CENTER at the Boston Public Library. The center has educational advisors to counsel and advise and a great deal of reading material plus a computerized financial aid search program. The reading materials cover a most complete range of publications, i.e., books, periodicals and brochures. The data retrieval capability consists of the software on regional and national scholarship availability which has the most up to date financial aid computerized program listings on the market. For more detailed information call the Teri College Access Center at the Boston Public Library (877) 332-4348 (617) 536-0200 or on the internet at [terricollegeaccess.org](http://terricollegeaccess.org)**