



# COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

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MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

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[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News)

Click on Open Houses & College Fairs

### COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAMS

**SAT:** MHS Test Center Code: 070599  
[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html)

**ACT:** MHS Test Center Code: 222929  
[www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

### OPEN HOUSE / CAREER DAYS COLLEGE FAIRS & WORKSHOPS

### DEADLINES - WHY ARE THEY THERE?

When filling out applications pay close attention to the Deadline Dates. That is the date that the application has to be at the organization you are applying to. That is not the date to give it to your counselor!!

So give yourself enough time to gather and prepare your applications for mailing. And don't forget to give yourself time to mail the application.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
FAFSA - <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>**

### NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

<https://connection.naviance.com/montvillehs>

Students, see your counselor to get your registration code or with any questions.



Sign-up today to receive the  
**MHS Counseling & Career  
Scholarship Newsletter** by E-mail!!!!  
Send an E-mail to:  
[dingoglia@montvilleschools.org](mailto:dingoglia@montvilleschools.org)  
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Click on "Newsletters"

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## INFORMATION TO SHARE

### ATTN: JUNIORS & SENIORS

The **College & Career Planning Guide** is available by visiting the School Counseling Web Page, & or through the Naviance program. The Planning Guide contains helpful information to assist you in your college and scholarship searches.

**School Counseling Web Page:**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/index.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/index.htm)

**Naviance Family Connection:**

<https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=montvillehs>

(Click on: "From Your School" / "document library" / "Counseling Publications")

### Isaac Emerson Palmer Scholarship

**Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009**

Townsend Palmer founded the Palmer Scholarship Fund in memory of his father, Isaac Emerson Palmer, a leading Montville industrialist in the mid-1800's. Each year many seniors interested in certain fields are offered scholarships through this program, and the scholarships may be renewed throughout college.

All students living in Montville planning to attend post-high school education full-time are eligible to apply for an Isaac Emerson Palmer Scholarship. Special consideration is given to those planning to seek practical education in technical institutions of higher learning and trade or technical schools.

The requirements for eligibility include:

- Bona fide resident of the Town of Montville, Connecticut
- Less than 25 years of age
- A graduate of Montville High School or school of equal rank
- Applying as a full-time student in a school of higher learning for practical education

Applications are available in the Career Resource Center (room 309) at Montville High School. Applications available in Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word for downloading by visiting The Montville High School Web Page - Click on the "Isaac Emerson Palmer" link on the right.

### MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

**DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2009**

Applications for the MHS Scholarships are now available in the Career Resource Center, downloadable from Naviance Family Connection and from the April web page of the Counseling & Career Scholarship web page.

This application is required in order to be eligible for a wide variety of school and local scholarships and awards.

ALL Seniors are strongly encouraged to complete this application.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html)

The following are some of the scholarships available to MHS Students. **For Complete listings of ALL the Scholarships visit:**

- the Counseling & Career **Scholarship** Web page at: [www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html)
- **Naviance Family Connection:**  
(if you have not registered for the Program – See your Counselor for your personal registration code.)  
<https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=montvillehs>

## DECEMBER

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/December.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/December.htm)

### Hispanic Scholarship Fund Various Scholarship Deadlines

**ON-LINE APPLICATIONS:** [www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426](http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426)

**Scholarships for High School Seniors**

#### Program Description

The College Scholarship Program is available on a competitive basis to community college, four-year College, and graduate students of Hispanic heritage. Award amounts generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be of Hispanic heritage
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled full-time
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00
- Be pursuing first undergraduate or graduate degree

### Boston University Scholarship Programs & Opportunities

**Deadline: December 1, Annually**

#### On-Line Applications

- Trustee Scholarship
- Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

For more information/applications on these and other Boston University merit scholarships, visit: [www.bu.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/scholarships)

### Cumberland Farms Believe and Achieve Scholarship

**Application Period: 10/1 – 12/15 – Annually**

**ON-LINE APPLICATION:** [www.cumberlandfarms.com](http://www.cumberlandfarms.com)

The Believe and Achieve Scholarship program is open to students who live within 30 miles of any Cumberland Farms outlet in the Northeast and Florida and who are entering college in the Fall. The scholarship program is also open to children of Cumberland Farms employees. While the initiative takes academic performance into account, the award also considers the student's financial need.

Eligible high school seniors are encouraged to apply as soon as the application period opens on October 1. Information about the Believe and Achieve Scholarship, including entry criteria and deadlines, is available online at [www.cumberlandfarms.com](http://www.cumberlandfarms.com), as well as in all Cumberland Farms' store locations.

### The Connecticut State University System Foundation Connecticut Art Education Association Scholarship

**Deadline for application: December 17, 2008**

#### On-Line Application:

<http://www.csusystemfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

Award: \$250 – one award, nonrenewable

University: Central or Southern Connecticut State University

#### Criteria:

- Art majors in their sophomore, junior or senior year
- Enrolled in art education at CCSU or SCSU
- Examples of leadership or volunteerism encouraged
- GPA 3.0 minimum
- Resident of Connecticut
- Demonstrated financial need

### SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Deadline: 12/1 Annually**

**Applications accepted 9/1-12/08**

In recognition of the important contributions made by engineers in improving the quality of our lives, particularly those related to mobility, SAE is proud to be able to offer a number of scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences.

There are two scholarship types:

- **UNDESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS:** These corporate sponsored scholarships range in value from \$1,000 to \$6,000. To qualify, the applicant must enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. (<http://www.sae.org/students/unscholr.htm>)
- **UNIVERSITY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS:** These scholarships are sponsored by participating universities and colleges, and range in value from \$400 to full tuition. To qualify, the applicant must attend the named university and enroll in a specific program of engineering, if required. (<http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/unvsponsored/>)

Students are encouraged to retrieve the application and information on-line at:

<http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm>

Contact SAE Customer Service by phone at 1-724-776-4970 |

[CustomerService@sae.org](mailto:CustomerService@sae.org).

### Stamford Symphony Instrumental Scholarship Competition

**Deadline: December 1, 2008**

In 1987, the Stamford Symphony launched a scholarship program for exceptionally talented Connecticut high school seniors seeking to pursue advanced study in music. In 2005, the program was expanded to include more awards and to welcome any high school senior residing in Connecticut who intends to major in music performance at an accredited conservatory, college, or university.

The Jeniam Foundation funds the First Place prize of \$10,000 (\$2,500 annually) and Second Place prize of \$7,000 (\$1,250 annually). The Third Place Janet Meeker Scholarship is \$4,000 (\$1,000 annually).

The award for first-place winners, the Jeniam Foundation Scholarship, provides a \$10,000 grant for music education. Second-place winners receive grants for \$4,000.

Applicants must submit an application, a recently recorded CD or audiocassette, three letters of recommendation, a high school transcript, proof of residency, a brief biography, and the \$40 entry fee. Those selected as finalists must perform a 15-minute program for an expert panel of judges on January 24, 2009.

To apply, download a Scholarship Application,

(<http://www.stamfordsymphony.org/downloads/Scholarship.pdf>) or contact the Stamford Symphony Education Department. [MusicEd@StamfordSymphony.org](mailto:MusicEd@StamfordSymphony.org)

### AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: Dec. 15, 2008 - (ON-LINE APPLICATION)**

#### Eligibility:

High School seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace.

#### Applicants must:

- Be US citizens or legal residents
- Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the US by fall of 2008
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace and
- Be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement.

#### Download application:

[www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html](http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html)

### National Federation of Independent Business

**NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards**

**Apply starting October 15, 2008 - December 15, 2008**

#### ON-LINE APPLICATION

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award program is a educational scholarship for high school seniors pursuing higher education and their entrepreneurial dreams. The foundation hopes that by enabling young entrepreneurs in their educational endeavors, the nation's youth will understand the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America. The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award is \$1,000

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- High school seniors entering their freshman year for the full 2009 -2010 academic year.
- Applicants must demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit, including but not limited to: Starting a small business. (Pet sitting or Dog walking, Skate board/snow board shop, computer repair, eBay-based business, jewelry, landscaping/lawn-care, clothing design, agriculture-based business, DJ, car detailing, etc.
- Participation in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, Junior Achievement and The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others.
- Working part-time at a family-owned or other small business.

