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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:

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& type CCNews in the subject line.

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INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Counseling & Career Scholarship Newsletter lists all the scholarship currently available in the Career Resource Center, Room 309, at Montville High School.

Students/parents can also view the scholarships by visiting the Counseling & Career Scholarship web page at:
www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html or logging on to their Naviance Family Connection account:
<https://connection.naviance.com/montvillehs>

The majority of scholarships can be downloaded from either location listed above or picked up in the Career Resource Center .

Read through the listings, get the application, follow their instructions and mail – it's as easy as that.

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS:

Requests for college transcripts should go through your Naviance Family Connection Account.

FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

All students should be aware that transcripts for scholarship applications should be requested **ONLY** after the complete scholarship package is put together by the student and submitted to the counselor for mailing – unless the scholarship does not require a transcript.

Scholarships **MUST** be mailed out as a complete package – all documentation listed on the scholarship application **MUST** be included when mailing the scholarship out. If not, the scholarship will not be accepted by the organization.

MHS GRADUATES:

Requests for official transcripts must be in writing. Please include your complete name, year of graduation, and the address you need the transcript to be sent to.

Isaac Emerson Palmer Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009

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. Each year many seniors and college students interested in certain fields are offered scholarships, which may be renewed throughout college.

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, and 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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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
- **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>

MARCH

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/March.htm

Dime Bank

Students **MUST** see Dr. Phillips by March 13, 2009

The Dime Bank will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a student from each of the area high schools whose academic performance is commendable, whose character is outstanding, who has demonstrated financial need and – who might otherwise be overlooked in the competition for college dollars.

Montville High School can submit three most qualified candidates.

People's United Bank Scholarship

Deadline: Interested students **MUST** see Dr. Phillips by Thursday, March 13, 2009, to be nominated.

MHS is invited to **nominate five applicants** for this year's People's Bank \$1,000 Scholarship.

Applicants are selected based upon academic achievement and financial need. Copies of their academic record, SAT scores, etc., must accompany their applications.

American Fire Sprinkler Association

CT Chapter High School Scholarship Essay Contest

Deadline: March 14, 2009

AWARD: 2 / \$1,000.00 scholarships

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: The essay contest is open to all current high school seniors who plan to enroll no later than the fall of 2009 in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school.

ELIGIBLE ENTRIES: To be considered, all entrants must complete the application form and submit a written, double-spaced, essay of 700-1000 words (along with a bibliography) addressing the issue "**The Importance of Fire Sprinkler Systems in My Community**". Entrants are encouraged to be original and creative. Contents, accuracy of information, and writing skills will be analyzed.

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Connecticut Affiliate

Deadline: March 15 Annually

This scholarship program will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating CT **high school seniors** who meet the following requirements:

- student will be enrolled in and attending a 2 or 4-year school of higher education
- student will be majoring in a **FCS related field of study**
- student will be majoring specifically in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Fields of study include:

- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Early Childhood Education and Services (pre-school)
- Family Economics and Resource Management
- Food Science, Dietetics, Nutrition and Health
- Food Production and Services
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Housing, Interiors and Furnishings
- Human Development, Family Relations
- Textiles and Apparel
- Consumer and Family Resources

William H. Chapman Foundation

Deadline: 1/1 - 3/15/ to request application.

Application deadline is April 1, Annually

The William H. Chapman Foundation was chartered in 1951 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to scholars of New London County, CT for post secondary education in both academics and the trades.

The Foundation presently provides awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 to an average of 100 students per year.

Students may reapply for a total of four annual awards. An interview is required for all new applicants. There are no age, sex, race, religious, high school, college or field of study requirements.

Those students desiring an application should write between January 1 and March 15 to:

The William H. Chapman Foundation, PO Box 1321 New London, CT 06320

THE LETTER SHOULD REQUEST AN APPLICATION AND STATE:

1. Student's name
2. Home Address
3. Name of high school presently attending (or attended) and graduation date
4. Name of school presently attending (if applicable)
5. Name of school they will attend (if known) for application year.

Requests may also be submitted by email to: ChapmanFdn@aol.com

If you have further questions please contact:

Caroline K. Driscoll, Awards Administrator, William H. Chapman Foundation | PO Box 1321 | New London, CT 06320 | 860-443-8010

CHAPMAN TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Deadline: 4/1

(This is now part of the William Chapman Scholarship application -listed above)

The Chapman Foundation also manages awards made by the Chapman Tech Alumni Association. Alumni awards are made to graduating high school seniors from New London County high schools.

The student **MUST** be a direct descendent of a Chapman Tech graduate or attendee. Tech awards are not renewable.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be:

- a direct descendent of a CTHS graduate or anyone who attended CTHS prior to 1952 (your parent, grandparent, great grandparent, etc..)
- a senior who will be entering a degree granting institution of higher learning as a full time student.