**HOW DO I GET AN APPLICATION?**

- Go to [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA), click on "Apply Now" link
- Once on ISTS website, Click the "APPLY"
- Follow the onscreen instructions to apply for an AIN (Applicant Identification Number).
- **When prompted use ACCESS KEY: NFIB.**

**QUESTIONS**

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact: International Scholarship & Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS)  
Telephone: (615) 320-3149 Fax (615) 320-3151  
Email: <https://www.scholarshipadministrators.net/EmailRequestForm.asp>  
**Access Key: NFIB**

**Rider University**  
**English Department**  
**High School Writing Contest**  
**Deadline: December 12, 2008**

**CATEGORIES:**

**Essay:** Write a personal essay, labeled Essay, on a topic of your choice of no more than five double-spaced, typed pages.

**Fiction:** Write a short story, labeled Fiction, of no more than five double-spaced, typed pages.

**Poetry:** Write a poem of no more than 50 lines.

**Rules:**

- Type on the entry:
  - Your name & address, Grade, Teachers Name, School Name & Address
  - Include a letter from a teacher stating that the work is original and by you.
- Entries must be typed. Handwritten entries will not be read. Stories and essays must be double-spaced. Single-spaced prose will not be read. Please give your story, essay and or poem a title.
- Only one entry per category will be considered. Choose your best writing and send only one.

**Connecticut Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation Scholarship**  
**Deadline: Postmarked by December 20, 2008**

Each year, the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation grants \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the United States who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice.

The U.S. JCI Senate Foundation is a fully qualified, IRS approved 501(c) (3) foundation. Our IRS Tax ID Number is 38-2680101. All contributions to the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.

Download Application in Microsoft Word.

[http://ctjcisenate.org/ctjcisenate-scholarship\\_info.htm](http://ctjcisenate.org/ctjcisenate-scholarship_info.htm)

**JANUARY**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/January.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/January.htm)

**Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY****Various Deadlines - On-Line Applications**

- **Park Scholar Awards** – January 2, 2009  
<http://www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars/>
- **Ithaca Leadership Scholarship** – January 15, 2009  
<http://www.ithaca.edu/admission/financial/leadership.php>
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Program** – January 15, 2009  
<http://www.ithaca.edu/mlk>

For more information / applications on these and other Ithaca scholarships visit:  
[www.ithaca.edu/financial/programs\\_and\\_scholarships/index.php](http://www.ithaca.edu/financial/programs_and_scholarships/index.php)

**Elks National Foundation****2009 Most Valuable Student Scholarship****New London Lodge No. 360****Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks****Deadline: January 9, 2009**

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2009 competition.

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; resident alien status does not qualify.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

To locate an Elks Lodge near you, try your phone book or  
<http://www.elks.org/enf/FindALodge.cfm>.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. American college or university.

Applications must be filed with the Lodge of Jurisdiction on or before January 9, 2009.

New London Lodge No. 360, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Mr. Robert J. Mark, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

81 Washington Street, New London, CT 06320-6120 | (860) 442-0325

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

**THE SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS OF 2009****Deadline: January 11, 2009**

On-Line Registration: <http://registration.artandwriting.org/>

Early Submission: Dec. 19, 2008. \$5 per individual work, \$20 per portfolio

Final Deadline: Jan. 9, 2009. \$10 per individual work, \$30 per portfolio

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers invites students in grades 7 - 12 to participate in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2009, the nation's longest-running, largest, most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts.

More than 75,000 teens will accept the challenge to go beyond the classroom assignment to create daring, innovative works.

Why do students participate in The Scholastic Art & Writing

**Awards?**

- **College Preparation:** To develop the skills and vision needed for college and careers in the arts.
- **Scholarships:** To earn scholarships from a pool of \$3.25 million in tuition support, the largest source of funding for teens in the arts.
- **Professional Experience:** To build credentials for résumés and applications to college and employers.
- **Prestige:** To participate in the nation's most prestigious recognition program for artists and writers, which identified the early promise of Richard Avedon, Joyce Maynard, Tom Otterness, Philip Pearlstein, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Joyce Carol Oates, Andy Warhol, and Zac Posen.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Learn more about what The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards can offer you. <http://www.artandwriting.org/enter.htm>
- **Register Now** and begin the submission process.  
<http://registration.artandwriting.org/>

## Mensa Education & Research Foundation Local Scholarship Program

**Deadline: January 15 Annually**

**On-Line Application:** [www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships)

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need.

Awards are made on the basis of an essay of no more than 550 words that describes the applicant's career, vocational, or academic goals.

The eligibility requirements are that the applicant be enrolled, for the academic year following the award, in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, and that an applicant currently be an American Mensa member or an IRS dependent child of an American Mensa member. That membership must continue into the next membership year.

The awards are unrestricted as to age, race, gender, level of post-secondary education, grade point average and financial need.

Winners MUST provide proof of school enrollment for Fall/Spring 2009-2010 prior to payment of the award. Additionally, dependents of members must show proof of IRS dependency.

CT & Western MA - MENSA: <http://www.cwm.us.mensa.org/>

Web Page: <http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships>

## McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship

**Deadline: January 25, 2009**

**On-Line Application:**

[www.mckelveyfoundation.org/entrepreneurial/entrepreneurial\\_scholarship\\_form\\_1.asp](http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org/entrepreneurial/entrepreneurial_scholarship_form_1.asp)

Each scholar will be awarded up to \$10,000 per year to attend any four-year college within the United States.

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be considered for this award, applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior of a U.S. high school or home-school program
- Attend an accredited four-year college or university within the 50 United States
- Own and operate a business for at least one year (non-profits are OK)
- Have at least one paid employee (not including yourself or partner)
- Have sales revenue (unless non-profit)
- Submit a completed online application
- Provide documentation of the above when requested
- Agree to participate in a telephone interview, if selected as a finalist

McKelvey Foundation | Website: <http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org/>

## Bohdan Kolinsky Memorial Scholarship For Sports Journalism, 2009

Sponsored by the

**CONNECTICUT SPORTS WRITERS' ALLIANCE**

**Deadline: January 28, 2009**

**On-Line Application:** [www.ctsportswriters.org](http://www.ctsportswriters.org)

The Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a secondary school senior in Connecticut who plans to attend a four-year college with the aim of pursuing a career in sports journalism. The scholarship is renewable annually, subject to the student's ability to meet specified academic and other goals.

## The Princeton Prize in Race Relations Deadline: January 31, 2009

In order to recognize, support, and encourage the young people of our country who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the cause of positive race relations, Princeton University annually sponsors an annual awards program for high school students—the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.

- If you are a high school student, in grades 9–12, involved in an activity that is helping to improve race relations in your school or community, we want to hear from you.
- If you know of a high school student who is helping to improve race relations, please encourage him or her to apply.

How will successful candidates be recognized?

In each metropolitan area, there will be a \$1,000 first prize (which may be shared by two applicants). Other honorees will receive Certificates of Accomplishment. We expect that the awards will be presented at a local awards ceremony and at school assemblies. Announcements about winners will be sent to the local press, posted on the Princeton Prize website and communicated in other ways.

What is the deadline for applications?

Applications must be postmarked by January 31 and be sent to: The Princeton Prize in Race Relations, Alumni Association of Princeton University, P. O. Box 291, Princeton, New Jersey 08542-0291, or e-mailed to [PPrize@princeton.edu](mailto:PPrize@princeton.edu).

Who can be contacted for further information or clarification?

The easiest way to obtain information is to e-mail the Princeton Prize Office at [PPrize@Princeton.edu](mailto:PPrize@Princeton.edu). You may also call 800-742-1036.

## Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship Program

**On-Line Application:** <http://simonyouth.scholarshipamerica.org/>

**Deadline: Jan 31, 2009**

What is the SYF Community Scholarship Program?

The SYF Community Scholarship Program seeks to meet the financial needs of promising students in communities that host Simon malls.

Who is eligible?

The SYF Community Scholarship program is available to any high school senior who plans to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,500.

Selection procedures:

as determined by our third party administrator, Scholarship America, include consideration of financial need, past academic performance and future potential, leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, statement of career and educational aspirations and goals and outside appraisals.

Simon Youth Foundation Program Information:

<http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/simonyouth/index.html>

## FEBRUARY

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/February.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/February.htm)

## BIG Y SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: 2/1 (Annually)**

**Applications available in the Career Resource Center**

**Who is eligible?**

Big Y® Scholarships are available to High School Seniors, Undergraduates, Graduates, Community College and Non-Traditional Students. All Big Y customers and their dependents in the Big Y Market Area and Big Y employees and their dependents, regardless of residence, are eligible.

In recognition of the efforts that area law enforcement officers and firefighters make in protecting Big Y customers and its employees, a unique series of eight scholarships are available specifically for dependents of these public servants.

**WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?**

The following information is also required:

- Transcript of grades.
- College Entrance Exams Scores.
- At least two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a teacher.
- Big Y employees must submit one recommendation from their supervisor.
- Personal resumé/fact sheet (optional)
- Activities (for example: music, sports or organizations)
- Achievements
- Awards
- Community Involvement
- Leadership Positions
- Class Rank

Mail application and supporting documents together in one envelope to:

Scholarship Committee, Big Y Foods Inc.  
P.O. Box 7840, Springfield, MA 01102-7840



UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE  
WWW.USIP.ORG

### 2008-09 National Peace Essay Contest

**Deadline: 2/1/09**

**On-Line: <http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/topic.html>**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to announce the [2008-09 National Peace Essay Contest](#) topic, "Confronting Crimes Against Humanity" and the scholarship prizes available to your students.

This year's topic, "Confronting Crimes Against Humanity," touches on one of the major issues facing the international community today. In a 1,500 word essay, students will have the opportunity to reflect on modern cases of crimes against humanity--such as Darfur and Rwanda--as well as historical examples of genocide, including the Holocaust.

By taking part in the Essay contest, students will:

- research and describe foreign conflicts involving crimes against humanity;
- explore the international community's role in protecting civilians;
- analyze historical successes and failures;
- propose recommendations to help governments and organizations respond more successfully to crimes against humanity.

A panel of judges will read the essays and select one winner from each state. Each state winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC for the week-long [Awards Program](#), and the chance to win national awards up to \$10,000.

The National Peace Essay Contest is an effective and interactive way to help your students gain exposure and knowledge about international conflict.

To learn more about the contest, view the [essay question](#) in its entirety, and read about how you can integrate this year's topic into your lesson plans using this year's [Guidebook](#) and [Study Guide](#).

#### **About the United States Institute of Peace:**

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and development, and increase peacebuilding capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide. The Institute does this by empowering others with knowledge, skills, and resources, as well as by directly engaging in peacebuilding efforts around the globe.

United States Institute of Peace, 1200 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 457-1700 (phone) -- (202) 429-6063 (fax)

#### **Burger King Scholars Program**

**Applications available September 15 - February 2, 2009**

**Deadline: Feb 2, 2009**

**ON-LINE APPLICATION** <http://www.bk.com/scholars>

**ACCESS KEY: BKS**

Every year, the BURGER KING® Scholars Program helps graduating high school seniors build brighter futures. The awards (\$1,000 each)

Awards must be used for educational expenses, such as tuition or required fees and books, and must be used during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school.

#### **APPLICANTS MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO:**

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
- Work part-time an average of 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year (unless individual circumstances prevent the student's involvement).
- Demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by the fall term of the graduating year.
- Graduating high school senior or graduating from home school education.
- Must be a U.S. or Canada resident.

Please note that students DO NOT have to be employed at a BURGER KING® restaurant to be eligible for a scholarship. However, BURGER KING® employees may be eligible.

#### **Connecticut State University System**

**IMPAC - CSU Literary Awards for Young Writers**

**39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105-2337**

**Deadline: 2/2/09**

Application available on-line: <http://www.ctyoungwriters.org/index.html>

The awards program is open to writers ages 13 to 18. Two young writers from each of Connecticut's eight counties will each win \$1,000 awards for either prose or poetry.

#### **ENTRY RULES:**

- A teacher in a public or private school must nominate entries for the competition.
- Home school nominations are also accepted.
- Young writers between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age should submit four copies (1 original and 3 copies) of their best single work in poetry or prose; only one entry per student is permitted.
- Prose entries may include essays, short stories, reviews, plays, research papers or news articles.
- There are no length requirements.
- Entries should be typed, double-spaced, on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and submitted along with the entry form.
- The entries must be postmarked by February 2, 2009
- MAIL TO: IMPAC—CSU Young Writers Awards, Eastern Connecticut State University  
83 Windham Street | Willimantic, CT 06226 | ATTN: Dr. Christopher Torockio, English Dept.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Andy Thibault, Chairman | IMPAC-CSU Young Writers Trust | 231 Beach St., Litchfield, CT 06759 | 800-814-6931 or 860-567-8492 \* Fax 860-567-9119 | Email [tntcomm82@cs.com](mailto:tntcomm82@cs.com)

#### **Capitol Scholarship Program**

**Deadline: 2/15 Annually**

Download application: <http://www.ctdhe.org/SFA/pdfs/CSPApplication.pdf>

The Capitol Scholarship Program provides state grants to help talented and needy students pay for college. It is not a merit program; priority is given to those who are least able to contribute to college costs. Students may use the grants at any college or university in Connecticut, and in states which have reciprocal arrangements with Connecticut (the District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont).

For students attending Connecticut postsecondary institutions:

- 4-year degree & 2-year private \$2,000 - \$3,000
  - 2-year public \$500 - \$700
  - Students attending colleges out-of-state receive \$500 grants.
- Awards are adjusted for students who are enrolled less than full-time, but at least half-time. The number of awards depends on available funding.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify, you must:

- be a legal resident of Connecticut;
- have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th, and received a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- be a secondary school senior or graduate;
- have a cumulative class rank in the top 20% at the end of the junior year for high school seniors (upon graduation for all others) OR have combined scores (math, critical reading, writing) of at least 1800 on any one sitting of the Scholastic Aptitude Test; or 27 or better on the ACT and
- have not previously received a baccalaureate degree.
- If you are a high school senior who does not rank in the top 20% of your class at the end of your junior year, but you have scored above 1800 on the SAT, you must ask your high school counselor to verify your SAT scores.
- If you are not a high school senior, but have either graduated in the top 20% of your high school class or have SAT scores above 1200, you must ask a high school counselor or a college admissions officer to document this information.

Applications and additional information are available in the Career Resource Center or by visiting: <http://www.ctdhe.org>. Students should give their completed applications to their high school counselor at least a two weeks before the 2/15 deadline.

### The Governor's Coalition for youth with disabilities Bright Lights Scholarship

**Deadline: February 15, 2009**

**Download Application:** <http://www.gcyd.org/application.htm>

What is the objective of the GCYD Scholarship Program?

To recognize outstanding achievements of high school seniors with disabilities and to provide them with financial assistance to further their education and facilitate their career goals.

Who is eligible to apply?

All high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements may apply.

Candidates must be graduating students who:

- are residents of Connecticut
- have a disability as defined by the Special Education Law or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- have demonstrated responsibility and good character
- attend a post-secondary school or training program
- show promise for a successful career.

How much is the scholarship?

- **Connecticut State University System** awards one renewable scholarship at each of its four state universities – Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, and Western Connecticut State University. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 per semester, renewable to up to eight semesters if renewal criteria is met. To qualify for one of the state university scholarships. Students must already be accepted to the university granting the award. Candidates MUST indicate on their application the university for which they wish to be considered.
- **Connecticut Community College System** awards one renewable scholarship at each of its 12 area campuses. These scholarships are awarded for both merit and financial need. The award is full tuition and fees and is renewable for three years if specific renewal criteria is met. To qualify for a community college scholarship, the student must complete a FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>) form and qualify for financial assistance and must be accepted to the community college they have chosen on their scholarship application.

Additional Information:

<http://www.gcyd.org/index.htm> | [www.dss.state.ct.us/svcs/rehab.htm](http://www.dss.state.ct.us/svcs/rehab.htm)

Screen Reader Accessible Version of the application: [www.besb.state.ct.us](http://www.besb.state.ct.us)

### 2008 - 2009 The National Co-op Scholarship Program

**Deadline: Feb 15, 2009**

**Guidelines & Criteria:**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** To qualify for this scholarship, students must:

Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2009-2010 academic year at one of the National Commission Partner Institutions listed.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please Complete the National Co-op Scholarship Program Application including a typed one-page essay (500 words or less) describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program and mail it to:

National Commission for Cooperative Education  
350 Huntington Avenue, 384 CP | Boston, MA 02115-5096

**We do not require transcripts or recommendations.**

The National Commission encourages minority and female students as well as students interested in science, mathematics, engineering and technology (SMET) to apply for this merit co-op scholarship.