Dunkin Donuts Scholarship Fund

Application period: 2/1- 3/15/09

Apply On-Line:

<http://dunket.scholarshipamerica.org>



Up to 75 scholarships of \$1,000 will be granted. Awards are one-time only and not renewable. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

ELIGIBILITY / APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be high school seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in Fall 2009.
- Be residents of the state of Connecticut.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).

Kohl's Kids Who Care

Deadline: March 15-Annually

On-Line Application

The Kohl's Kids Who Care program provides Kohl's an annual opportunity to recognize and reward kids who volunteer in their communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Any individual (21 years & older) may nominate children who are 6-18 years old and have not yet graduated from high school by March 15.

HOW TO NOMINATE A YOUNG VOLUNTEER: The brochure contains all program information, a nomination form and official rules.

Individuals can pick up a brochure at any Kohl's store or print out a copy of the nomination form from Kohl's website at

<http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp>

Fill out the nomination form and drop it off at Kohl's Customer Service desk, or mail the completed form to your neighborhood Kohl's Store. Nominations must be received by the close of business March 15.

Rhode Island College**STEM Center Scholarship Opportunity****Deadline: March 15, 2009**

Rhode Island College has just been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant which will fund scholarships for undergraduate students planning to major in one of the **STEM areas: biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics or physics.**

AWARD: 10 - \$5,000 scholarships – renewable for four years

To apply for the scholarship, interested applicants must submit the following materials by March 15 to: Dr. Andrea Del Vecchio, Physical Sciences Department, Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, adelvecchio@ric.edu

1. Statement of Interest, discussing the major you have chosen: How you first became interested, related coursework and/or extra-curricular experience, and your future aspirations. Please include your name, address and high school with your statement.
2. two letters of recommendation that address your motivation and interest in a STEM major (may be from teachers, school counselors, employers, etc.).

Arrive Alive Scholarship Program 2009**Deadline: March 16, 2009****On-Line Application:**<http://www.cartermario.com/arrive-program09.php>**AWARD:** (10) \$1,000.00 Scholarships

Carter Mario Injury Lawyers is committed to supporting higher education opportunities as well as promoting programs that deal with the prevention of drunk driving.

Our Arrive Alive Scholarship is a combination effort to provide financial assistance in enabling students to pursue their educational goals as well as stressing the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

Our fourth annual Arrive Alive Scholarship program for 2009 is offering (10) \$1,000.00 scholarships to Connecticut High School seniors who reside in Connecticut and will be attending a four-year college or university in the fall of 2009.

2009 Charter Oak Federal Credit Union**Community Scholarships****Deadline: March 16, 2009**

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union is committed to helping the youth in our communities achieve lifelong success by providing financial support to deserving **high school seniors** and **college students** attending two or four year accredited institutions of higher education.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and reside permanently in New London or Windham counties.
- Applicants, as well as their parents or guardians must be members of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union
- If you and your parent or guardians are not members, you may visit any of our branches to qualify for membership.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, or a college student planning on attending an accredited institution of higher education such as a two-year or four-year college, or a technical, vocational or business college in September 2009. (*Previous winners may submit an application for continued financial support*).
- The applicant must have a solid academic standing, with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Applicant must have a strong involvement in extra-curricular activities and within the community.

Community Scholarship Program Guidelines & Applicant Criteria

<http://www.charteroak.org/charteroak/upload/Guidelines.pdf>

Community Scholarship Program Application

<http://www.charteroak.org/charteroak/upload/Application.pdf>**Connecticut Association of****Educational Office Professionals (CAEOP)****Deadline: March 16, 2009**

One \$750 scholarship have been established by the Connecticut Association of Educational Office Professionals (CAEOP) to encourage deserving **high school seniors** to continue their educational careers in the field of **business education**, preferably as **educational secretaries or administrative assistants**.

Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation, Inc**Deadline: March 16, 2009****On-Line Application:** http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/cnla_cnf.htm**Download:** <http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/pdf/CNF-Application.doc>**AWARD:** \$5,000 per year

The applicant must be accepted into a course of study beneficial to the **Horticultural industry**. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Ornamental Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Nursery Management
- Greenhouse Management.

The scholarship grant will be \$5,000 per year, renewable if the student maintains academic eligibility in college.

- Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- Students must be residents of the State of Connecticut, and may attend either in state or out of state institutions.
- The student must be a high school senior, or currently enrolled at the college level, majoring in a horticulture related field.

The scholarship will be based on academic achievement, financial need, and non-school work related to horticulture.

Website: <http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/>Application: http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/cnla_cnf.htmDownload: <http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/pdf/CNF-Application.doc>**HOWARD JENNINGS SCHOLARSHIP 2009****Deadline: March 16, 2009***Fill out the CT Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarship application listed above.***GRANT: \$500 – Student accepted at UCONN**

This award is funded by the Jennings family and friends, in memory of Howard Jennings, former nursery manager at Summer Hill Nursery and member of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association.