#### NCCE Partner Colleges & Universities

The National Commission for Cooperative Education, on behalf of ten NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities, is pleased to announce and sponsor its SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. As the largest independently sponsored merit co-op scholarship program in the United States, the National Commission will award two hundred merit scholarships of \$6,000 each, for a total renewable value of \$5,000,000. These merit co-op scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and college transfer students who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of the following NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities.

Please note below the TEN NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities participating in this year's program.

- **DREXEL UNIVERSITY**  
[www.drexel.edu](http://www.drexel.edu) | 215-895-2400  
Thirty merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$30,000 per University criteria

- **PACE UNIVERSITY**  
[www.pace.edu](http://www.pace.edu) | 212-346-1323  
Fifteen merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY**  
[www.jwu.edu](http://www.jwu.edu) | 401-598-2345  
Thirty merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
[www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu) | 585-475-6631  
Fifteen merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **KETTERING UNIVERSITY**  
[www.kettering.edu](http://www.kettering.edu) | 810-762-7865  
Twenty merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**  
[www.uc.edu](http://www.uc.edu) | 513-556-2420  
Fifteen merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each
- **C.W. POST CAMPUS of LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY**  
[www.liu.edu](http://www.liu.edu) | 516-299-2040  
Ten merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**  
[www.eng.utoledo.edu](http://www.eng.utoledo.edu) - 419-530-8040  
Fifteen merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 per University criteria
- **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**  
[www.neu.edu](http://www.neu.edu) - 617-373-3190  
Twenty merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$30,000 per University criteria
- **WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
[www.wit.edu](http://www.wit.edu) | 617-989-4000  
Thirty merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, renewable up to \$24,000 to \$30,000 per program and University criteria

### Ronald McDonald House Charities

#### (RMHC) Scholarship Program

**Deadline: February 16, 2009**

To apply directly online, go to [www.applivists.net](http://www.applivists.net) and use "RMHC" as the access key.

As a part of the RMHC commitment to education, local RMHC Chapters, with support of RMHC Global, offer scholarships to eligible graduating U.S. high school seniors who face limited access to educational and career opportunities in their communities.

Scholarship awards are given based on a student's demonstrated academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Depending on strategic goals and community needs, participating local RMHC Chapters could specify additional selection criteria.

The RMHC Scholarship Program is comprised of 4 individual scholarship programs including:

Visit <http://rmhc.org/programs/rmhc-national-scholarship-program>

to download the following applications:

1. RMHC/ASIA: Applicant must have at least one parent of Asian/Pacific-Islander heritage
2. RMHC/African American Future Achievers: Applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage
3. RMHC/HACER: Applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage
4. RMHC Scholars: ALL students can apply regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

Note: Asian, African American and Hispanic students are welcome to apply for the RMHC Scholars program provided they have not applied for one of the three scholarship programs listed above.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To apply for a RMHC Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a high school senior
- Be younger than 21 years old
- Be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college or university with a full course of study
- Be a legal U.S. resident
- Live in a participating local RMHC Chapter's geographic area

**Custom House Maritime Museum  
New London Maritime Society, Inc.  
Reid MacCluggage Black History Award  
Deadline: February 27, 2009**

Write an essay, short story, poem, play, movie script or Novella about the African-American experience in the maritime world for the chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship!

Eligibility: You must be a junior or senior in good standing at one of the following high schools to qualify: East Lyme, Grasso Tech., Fisher's Island, Fitch, Griswold, Ledyard, Lyme-Old Lyme, Montville, New London, NFA, Norwich Regional Tech., St. Bernard's, Williams School, Waterford and Wheeler.

Format: You may enter an original essay, short story, novella, play, movie script or poem based on the theme: The African-American experience in the maritime world. There are no restrictions on the length or scope of your piece, but all entries must be typed and include a complete list of all primary and secondary research sources. Additionally, each entry must be accompanied by a cover page, stating the student's name, address and telephone number, as well as, the name of the high school he or she attends, and a brief abstract describing the intent/concept of the piece.

Due Date: All entries must be received at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 150 Bank Street, New London, CT 06320, by 5:00 PM on Feb. 27, 2009. If you mail your entry, it must be postmarked no later than February 27, 2009.

Awards: Following review by a panel of distinguished judges from the community a scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded for the most outstanding entry and a \$500 savings bond for second place. The winner will be contacted directly, and will receive the awards at his or her high school awards night.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Cassie Blondel - Libardi at 860-447-2501. website: [www.nlmaritimesociety.org](http://www.nlmaritimesociety.org) | E-mail: [nlmaritime@gmail.com](mailto:nlmaritime@gmail.com)

*The Reid MacCluggage Black History Award was established to foster an awareness of the experience of African-Americans in the context of maritime history. It honors the commitment of Reid MacCluggage, the editor and publisher of The Day newspaper from 1984-2001, to the development of multicultural awareness and excellent writing skills in students.*

*Sponsored by New London Maritime Society, Inc. with support by The Day*

**Guardian Life Insurance Company of America  
Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Award Program  
Deadline: Feb. 27, 2009**

On-line Application: [www.girlsgoingplaces.com](http://www.girlsgoingplaces.com)

Girls Going Places is Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual initiative designed to reward enterprising and community-minded girls ages 12-18. Guardian grants cash prizes to girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; taking the first steps toward financial independence; and making a difference in their schools and communities. Prizes range from \$1,000 - \$10,000. Prizes are awarded to help winners and finalists continue their entrepreneurial pursuits and save for college. Nominees must submit a personal statement of no more than 250 words and a 750-word letter of endorsement from an adult - parent, teacher, mentor.

Application:

[www.guardianlife.com/womens\\_channel/girls\\_going\\_places/2008\\_ggp\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/2008_ggp_entry_form.pdf)

## MARCH

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/March.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/March.htm)

**The Allstate Foundation Driving Force in  
Journalism Award Contest  
High School Journalist / A Driving force in Saving Teens Lives  
Deadline: March 1, 2009**

On-Line: <http://www.KeepTheDrive.com/HSJ.aspx>

Car crashes top the list of teen killers, but don't worry - most crashes are both predictable AND preventable. You... yes, YOU can help save your friends' lives! You could even win a cash prize while you're at it.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

In order to be considered, your submission needs to meet the following criteria:

- Story must be about smart teen driving, engage the reader, must drive home (yes, the pun was intended) the message of driving smart; and
- Demonstrate quality reporting and writing on the topic of smart driving.

- Story must have been published between August 1, 2008 and March 1, 2009.
- Don't forget to complete, print out and submit the entry form with three copies of your published article! Without it, your submission won't make it past the first round.

Entry Form: (<http://www.KeepTheDrive.com/HSJEntryForm.aspx>)

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Contest is open to legal residents of the United States, who are current high school students between the ages of 13 and 18 during the Contest Period.

**HOW TO ENTER:**

- During the Contest Period, visit [www.KeepTheDrive.com/journalist](http://www.KeepTheDrive.com/journalist) and follow the directions provided to completely fill out,
- print and mail the entry form along with three (3) copies of the published article to  
Driving Force in Journalism Contest, c/o Fleishman-Hillard, 875 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 3300, Chicago, IL 60611.
- Only one entry per journalist will be accepted.
- Story must be published between August 1, 2008 and March 1, 2009.
- Articles written by a team must specify lead journalist.
- Journalists should obtain permission from their parent/s/legal guardians and faculty advisors before submitting their entry.
- Each entry must be the journalist's own original work, be in keeping with the Sponsor's image and may not be offensive, as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion, nor can it defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or property rights or any other third party rights.
- PRIZES: (1) Grand Prize \$3,500 (1) Second Prize \$2,000 (1) Third Prize \$1,000

**The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut  
Deadline: March 1 annually**

**Applications available in the Career Resource Center**

Award: 3 - \$1,250

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- The Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship
- The Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg Scholarship
- The Jordon Konov Scholarship

**CRITERIA:**

Applicants do NOT need to be member of our Society or related to the Society in any way.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- You must be a resident of the state of Connecticut and a graduating senior of a Connecticut secondary school, public or private
- You must have confirmed plans to attend a college or university (copy of letter of acceptance or copy of submitted applications).
- You must provide all requested documentation
- The Chairperson must receive the completed application and all required documentation no later than March 1.
- Academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service and financial need will be considered in the review of each application.
- The recipient will be notified in the spring. The monies will be disbursed at the start of the second semester.
- Evidence of your enrollment at a college or university is a prerequisite to the actual award.