The grant will be in the amount of \$500. This is a one-time grant to a **CT student, who has been accepted by the University of CT, majoring in the field of Horticulture in either the 2 or 4-year program.**

The student is to complete the same application as the CT Nurserymen's Foundation Scholarship and will be selected by the CNF Selection Committee. If the student would like to be eligible for either scholarship, only one application need be submitted.

The student will be awarded the scholarship, based upon academics and financial need, with emphasis on non-school work related to horticulture.

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 2009 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 | <http://www.hsus.org/>

2008-2009 Athletic Booster Club Scholarship**Deadline: March 20, 2009****MISSION STATEMENT:**

We will not be grading the essay. We are looking for an essay that tells us your heart and your soul are in athletics. An indication of how the athlete has been moved by sports and what kind of lasting effect they have acquired will be our guiding factors. As this will be a blind review, we are hopeful that our scholarship will go to a deserving athlete. We will rate the essays on a rubric of 1- however many essays received. One being the essay we choose as a winner down to our last choice. After all of the deciding members have rated them, we will then determine which essay received the highest marks overall. If there is a tie, the president will cast the deciding factor. After the decision is made, we will check with administration to see if the student is in good standing in the school.

CRITERIA

- Graduating Senior
- Must have played one sport per year enrolled at MHS
- Enrolled in College – trade school, associate, undergrad
- Grade point average is not a requirement
- Financial Need is not a requirement

ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipients will be chosen by the Athletic Booster Board members and two coaches from MHS. The committee will announce the winner at the Senior Awards Night at MHS. The award will be paid directly to the recipient on award night.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applicant must answer following essay question in 300-500 words:
How has being involved with sports impacted your life?
2. Award: \$500 scholarship for one graduating senior male and one graduating senior female.
3. Application must have the **Application Information Sheet** attached to front of their essay.

Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund, Inc.**Deadline: March 20, 2009****Download the Application:** <http://www.cbc-ct.org/pages/scholarship.htm>

The Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund is offering scholarships to graduating Connecticut high school students entering college-level programs in architecture, engineering, construction management, surveying, planning or other courses of study leading to associate, baccalaureate, or masters degrees in the construction field.

The awards will be given for academic merit, extracurricular activities, potential and financial need. In the past, scholarships have ranged from \$500 to \$2,000 per year.

2009 UCB FAMILY RA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**Deadline: March 20, 2009****PURPOSE AND AWARD**

UCB, Inc., a global biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative treatments for inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA), is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid RA patients and their immediate family members in reaching beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions. This award is a one-time scholarship of up to \$10,000. In 2009, 30 / \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Previous UCB Family RA Scholarship winners are not eligible to reapply. This program is designed for applicants of any age. Applicants must be:

- A legal and permanent resident of the United States
- **Diagnosed with RA by a physician or an immediate family member (parent, spouse, child, or sibling) of someone with RA**
- Seeking an associate's, undergraduate, or graduate degree or enrolled in a trade school educational program
- An individual who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with RA
- Enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from a United States-based institution of higher education for fall semester of 2009

REACHING BEYOND BOUNDARIES

For more information about the UCB RA Scholarship Program:

- Email us at ucbrascholarship@rbxhealth.com Call 1-888-854-4996
- Visit www.reachbeyondra.com/scholarship

Download Application:

http://www.reachbeyondra.com/scholarship/pdf/2009UCB_RA_Application.pdf

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

The New England Institute of Technology "Book Award" is awarded to those high school seniors. 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.

Web site: <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. **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, 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, 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, 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.

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.

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 William W. Backus Hospital Auxiliary Annual Scholarship

Deadline: March 30 Annually

The William W. Backus Hospital Auxiliary will award two annual scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, to qualified applicants:

TO BE ELIGIBLE, AN APPLICANT MUST:

- Be an employee of the William W. Backus Hospital, or the child, grandchild, stepchild or guardian of a Hospital employee.
- Be a high school graduate
- Enroll in an accredited post-secondary school
- Plan to pursue study in a health-related field
- Provide all required credentials (transcript, letters of reference, essay)
- Be prepared to appear before the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview

Applications are available in the William W. Backus Hospital's Gift Shop or by calling the Auxiliary Office at: 889-8331 ext. 2259

The Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, Inc. Scholarship Awards Program

Deadline: 3/31/09

CCIA/AGC Scholarships Include:

- Associated General Contractors of CT Scholarship**

This is a two-year scholarship program with a total value of \$5,000 per recipient. **The scholarship provides \$2,500** for their freshman and sophomore years for college tuition and two summers related work experience for on-the-job placement and hands on learning with an AGC contractor.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior entering a 4-year **building technology or civil engineering program** as a freshman, or entering a two-year technical school with a construction course of study, with the intent of entering a four-year college upon completion of the technical school.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION:

<http://www.ctconstruction.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=3560>

- Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut Scholarship**

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any senior high school student who is a son or daughter of a member or employee of a member of the Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut, and who will be enrolling full time in an academic institution for the year beginning in September. This may be a four-year college or community college.