**Black Engineering Council (BEC) / Electric Boat Corporation  
Scholarship Application**

**Deadline: March 7, 2009**

The Black Engineering Council (BEC) of Electric Boat will be awarding scholarships (totaling \$3,500) to qualified African-American students based on scholastic ability, letters of recommendation and a written essay.

The applicants are not required to demonstrate a financial need to specify other sources of financial aid.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be an African-American New London County High School Graduating Senior
- Must attend any college or university in the Fall of 2009
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (based on 4.0 scale)
- SAT must be taken (no minimum score required)
- ESSAY: 300 words or more explaining "Role Model" Who is your role model? If you could meet/be/have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be and why?

### Humane Society Of The United States Shaw-Worth Memorial Scholarship Deadline: March 16, 2009

Each year the scholarship is awarded to a New England high school senior who has made a meaningful contribution to animal protection over a significant period of time. The award consists of tuition assistance in the amount of \$2,000.00, which is payable to the college of the recipient's choice. Eligible applicants are sought from New England public, private, parochial, and vocational schools.

Actions meriting the award may include long-term, direct work on behalf of animals; inspiring leadership in animal protection organizations; papers, speeches, or presentations on humane topics; or heroic rescues of animals in danger. A humane attitude, understanding of humane ethics and past performance on behalf of animals are essential. A passive liking for animals or the mere desire to enter an animal care field does not justify the award. High scholastic standing is not a requisite for this scholarship; please do not include academic transcript in the application. Financial need is also not a consideration.

Applications may be submitted by any Class of 2008 high school senior to The Humane Society of the United States, New England Regional Office, PO Box 619, Jacksonville, Vermont 05342, postmarked by March 16, 2009. There is no standardized application form to complete.

Applications should be written in letter form and should include a narrative of the student's achievements in animal protection, as well as a discussion of his or her attitude toward animals. Documentation of the activities cited, recommendations from at least three people, and a description of future plans for humane work are required. Supporting letters from teachers, mentors, supervisor, peers and other observers are also helpful. In addition, applications should include the student's home address and phone number.

If you would like more information about the Shaw-Worth Memorial Scholarship, please contact the HSUS New England Regional Office at (802) 368-2790 or via e-mail at [nero@hsus.org](mailto:nero@hsus.org) | <http://www.hsus.org/>

### New England Institute of Technology Book Award 2009 Deadline: March 25, 2009 See your counselor for a nomination

New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) recognizes its responsibility to encourage the preparation of sophisticated technicians essential to the economic development of the region. To encourage high school students to consider technical education at the college level, New England Institute of Technology believes special recognition should be given to seniors who demonstrate interest in the technical areas.

The New England Institute of Technology "Book Award" is awarded to those high school seniors who have been identified by a high school educator or administrator to be a worthy recipient.

All Book Award winners receive a gift book from NEIT. All award winners who elect to attend NEIT will receive a scholarship of up to \$1,800.00. All nominations for the Book Award must be received at the college no later than March 25, 2009. Students will be notified in writing of their award after April 10, 2009.

#### Suggested General Criteria for Determining Book Award Winners:

- Career Potential
- Student's Motivation
- Teacher/Counselor Recommendation
- Student MUST be a high school senior

NEIT acknowledges that the selection of award winners and the basis for determining that selection rests with the individual high school representatives. Schools will receive the gift books and present to the winners.

#### ONLY one winner is allowed per technical program.

The NEIT Book Award Scholarship is valid for one year after a student's high school graduation date. It may be used for most technical programs at NEIT. The scholarship will be based on NEIT and federal need guidelines. To qualify for the scholarship the student must be enrolled in a full-time Associate Degree Program at NEIT.

#### The NEIT Book award will be presented in the following fields:

- Automotive Technology
- Automotive Collision Repair Technology
- Architectural Building and Engineering Technology
- Aviation Science Technology
- Building Construction / Cabinet Making Technology
- Business Management Technology

- Clinical Medical Assistant Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Game Development & Simulation programming Technology
- Graphics/Multimedia & Web Design Technology
- Heating Technology
- Interior Design Technology
- Marine Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Multimedia and Web Design Technology
- Network Engineering & Computer Servicing Technology
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology
- Physical Therapy Assistant technology
- Plumbing Technology
- Refrigeration / Air Conditioning Technology
- Software Engineering Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Video & Radio Production Technology

MHS is invited to recommend one student in each area of concentration. The student must be a graduating senior. The student will be notified in writing of the award after April 10, 2009.

Website: <http://www.neit.edu>

Scholarships & Contests:

<http://www.neit.edu/index.cfm?pg=109&title=Scholarships-and-Contests>

### New England Institute of Technology Scholarships and Contests Deadline: March 25, 2009

New England Institute of Technology is pleased to offer all high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in a variety of high school competitions. The competitions are designed to encourage students to explore career choices and the employment skills required.

The top three winning students in each contest will be recognized with New England Tech tuition scholarships. First place will be awarded a \$2,000.00 tuition scholarship, second place, \$1,500.00, and third place, \$1,000.00. Please encourage your students to enter one of the competitions. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Metzger, Special Events Coordinator, at 1-800-736-7744 ext.3377 or by e-mail at [AMetzger@neit.edu](mailto:AMetzger@neit.edu). All high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to participate.

Click here for 2009 scholarships and contests.

<http://www.neit.edu/index.cfm?pg=365&title=2009-Scholarships-and-Contests>

#### Competitions Offered

- **Architectural Building and Engineering Technology Design Contest**  
High school seniors are invited to participate in NEIT's annual Architectural Building Engineering Design Contest. To enter this contest, please email Amanda Metzger at [AMetzger@neit.edu](mailto:AMetzger@neit.edu), and she will email you the appropriate forms. When NEIT receives the student-completed registration form, a contest packet will be sent. Completed work is due at NEIT no later than March 25, 2009. Send all work to the attention of Amanda Metzger, Admissions Office, New England Institute of Technology, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI, 02886.

- **Automotive Technology Essay Contest**

The automotive industry recently reported General Motors lost \$15.5 billion dollars in profits in the spring of 2008 and that car sales continue to decline. General Motors car sales fell by 12% and truck sales plunged by nearly three times that amount. General Motors also reported it would need to cut 1,760 jobs. At the same time the Ford Motor Company, United States sales fell 15% and their truck and SUV sales fell by 22%. The Ford Motor Company reported spring 2008 loss of \$8.7 billion dollars in profits.

List and explain three reasons why both companies are having such a difficult time selling their products and what would you suggest they do to rectify this problem?

- **Computer Aided Design-Mechanical Technology Contest**

High school seniors are invited to participate in NEIT's annual Computer Aided Design-Mechanical Technology Competition. To enter this contest, please email Amanda Metzger at [AMetzger@neit.edu](mailto:AMetzger@neit.edu), and she will email you the appropriate forms. When NEIT receives the student-completed registration form, a contest packet will be sent. Completed work is due at NEIT no later than March 25, 2009. Send all work to the attention of Amanda Metzger, Admissions Office, New England Institute of Technology, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI, 02886.

- **Multimedia and Web Design Technology Contest**

High school juniors and seniors are invited to participate in NEIT's annual Multimedia and Web Design Technology Contest. To enter this contest, please email Amanda Metzger at [AMetzger@neit.edu](mailto:AMetzger@neit.edu), and she will email you the appropriate forms. When NEIT receives the student-completed registration form, a contest packet will be sent. Completed work is due at NEIT no later than March 25, 2009. Send all work to the attention of Amanda Metzger, Admissions Office, New England Institute of Technology, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI, 02886.

- **Technology Essay Contest**

A recent panel of the cartoon series Zits\* features Jeremy, the fifteen year-old son, exasperating his mother in a brand new way. She is annoyed because he failed to inform her of his plans for the day; but, he is equally annoyed with her because, as he says, "I synced my calendar with yours, posted my plans on Facebook, and texted you three times." Jeremy's mom is left wondering: "Jeremy and I had better communication when we had fewer ways to communicate."

Is this typically what happens when today's techno-savvy kids try to communicate with hopelessly old-fashioned adults? Are teens so comfortable with state-of-the-art phones and other communication devices that they forget how new these all are to most of us? Is technology contributing to the generation gap?

In an essay, describe an incident involving you, the adults in your life, and any new device, such as a multi-featured cell-phone, lap-top, or iPod; analyze the resulting complications. Then answer the question: is Jeremy's mother right? Did you and the older generation have better communication when you had fewer ways to communicate? Explain your answer. \*by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman; ©2008 Zits Partnership. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSAY CONTESTS

- Essay contests are open to juniors and seniors.
- Essays are to be typed and double-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- The student's name and high school must appear at the top of each sheet.
- A cover sheet must accompany the student's essay. The cover sheet must have the essay contest, student's name, home address, phone number, high school name and graduation date.
- Essays are to be 500-750 words in length.
- All essays are to be submitted with cover sheet no later than March 25, 2009, to Amanda Metzger, Admissions Office, New England Institute of Technology, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI, 02886.
- Students can enter as many contests as they wish.

#### National Naval Officers Association New England Chapter 2009 Scholarship Awards Program Deadline: March 30 Annually

Each year the Chapter awards scholarships to minority youth from the area who have demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and leadership in their community. Scholarship recipients **MUST BE ELIGIBLE** for a sea service officer program (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC), United States Naval Academy (USNA), or United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA)).

Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship that is awarded to a graduating high school senior that's enrolled in an NJROTC or MCJROTC program at a high school in CT or has been accepted into a sea service officer program (NROTC, USNA, or USCGA) for 2009. Student must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.8.

Information about the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) can be viewed and downloaded from: <http://nnoa.org>

#### THE JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

**On-line Application:** [www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php](http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php)

Through its [Education and Leadership Development Program](http://www.jackierobinson.org/about/program.php), ([www.jackierobinson.org/about/program.php](http://www.jackierobinson.org/about/program.php)) the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,500 annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice.

You must be a U.S. citizen in order to qualify for the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Award. In addition, you cannot possess a 2 or 4 year degree when apply for this scholarship.

QUESTIONS? Email at [requests@jackierobinson.org](mailto:requests@jackierobinson.org), or call (212)290-8600

#### The Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovative and Creativity Managed by: The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven Deadline: March 31, 2009

**On-Line Application:** <http://www.rbffoundation.org>

- Do you think outside the box?
- Have you come up with a creative solution to a problem in your school or community?
- Have you developed an innovative way to address a scientific or artistic challenge?

#### YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A MILTON FISHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

A four-year scholarship of up to \$20,000 (up to \$5000 per year for four years) for exceptionally innovative and creative high school juniors & seniors, & college freshman from Connecticut and New York City.

This scholarship is not a traditional scholarship focused on rewarding academic achievement and financial need. **Its specific goal is to reward and encourage innovative and creative problem solving.**

We are looking for:

- students who have solved artistic, scientific, or technical problems in new or unusual ways;
- students who have come up with distinctive solutions to problems faced by their schools, communities, or families.

## APRIL

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/April.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/April.htm)

#### Connecticut State University System Foundation

**Deadline: April 30, 2009**

**On-Line Application:**

<http://www.csusystemfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

The Connecticut State University System Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes, encourages and assists education and research within the Connecticut State University system.

The Connecticut State University System Foundation announces the following scholarships are being offered to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to one of the universities in the CSU System for the Fall semester. (<http://www.csusystemfoundation.org/>)

#### CSU UNIVERSITIES INCLUDE:

Central CT State University in New Britain ([www.ccsu.edu/](http://www.ccsu.edu/))

Eastern CT State University in Willimantic ([www.easternct.edu](http://www.easternct.edu))

Southern CT State University in New Haven ([www.southernct.edu/admissions/](http://www.southernct.edu/admissions/))

Western CT State University in Danbury. ([www.wcsu.ctstateu.edu/admissions/](http://www.wcsu.ctstateu.edu/admissions/))

Visit the Connecticut State University System Foundation website to download the application for the following scholarships:

(<http://www.csusystemfoundation.org/scholarships.html>)

#### Ted Martocchio Scholarship (Building and Trades Union)

Cash Award: up to \$2,000

Criteria: GPA 2.75 minimum, Leadership or examples of volunteer work, resident of Connecticut, accepted full time to ANY of the four universities (CCSU, ECSU, SCSU or WCSU) within the CT State Univ. System for Fall 2009. Must be a child of Building and Trades Union member. Students with diverse interests will have preference. No specific major is required. Demonstrated financial need

#### Pratt and Whitney Science and Technology Scholarship

Cash Award: \$1,000

University: Southern Connecticut State University

Criteria: GPA 3.0 minimum, demonstrated interest and/or examples of excellence in science or technology in high school, resident of Connecticut, accepted to ECSU full time for Fall 2009, Demonstrated financial need.

#### T. Clark Hull Public Service Scholarship

Cash Award: \$500 – one award

University: Western Connecticut State University

Criteria: GPA 3.0 minimum, demonstrated leadership and commitment to service to their high school and/or community, resident of Connecticut, accepted to SCSU for Fall 2009. Financial need must be demonstrated.

#### The Tulasano Humanitarian Award Scholarship

Deadline for application: April 30, 2009

Award: \$1,000 – one award

University: Any CSU University

Criteria:

- A resident of Rocky Hill, Connecticut
- Graduating from an accredited public or private high school
- Accepted full time at a CSU university for Fall 2006
- Show a record of academic progress
- Public service, community involvement & extracurricular activities
- Possess demonstrated leadership qualities
- Demonstrated financial need.

Information on these scholarships can also be found by accessing the CSU System Foundation website at [www.csusystemfoundation.org](http://www.csusystemfoundation.org). Or please feel free to contact Susan Matterazzo at 860-493-0099.

## MAY

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/May.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/May.htm)

### MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2009**

**Criteria for Selection: (There are TWO awards.)**

1. **MHSAA Scholarship - \$500:** will be made to a graduating senior of Montville High School, planning to continue his/her education in an accredited two or four year, technical college, university or post-secondary institution.
2. **MHS Alumni Parent Scholarship - \$750:** will be made to a son or daughter of an MHS alumnus, graduating from any accredited high school, planning to continue his/her education in an accredited two or four year, technical college, university or post-secondary institution.

**Download the application:** <http://www.mhsaa-ct.org/scholarship.html>

Along with application, please submit the following:

- Two letters of recommendation from adults that are not related to the applicant.

Essay: not to exceed 500 words -

**Topic: "Your hope for the Future of your Alma Mater"**

### The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Deadline: May 1, 2009**

**On-Line:** <http://www.phillips-scholarship.org/>

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers college scholarships to students from New England with financial need who display academic excellence, strong citizenship and character, and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society.

#### CRITERIA

- Entering or Returning Students at Accredited Undergraduate Institutions in the United States. This award is only for first undergraduate degrees.
- United States Citizens or Resident Aliens
- Permanent Residents of New England: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont. Students may attend colleges anywhere in the United States.
- Academic Excellence and Aptitude for Studies

#### APPLICANTS SHOULD:

- Have a GPA 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Be enrolled in a demanding course of study
- Demonstrate skilled writing ability
- Citizenship, Character and Serious-Mindedness

#### APPLICANTS SHOULD:

- Demonstrate a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society both present and future
- Be involved in a balance of community, school and work activities
- Pursue goals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, self-discipline and judgment
- Earn money for college expenses through part-time work.
- Financial Need
- Qualifying applicants will have one or more of the following:
  - Substantial unmet need
  - Heavy student loan burden
  - Special financial circumstances
- Low EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Typically, recipients' parents have a moderate adjusted gross income. Last year's mean AGI was \$44,000.

Applications will be posted on-line starting January 1, 2009.

## OPEN HOUSE / CAREER DAYS COLLEGE FAIRS / WORKSHOPS

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/Open\\_House\\_College\\_Fairs.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/Open_House_College_Fairs.htm)

For a complete listing visit the above web link.