Request an application by contacting chall@ctconstruction.org.

John Costello Memorial Scholarship

Costello Industries, Inc. of Newington, CT has established a scholarship to assist a student studying in the field of construction management, including civil engineering, at an accredited college in Connecticut.

Applications for this scholarship will be available to high school seniors graduating in 2010. Visit the web link below for additional information: <http://www.ctconstruction.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=3882>

- Connecticut Construction Career Days**

Come learn more about the industry through hands-on experience and information about the trades, the secondary education required, the type of work and the benefits - www.ctconstructioncareerday.com

Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut, Inc. Glenn Moon Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Deadline: 3/31/08

Eligibility:

- All graduates of CT high schools, public or private, are eligible, provided that it is their serious intention to pursue a career in teaching in public or private schools, hopefully in Connecticut.
- Candidates must be graduates of Connecticut high schools; must be residents of Connecticut, and must certify that they **intend to pursue a teaching career.**
- Candidates must demonstrate a positive financial need in order to be considered.
- If the recipient of this scholarship fails to maintain grades in the upper bracket, or changes to a major other than teacher preparation, or drops out of college, the scholarship will be given to one of the winners of one of the \$1,000 scholarships as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Award:

- The main scholarship award is \$2,000 for the first year. Additional awards of \$2,000 will be granted for each of the subsequent three years, provided all qualifications continue to be met. We will also present THREE on-time grants of \$1,500 each, thereby selecting and honoring FOUR different scholarship recipients. Thus: One scholarship for four years and three scholarships for one year each will be awarded.

Download application: <http://www.ctretiredteachers.org/glenmoon.html>

Visit web site: <http://www.ctretiredteachers.org/>

Commander Kenneth Robert Kee, U.S.N. Memorial Scholarship Fund Bank of America

Deadline: 3/31 Annually

The will which established the Fund stipulates that scholarships are to be made available annually to the son or daughter of Navy enlisted personnel, either active-duty or retired, living in the New London or Groton areas and can be used for college or post-graduate study. The pool of applicants eligible for the Kee scholarship has been extended to include both children and stepchildren of enlisted Navy persons.

Mail completed applications to: Commander Kenneth Robert Kee, U.S.N., Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o BANK OF AMERICA, 777 Main Street, CT 2 102 22 03 | Hartford, CT 06115 | Attn: Lisa Domorod

This application may be downloaded in Microsoft Word by visiting the March web page of the Counseling & Career News or logging into your Naviance Family Connection Account.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center 2009 Isidore Wise Scholarship Awards Program

Deadline: March 31, 2009

The scholarship fund was established to award educational scholarships to students who have an association with Newington Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's or the CCMC School.

This year, we will be awarding three grants of \$5,000 each to individuals attending an accredited post-secondary undergraduate institution in the fall.

These grants will be given to high school students who are completing their senior year in 2009 and who were or are presently patients of the Medical Center (including past patients of Newington Children's Hospital).

Disabled Worker Committee Seventeenth Annual Disabled Workers' Scholarship Deadline: 3/31/09

The Disabled Workers' Committee, a Connecticut-based, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help impaired workers, has renewed it's \$5,000, two-year annual scholarship fund to assist a senior high school student who is the child of a worker totally disabled in the work place who lives in Connecticut. The injury MUST arise out of the workplace.

The Scholarship provides \$1,250 per semester for two-years. The amount of the fund is awarded to the **child of a TOTALLY DISABLED WORKER** who demonstrates both academic excellence and the financial need to go on to college.

Questions / additional information, contact: Matthew Shafner, Chairman or Joanna Lazarus - 860-442-4416

THE JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline: March 31, 2009

On-line Application: www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php

Through its [Education and Leadership Development Program](http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php), (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, or call (212)290-8600

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania

Gettysburg Essay Contest

"What the Gettysburg Address Means to Me"

Deadline: March 31, 2009

First place:

- \$300 for both the winner and the winner's school social studies department
- A Gettysburg Family Vacation Package for four which includes 2-nights lodging (one double room), meals, tours and adm ission to many local attractions.
- Essay winner and family will be guests of the Fellowship at their luncheon on November 19 and the essay winner will present a reading of his/her essay.

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

Contest Rules:

- Essay Theme: "What the Gettysburg Address Means to Me"
- All entrants MUST be high school sophomores or juniors
- Entries must be typewritten and double-spaced, with a maximum of 500 words. They must be written in prose. (No poetry entries).

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>

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.

Nathan Hale Branch of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Deadline: March 31, 2009

Award: \$750

The Nathan Hale Branch of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution announces our annual scholarship award contest for high school seniors attending a public high school located in southeastern Connecticut.

The contest is for an **original researched and proven essay** which shall deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. An essay highlighting Connecticut's role in any of these topics is preferred. Students must source at least three (3) references with the minimum of 2 being book or non-internet based references.

The essay must have a minimum of 700 words and not exceed 1,000 words excluding title page, footnotes, bibliography, and biography.

The essay will be judged on the following criteria:

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| A. Historical accuracy | D. Grammar and spelling |
| B. Clarity of thought | E. Documentation |
| C. Organization and proven topic | |

AWARDS:

There will be one \$750 scholarship awarded along with documentation of recognition. The scholarship will be dispersed to the award winner approximately half way through the first semester of college attendance

APRIL

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/April.htm

The William W. Backus Hospital Junior Volunteer Program

Deadline: 4/1 Annually

On-Line Application: <http://www.backushospital.org/index.php?id=284>

This program gives young people the opportunity to explore health careers firsthand, as well as provide service to hospital patients.

The Junior Volunteer Program is open to students high school aged students. The minimum requirements for applicants are that they are on track to graduate the eighth grade and are at least 15 years old by June 1, 2008. The expected commitment for those accepted is to attend 8-hours of classroom training, to shadow for 8-hours, and to volunteer one 8-hour day per week throughout the summer months of July and August. Students that choose to apply should be self-motivated, mature and demonstrate an understanding of the professionalism needed to volunteer in a hospital setting.

Job areas include: Registration, laboratory, cafeteria, medical records, same day surgery, and the business office.

As a Volunteer, you have much to offer, and the program provides the opportunity to learn new skills, develop new interests, grow in understanding, and make new friends.

Visit The Junior Volunteer Program for program information & to download the application. <http://www.backushospital.org/index.php?id=284>

Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers CT Chapter 3 of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Deadline: April 1, 2009

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a Veteran Service Organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and made up of mothers who have or have had children serving our country in the military. The Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers-CT Chapter 3 has formed here in the state to honor and serve our troops, our veterans, the mothers of our military and also to promote patriotism at home.

AWARD CRITERIA:

- two \$250.00 scholarships to one male and one female high school senior
- HS Seniors who will be going on to a four year college and
- who have a parent actively serving in the military or a parent who is an honorably discharged Veteran. (Military service includes the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves.)
- Please include 3 letters of recommendation with this application; one from a Guidance Counselor, one from a non-relative, and one from either your employer or your community service program or extra curricular activity leader.
- On a separate piece of paper please complete an ESSAY of approximately 250 to 400 words describing what your parent's military service means to you, how it has shaped your life and how it has inspired you to be an active community volunteer.

Contact Information:

Website: www.middlesexcountybluestarmothers.org

e-mail: info@middlesexcountybluestarmothers.org

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut Deadline: April 1, Annually

On-Line Application: www.cfsect.org/r_scholarships_how_to_apply.php
**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES:**

Candidates must be residents of one of the eleven towns we serve, although they may attend out-of-area schools. Awards range from \$500 for one year to \$24,000 over four years. Most are awarded based on scholastic achievement, financial need and extra-curricular activities, but several carry unique requirements. Most scholarships are awarded only to graduating high school seniors planning to attend accredited four-year colleges or universities. A few awards are available to enrolled college students and those pursuing particular courses of study.

APPLICATIONS:

Scholarship Listing: www.cfsect.org/r_scholarships_how_to_apply.php

CT Department of Higher Education**Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program**

Deadline: April 1, Annually

ON-LINE APPLICATION: www.ctdhe.org/SFA/pdfs/ByrdScholarship.pdf

The purpose of this scholarship program is to promote student excellence and achievement and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued excellence. The Byrd Scholarships will be awarded to selected high school seniors for full-time study at colleges located in the United States.

Grant Amounts: are anticipated to be \$1,500. Awards are renewable contingent upon federal funding.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must:

- be a legal resident of Connecticut;
- be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien, or a national;
- receive a secondary school diploma in June 2009, and;
- rank in the top 2 percent of his or her class, or have a combined score of 2100 or better on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT); or a minimum ACT score of 32

Hispanic Alliance Scholarship Fund

Deadline: April 1, 2009

This Hispanic Alliance is a not-for-profit 501 ©3 corporation dedicated to enhancing the Hispanic contribution to the Southeastern Connecticut Community. The awards will range from \$500 to \$2,000.

The scholarship program is designed to help people of Hispanic heritage meet the financial needs associated with pursuing their post-secondary educational goals.