### CAREER / COLLEGE FAIRS:

**Springfield College**, Springfield, MA

**Athletic Training Career Day** – Sun., 11/16/08 – 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Allied Health Science Center – 413-748-3178 ([www.spfldcol.edu](http://www.spfldcol.edu))

An Athletic Trainer is an allied health care professional who deals with the prevention and management of injuries to the physically active. The purpose of the career day is to provide high school students interested in a career in Athletic Training with information on: Athletic Training Professional Preparation, Credentialing, and Career Opportunities.

### OPEN HOUSES:

For information on the CT State University Open Houses visit:

[www.knowhow2goct.org](http://www.knowhow2goct.org) / [www.ctstateu.edu](http://www.ctstateu.edu)

### Hartford Conservatory Diploma School Open House & Audition Information

Mon, Feb. 23, 2009. Mon, April 20, 2009

Open House Highlights: Sample music, dance and music theater classes. Chat with students, faculty and Staff Tour Classroom, recording studios, and dance facilities. Learn about campus life, housing and financial aid opportunities.

AUDITION INFO: we are now scheduling auditions for January 2009 semester and for early acceptance fall 2009. Out of region applicants may submit an audition tape or DVD.

More Information: 860-246-2588 | [www.hartfordconservatory.org](http://www.hartfordconservatory.org)

### MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME:

Massachusetts Maritime Academy offers several opportunities for prospective students, applicants for admission, their families and school counselors to visit; Individual Day visits - Overnight Visits for prospective students and applicants for admission - Special on Campus Events. Please call our office if you are interested in either an individual day visit or overnight visit.

Roy "Fuji" Fulgueras, Director of Admissions

1-800-544-3411 | [Admissions@maritime.edu](mailto:Admissions@maritime.edu) | [www.maritime.edu](http://www.maritime.edu)

**2008 OPEN HOUSE DATES:** 11/15,

Athletic Open House: 12/7 | Financial Aid Seminar: 12/7

### COAST GUARD OFFICER PROGRAMS

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) offers great opportunities for Massachusetts Maritime Academy cadets to become officers in both the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Reserves.

Information about these programs can be found on this website; [www.GoCoastGuard.com](http://www.GoCoastGuard.com)

You can also have direct contact with the USCG Recruiting Command through the following contact person;

Kellie Campbell, USCG Recruiter, 781-338-9484

[Kellie.A.Campbell@uscg.mil](mailto:Kellie.A.Campbell@uscg.mil)

The USCG conducted exciting drills with our freshman this year. Pictures of these drills can be found on this webpage;

<http://capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?category=MEDIA>

If you are unable to access this photo gallery, please reply to this email and I will try to email you the pictures.

Roy "Fuji" Fulgueras, Director of Admissions

Massachusetts Maritime Academy | [www.maritime.edu](http://www.maritime.edu)

### UNIVERSITY / ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

For additional information on Enrichment Programs  
Log into Naviance Family Connections –under the "About College"  
Column Click on "Enrichment Programs"  
<https://connection.naviance.com/montvillehs>

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

Three Rivers Community College

Project TLC (Technology / Learning / Community)

Students interested must see **Dr. Phillips** as soon as possible.

Project TLC (Technology / Learning / Community) is a learning community for students in two-year associate degree programs at Three Rivers Community College in the fields of **engineering technology**. Throughout the experience, students will be mentored by a technology advisor. Students will also participate in a paid Summer Institute to prepare for the college experience. Project TLC offers support to foster self-confidence and to assure student success as participants progress from Three Rivers to either a four-year college or the workplace. This program can be of very great benefit to students who may be "on the fence" about college and may feel limited financially or academically. Students should meet the following criteria:

- Be interested in technology, science, and engineering
- Have completed Algebra 2 by graduation
- Show academic promise (there is no GPA requirement)
- Be a senior and begin the program in August, 2009
- Have not committed to any particular college, or may believe college is not an option for them
- May feel they will need extra support to be successful academically in college

The following technology programs are included in the TLC program:

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Environmental Engineering Technology
- General Engineering Technology
- Fire Technology and Administration
- Laser and Fiber Optic Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Architectural Design Technology
- Computer Science Technology

**Check It Out****Student athletes must register with NCAA**

Students looking to participate in a Division I or II collegiate sport must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. During your junior year, you must register with the Eligibility Center. Students must request that their ACT scores be forwarded directly to the center by entering code "9999" as a reporting selection when registering for the test.

For more information on the NCAA's core course requirements, GPA computation, contact information and to complete the amateurism questionnaire, visit <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

**Hartford Conservatory****Announces ne Major: PIANO TECHNOLOGY MAJOR**

The two-year training program addresses the continuing need for piano tuner/technicians throughout the United States and the world.

The program's course of study will provide students with the ability to tune, regulate and repair the actions of pianos. It combines hands-on training on vertical and grand pianos, historical aspects of pianos and piano repair and studies in musical acoustics with a course in small business arts management. A major component of the training is a second-year internship with a seasoned Hartford-area piano technician.

There is no musical audition required for Piano technology Students. Students seeking admission to the program need to have technical aptitude, fine motor skills, an interest in working with their hands, and interest in how things work, high standards and a great deal of patience.

Prospective students should call the Admissions Office 860-246-2588 x 12 or email Director of Admissions, Jerry Prell.

Hartford Conservatory, 834 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Phone: 860-246-2588 Ext. 12 | Fax: 860-249-6330

[jprell@hartfordconservatory.org](mailto:jprell@hartfordconservatory.org) | [www.hartfordconservatory.org](http://www.hartfordconservatory.org)

**College Planning****NEED A LIFT?**

The American Legion

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID HANDBOOK

Available on-line: [www.needalift.org](http://www.needalift.org)

This handbook is filled with Educational Opportunities, Scholarships, Grants, Student Loans, Careers, fee waivers, and Employment information. **Great Resource!**

American Legion Scholarships – Visit:

<http://www.legion.org/programs/resources/scholarships>

**RESOURCES****Five Scholarship Myths**

Benjamin Kaplan

I'm about to dispel five widespread myths about winning college scholarships. Myths that have, unfortunately, prevented many deserving students from winning money for college. By learning the truth behind these myths, you'll gain a better understanding of the essential "rules" of the college scholarships game.

**MYTH #1:** "Only students with high academic achievement win merit scholarships."

The Real Story: Scholarships are awarded to students with all sorts of talents and interests. In fact, many of the best scholarship programs are designed for students who devote time and energy to such diverse fields as music and the arts, foreign languages, community service, science, leadership, writing and oratory, to name just a few. Typically, these programs are entirely "grade blind"—meaning that grades are not used as a judging criteria.

Furthermore, many scholarships that do take into account grade point averages (GPAs) only use such quantitative measures as preliminary cutoff points. For instance, some scholarship contests specify that applicants have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Once you've cleared this minimum bar, grades don't impact your chances of winning.

Finally, even when GPA is used as an evaluation factor, it's only one aspect of your application. Scholarship programs aren't myopic: They want to recognize students with all sorts of achievements and backgrounds. They realize that applicants have much more to offer than simply the grades that appear on their transcripts.

**MYTH #2:** "Scholarship applicants should seek to compile the longest list of extracurricular activities."

The Real Story: As is the case in many other aspects of life, winning scholarships is about quality, not quantity. Some people think that to win these awards you must devote your entire high school career to participating in extracurricular activities. On the contrary, most scholarship winners distinguish themselves by the devotion they have demonstrated to a particular activity or activities, rather than by the sheer quantity of their involvement. Winning scholarships isn't about having the longest list of extracurricular. It's about communicating who you are and what you care about through the activities you participate in and enjoy.

**MYTH #3:** "Scholarship contests are conducted on a level playing field."

The Real Story: Each scholarship contest has its own biases. This is not to say that scholarship judging is unfair. Rather, it's just that each scholarship program is looking for students with particular qualities. The subjective process of valuing certain qualities over other ones tilts the playing field far from level. In this way, the ideal application you submit for one scholarship contest may, in fact, place you out of the money when submitted to another. Because of these biases, it's essential to define each scholarship's "ideal applicant" and to emphasize personal attributes consistent with this definition.