Students of Hispanic heritage living in New London County and pursuing or planning to pursue accredited academic, vocational, or graduate programs (vocational, 2-year, 4-year, and graduate schools) are eligible.

Any questions or further information contact Hispanic Alliance at 860-443-0022 Fax: 860-444-0729

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.

Three Rivers Community College LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 3, 2009

On-Line Applications: www.lasertechnonline.org

This scholarship is for students entering in LASER AND FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY. Funded by the New England Board of Higher Education PHOTON Projects Education Fund

WHAT IS LASER AND FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY?

Laser and Fiber Optic Technology, or "PHOTONICS" is the practical application of light. Lasers, fiber optics, CD/DVD players, holograms, LASIK, HD displays, phototherapy, and satellite imaging are just a few examples of photonics technology. Just as electronics changed our lives in the twentieth century, photonics will play a critical role in enabling manufacturing, medical, telecommunications, homeland security, and defense technologies in this century. You can learn to be a laser and fiber optic technician at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT!

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a student in Three Rivers Community College's Laser and Fiber Optic Technology A.S. degree program or the Laser Manufacturing Option of Manufacturing Engineering Technology.
- Be a returning student in Fall 2009 in a program that has at least one required course in photonics/fiber optics
- Have completed at least 12 credits with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (recommended).

Regional Multicultural Magnet School Foundation Richard Spindler-Virgin Scholarship Deadline: April 10, 2009

The \$1000 awards will be made on annual basis to four students in the Southeastern Connecticut area who attended the Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) in New London and are now graduating from high school.

The \$1000 scholarship is for one year. Two students who are RMMS graduates and attend New London High School will be selected and two students in Southeastern Connecticut attending school outside of New London will also be selected for awards.

Download the application by visiting: www.rmmsfoundation.org.

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF LATINOS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, INC. Deadline: April 15, 2009

On-Line Application: www.calahe.org/scholarships.php

CALAHE is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the participation of Latinos in different areas post-secondary education in CT
AWARD AMOUNT: \$1000.00

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- High School Seniors or GED equivalent
- Undergraduate College Students

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Involvement with and commitment to activities that promote Latinos pursuit of education.
- Accepted for admission to an accredited institution of higher education
- Have a "B" average (3.0 College GPA) for all completed enrollment periods at the time of application.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Must have been a Connecticut resident during the preceding 12 months.
- Limited to Latino students from Connecticut.
- Must demonstrate financial need.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION:

www.calahe.org/settings/uploads/File/CALAHE%20ScholarshipAPP2009.pdf

SCHOLARSHIP WEB PAGE: <http://www.calahe.org/scholarships.php>

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS: http://www.calahe.org/scholarships_other.php

Connecticut Funeral Directors Association Family Support Services Scholarship Award Application Deadline: 4/10/09

On-line application: <http://www.ctfda.org/html/scholarship.html>

CFDA will award **eight (8) \$500 scholarships** (one in each Connecticut County) to students interested in **pursuing careers in a profession that provides emotional or medical support to families.** Awards will be based on application information, academic record and the evaluation of the required essays.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- The applicant must:
- be a legal resident of the State of Connecticut.
 - be a high school senior who will graduate in June 2009
 - have maintained at least a B grade point average in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
 - **be pursuing a career in a profession that provides emotional or medical support to families.** This includes such professions as counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social, gerontology and funeral service.

Website: <http://www.ctfda.org>

Scholarship: <http://www.ctfda.org/html/scholarship-family.html>

Air & Waste Management Association New England Section Connecticut Chapter Educational Scholarship Deadline: 4/15 Annually

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Connecticut Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association conducts a scholarship program to improve knowledge and skills in the fields of air and waste management.

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- CT residents & **high school seniors** accepted as full-time **college students** or full-time college students.

- Pursuing or planning to pursue courses of study in science or engineering leading to careers in the environmental field, especially air pollution control or waste management.
- Award one scholarship of \$1,000

The application can be downloaded by visiting:

http://awmanewengland.org/connecticut_chapter.htm

Connecticut State USBC Association

Deadline: April 15, 2009

AWARD: \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants shall be the son, daughter, granddaughter or grandson of a currently sanctioned member of the Connecticut State Bowling Association or USBC member that holds a youth membership.
- Applicant shall be entering an institution of higher learning in the summer or fall semester following graduation from high school.

Kline Family Community Service Scholarship University of Connecticut

Deadline: 4/15 of your graduation year

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from an accredited high school in the State of Connecticut who also has been accepted and will attend the University of Connecticut. The student must have a demonstrated record of community service.

At least one scholarship of at least \$250 will be awarded annually. Number and amounts may increase as warranted.

The scholarship will be applied directly to the student's fee bill at the University of Connecticut.