**MYTH #4:** "Applying for scholarships is just like applying to college."

The Real Story: Actually, scholarship contests demand a modified approach from the college admissions process because scholarship contests are characterized by substantially more head-to-head competition. While college admissions officers compare students primarily to a standard, scholarship contests directly compare students to one another. Because of this more competitive environment, students who devise creative techniques to stand out from the crowd have a distinct advantage. In this way, a good scholarship application (which distinguishes you from everyone else) will likely be a good college application—but the reverse is not necessarily true.

**MYTH #5:** "The track record you've already accumulated determines whether you'll win scholarships."

The Real Story: What you do after you decide to apply for scholarships is just as important as the record you have already accumulated. This holds true regardless of how much time you have until a particular scholarship application is due. Content strategies, for instance, increase your chances of winning by adding depth and breadth to your existing record. Likewise, packaging strategies help make your application stand out from the crowd by creating a cohesive message that highlights talents, communicates passions, and emphasizes potential. So don't fall into the trap of thinking that your die has already been cast. What you do now will make all the difference in the world.

## PARENT TIPS: FINANCIAL AID

We asked parents to share their advice on the financial aid process, based on their experiences with their children. Here's what they said:

"Keep a file folder with each piece of correspondence in it. That way you have a paper trail. Every time a new loan, grant or financial aid comes in, you may receive a revised bill. Also, make sure that you have all department phone numbers and the names of the people that handle your child's financial affairs."  
-- Georgia Baldwin (student is at Johnson & Wales University)

"Write the financial aid office if there are any unusual family circumstances, like a parent's illness or divorce. Each family is unique and the financial aid forms don't always ask about these types of circumstances."  
-- Cathy Nichin (student is at Dominican University)

"Fill out your FAFSA forms as soon as possible in January. You can fill them out and add your income tax information later. You can also fill them out online. Make sure to read each section very carefully in order not to forget to add any important information."  
-- Traci Conner (student is at Savannah College of Art and Design)

"Make sure you know all the hidden costs of going to college including food plans, parking stickers, dorm fees, extracurricular activity fees and such."  
-- Cheryl Gray (student is at Jacksonville State University)

"Don't rule out private colleges because of cost. We appealed colleges for further assistance and were surprised that the private schools were much more willing to work with us than public schools. The private schools were able to increase their aid package and offer a work-study program. They have a lot more resources available to them and less students competing for them."  
-- Tammie Dawson (student is at Illinois State University)

"Our son applied to many different schools and, when acceptance letters arrived, we reserved our decision until right before the financial aid deadline. By doing this, we were able to compare the aid offered by the different schools and use the information to negotiate with the schools to get a better aid package. Don't be afraid to negotiate. Let the schools you are considering know that you will be comparing aid offers from different schools. Also, try to get a package that is less dependent on loans." -- Thomas Cagle (student is at Mercyhurst College)

"Keep copies of everything."  
-- Donna Fagant (student is at Purchase College – State Univ of New York)

"If you've saved enough money for your child's college education and you've been offered subsidized or unsubsidized loans, use the loans for paying the tuition. Then when they graduate from college they can use the savings to pay off the student loans. Your savings will grow at a faster rate than the loans will accumulate debt."  
-- Joseph Padavic (student is at Harvard University)

"If you are a single parent, child support must be submitted as income on your FAFSA. I ran into a long delay my daughter's freshman year because I did not automatically include it on the form. Also, expect to pay for your child's dorm room or first month's rent and books. I thought financial aid covered all this up front, but was sadly mistaken. Financial aid will not be credited to your child's account until the drop/add week of each semester/quarter."

-- Traci Conner (student is at Savannah College of Art and Design)

"Don't be afraid to call the financial aid office of the college your child wants to attend. I was a little intimidated at first, but they were nothing but helpful."

-- Edwina Bailey (student is at Fairmont State College)

"Many institutions will not apply financial aid to study abroad programs. Some colleges limit financial aid to study abroad programs conducted by their institution, but a student may wish to go on another program more appropriate to his or her interests and career plans. In examining colleges, be sure to ask if financial aid is "portable" on study abroad programs. Does all of it transfer? While federal student aid is required to apply to study abroad, college-administered scholarships, grants and work-study can be applied at their discretion. Ask now, so there are no financial surprises when your student decides to study abroad!" -- Jane Wemhoener (student is at Blacksburg High School)

"My advice to parents and students who experience any sort of 'financial change' after they've completed the FAFSA form and received their financial aid award letter is to write to the college and explain your situation. Be prepared to explain your circumstances no matter how private you may feel it is. Remember, the individuals at the financial aid office are there to help you and they can only do that if you are open and honest with them.

Also, send time-sensitive correspondence by certified mail, return receipt requested. That way you are assured that your letter arrived and is not just sitting in a pile in the mailroom." -- Caron Lee (student is at Howard University)

"Think twice before investing in a state-run tuition fund. You may be better off investing your child's college money in other markets that give you more control over how the funds are disbursed. In a state fund, the money is locked in and may not be used for any other purpose, including graduate school. If your child does not attend college, you can transfer the fund to another family member; however, if that person doesn't go to college, the money is lost to you. Talk to an investment counselor before investing in a tuition program. If you do decide to invest in one, make sure you understand all the terms and conditions before you sign on the dotted line!" -- Venita Helton (student is at Univ of North Alabama)

"Make sure that you contact the financial aid office and ask about work study placement. Larger universities have coordinators that can help you find a job faster than looking on bulletin boards."  
-- Robert Leathers (student is at University of Akron)

"Some students who are receiving various financial assistance, including student loans, may find themselves with a surplus or credit at the end of each semester. This credit can be refunded in a check or direct deposit to the student. I recommend that the student have the refunded monies sent back to their student loan lender, to reduce the overall student loan debt that will occur over the student's college life."  
-- Marla Neal-Roberts (student is at University of Illinois- Springfield)

"Send and resend paperwork to the school as often as necessary. Don't be ashamed to apply for special circumstances if it is needed. The people in financial aid are extremely understanding and will do everything they can to help. Call as often as necessary."  
-- Terri Lotz-Ganley (student is at University of Toledo)

"There are things that can be done to make this a less stressful experience. For those that have computer access, filing online is a plus. Before sitting at the computer, have your child's social security number handy, as well as your most recent tax return. File as early as possible and if it seems to be taking too long for a response, call the appropriate 800 number to check."  
-- Karen Russo (student is at State University of New York at Oneonta)

"Establish a relationship with someone in the financial aid office who can answer questions and provide assistance. Freshmen should ask older students who they deal with in the financial aid office."  
-- Carol Smith (student is at Wheeler County High School)

**INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID**

FastWeb's College Gold ..... [www.collegegold.org](http://www.collegegold.org)  
 Federal Student Aid for Students ..... [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)  
 FinAid..... [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
 Mapping Your Future ..... [mapping-your-future.org](http://mapping-your-future.org)  
 Project Scholarship Scam ..... [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)  
 Taxes for Students ..... [www.irs.gov/individuals/students](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students)

**SOURCES OF AID**

Scholarship Search ..... [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
 \* AmeriCorps ..... [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)  
 \* City Year ..... [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)  
 CSS/PROFILE..... [profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)  
 Direct Loans ..... [www.ed.gov/directloan](http://www.ed.gov/directloan)  
 FAFSA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid) ..... [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
 FAFSA PIN ..... [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)  
 Resources by State ..... [finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml](http://finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml)  
 \*Award upon successful program completion

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Social Security Administration ..... [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
 Selective Service ..... [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

Student Gateway to U.S. Government ..... [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)  
 Study Abroad..... [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com)  
 U.S. Department of Education ..... [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND TESTING**

ACT ..... [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
 AP..... [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html)  
 SAT ..... [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)  
 PSAT ..... [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html)  
 Admissions Information ..... [www.admissions.com](http://www.admissions.com)

**CHOOSING A MAJOR AND CAREER**

Career Planning ..... [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
 Monster (Job Search)..... [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)  
 Monster Trak (Entry-level jobs) ..... [www.monstertrak.com](http://www.monstertrak.com)  
 America's Career Infonet ..... [www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics ..... [stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov)  
 Occupational Outlook Handbook ..... [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

FAFSA ..... (800-4-FED-AID) 800-433-3243  
 ACT ..... 319-337-1000  
 SAT ..... 866-756-7346