Visit our web site at: www.klinefamilyscholarship.org/index.html

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Communities \ Scholarships and Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2009

Four of Connecticut's human rights organizations are offering scholarships to students who are members of, or allies to, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) or Intersex communities. Together, these organizations will award a minimum of \$2,500 to Connecticut students who are pursuing higher education.

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS INCLUDE:

Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC)

(www.hglhc.org | info@hglhc.org) 860-278-4163

Deadline: April 15, 2009

HGLHC is nonprofit agency that provides health, health-related, mental health, education and outreach programs to over 5,000 people each year. HGLHC exists primarily to serve the health needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community, although all services are provided regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity

- One \$1,000 is available to CT residents who identify as LGBTQ, a member of an LGBTQ household or an ally of the LGBTQ community. Applicants MUST be enrolled in a bachelor or associate degree program in Fall 2009.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a resident of Connecticut
- Be accepted for studies at an accredited two year or four year college or university for the 2009/2010 academic year for the purpose of completing an associate or bachelor degree program
- Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT), or be from an LGBT household/family
- Submit all of the required application materials by the stated deadline
HGLHC | PO Box 2094 | Hartford, CT 06145-2094 | Attn: Scholarship Committee Questions: Jamie Bassell | 860-278-4163 ext. 17 | jamiieb@hglhc.org

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

email: HfdPflag@aol.com | 860-633-5111

PFLAG is a national non-profit organization with a membership of over 77,000 households and more than 425 affiliates worldwide. It promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through support to cope with an adverse society, education to enlighten and ill-informed public, and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

At least \$2,000 scholarship money will be awarded jointly by PFLAG and True Colors. Additional scholarship or amounts of the scholarships may be awarded based on funding available at the time of awards.

PFLAG Hartford & True Colors, Inc. Present**Helen & Bob Brill Scholarship**

True Colors | 945 Main Street, Suite 211 | Manchester, CT 06040

Deadline: April 15, 2009

ELIGIBILITY:

- Youth ages 16-24 who is currently attending or is planning to attend a college/technical school, or an accredited post high school program, and
- who is active in school or the community concerning LGBTIA issues
- Applicant **MUST** be a resident of Connecticut
- Applicant **MUST** have graduated from high school or its equivalent by July 1 of the year in which they will use the scholarship
- They **MUST** have sufficient academic records to be accepted by an accredited college, university, or technical institute.
- Students already enrolled at such a school are also eligible to apply.
- At least \$2,000 will be awarded.

Fern Berman Scholarship

This scholarship is specifically designed to offer young leaders the opportunity to participate in conferences, conventions, trainings and learning events that provide them with new advocacy or personal growth skills, networks and connections.

True Colors, Inc. Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services of 860-649-7386 | 945 Main Street, Suite 211 | Manchester, CT 06040 | www.OurTrueColors.org

Michael's Jewelers Foundation Scholarships**Scholarships for UCONN Athletes**

Deadline: April 15, Annually

Through the continual support of the Michaels Jewelers Foundation Fund, a \$250,000 endowment was established at The University of Connecticut Department of Athletics and Business School.

It offers eight (8) scholarships, \$2,000 each, to UCONN student athletes who participate in intercollegiate sports.

The scholarships are presented through the Department of Athletics by a special UCONN presidential commission. Scholarships are available to Connecticut students attending UCONN (main campus) and participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Scholarships are usually awarded in the freshman year and are continued annually based on maintaining academic and athletic eligibility standards established by the school.

Download Scholarship:

www.michaelsjewelers.com/jewelscart2000/store/High_School_Scholarships.asp

Mistick River Business & Professional**Women's Club Scholarship**

Deadline: April 15, 2009

The Mistick River BPW Scholarship Fund provides assistance (\$500 Scholarship) to a graduate of an accredited high school who wishes to further his or her education in pursuit of his or her career in business and the professions.

CHECK LIST:

- Application form completed
- write a summary of your plans and goals - minimum of 200 words
- official transcript
- 3 letters of recommendations - from different sources - do not use school counselor or immediate family members or peers - Letters must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person writing the letter.

SCHWAN'S Food Service Inc.**"ROCK OUR WORLD - FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL HUNGER" Original Music Contest**

Deadline: April 15, 2009

<http://www.changeourworldonline.org/contest.aspx>

Schwan's Food Service Inc. is a leader in the fight against global hunger and they want your help. By creating a music video you and your friends can make a real difference, helping to raise awareness of this critical global issue.

Create an original song, record and upload it to SchoolTube. Up to four musicians can participate and the Grand Prize winner(s) will be flown to Las Vegas to perform their winning song.

The contest period begins December 1st, 2008, with video uploads accepted between February 1st and April 15th, 2009. The rating period begins as soon as a video is uploaded - for more information, read the contest rules.

TO ENTER:

- Read and Understand ALL the contest rules - posted here http://www2.schooltube.com/Files/Tabs/Contests/Schwans/SchwansMusicContestWorldHungerRules_CRB.pdf
- Send in parental permissions for each band member <http://www2.schooltube.com/Files/Tabs/Contests/Schwans/SchwansMusicContestWorldHungerPermissionSlip.pdf>

Arthritis Foundation, Southern New England Chapter**Juvenile Arthritis College Scholarships**

Deadline: 4/17/09

PURPOSE:

The Arthritis Foundation's Juvenile Arthritis College Scholarships for Northern and Southern New England are available for the purpose of assisting deserving students with juvenile arthritis within the chapter service area to continue their education in a post-secondary accredited institution. The scholarships are awarded competitively based on academic achievement, impact of arthritis, and volunteer and community service.

AMOUNT:

The Arthritis Foundation will award three \$1,000 Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA INCLUDE:

- Diagnosis of juvenile arthritis or other rheumatic disease
- Resident of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, or Northern New York (Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties)
- High school senior or undergraduate and plan to enroll or are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution
- Has not previously received an Arthritis Foundation Juvenile Arthritis College Scholarship
- Submit proof of registration for each semester (course registration) in order to receive scholarship check

Download application by visiting:

www.arthritis.org/chapters/northern-and-southern-new-england/

E-Mail: info.sne@arthritis.org to request an application.

New London County Association of Retired Teachers & Leona Comstock Scholarships

Deadline: 4/17/09

Two scholarships will be awarded.

1. New London County Association of Retired Teachers Scholarship of \$1,500 for one year.
2. Leona Comstock Scholarship of \$500 for one year.

TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- A student must plan to enter the **teaching profession**
- A student must attend an accredited four-year college
- A student must file only ONE application for BOTH scholarships
- The top student will receive the New London County Association of retired Teachers Scholarship and the runner-up will receive the Leona Comstock Scholarship.
- A student **MUST** live and attend a high school in New London County
- Each applicant is to file only ONE application and they will be considered for both scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH PARENT WORKING IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

In addition to our scholarships we are offering a New London County Association of Retired Teachers Award of \$500 for a non-financial need student with outstanding academic achievement who has a parent or guardian working in the field of education.

In order to be eligible for this award the following requirements must be met:

- A student must plan to enter the **Teaching Profession**
- A student must attend an accredited four-year college
- A student must have a parent/guardian working in the field of education.

Rotary Club of Montville Scholarship

P.O. Box 94, Uncasville, CT 06382

Deadline: 4/17/09

AWARDS: Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

CRITERIA: The selection criteria includes scholastic achievements, school activities, financial need, recommendations and community involvement.

- Applicants MUST be residents of Montville, CT who are not related to a member of the Rotary Club of Montville.
- Open to all graduating Students.

**CONNECTICUT PARKS ASSOCIATION, INC.
DENNIS MALONE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM
Deadline: April 18, 2009**

The scholarship awards are open to applicants who are high school graduating seniors planning to attend an accredited two or four year college and pursue a career in park management, forestry, horticulture, agronomy, or a closely related field. Scholarships may be awarded up to \$1,000, depending on the number of recipients.

Selection for the awards is based on financial need, academic achievement, and involvement in activities related to the intended course of study. Interested applicants should complete the application available at www.ctparks.org under "Announcements" and return no later than April 18 to: Gerard G. Toner, Chairman, C.P.A., Scholarship Committee, 26 Ridge Road, Simsbury, CT 06070

**AES Thames Scholarship
Deadline: April 24, 2009**

AES Thames sponsors a scholarship for graduates of area schools (Montville High School, St. Bernard High School and Norwich Regional Technical High School) who plan to attend a two or four-year Connecticut state college. AES Thames philosophy is to award the scholarship to those who are in need of financial assistance that have demonstrated the desire to complete a college education. The scholarship is intended to be an award to promote those who are interested and a desire to attend either a two or four-year Connecticut state college.

CRITERIA:

- Live in Montville and plan to attend college in Connecticut
- A short summary as to why they have chosen a particular area of study
- Written references by two teachers
- Provide Math and Verbal SAT scores.
- Provide transcripts including class rank.

**MONTVILLE LION'S CLUB
SERVICE AWARDS 2008-2009
Deadline: April 24, 2009**

The Montville Lions Club is proudly offering up to three One Thousand (1,500.00) Dollar Service Awards. These awards will be given to Montville residents who will be graduating from any area high school.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

- Candidates must reside in the Town of Montville
- Candidates should exemplify the Lions' motto "Service to Others"
- Complete the Service Award Application form and return it with your essay to your Guidance Counselor. The Guidance Counselor must sign your application attesting to character
- References and telephone numbers must be furnished to verify activities mentioned in your essay on a separate document
- Applicants are to mail completed essay and application forms to the above address and must be postmarked by April 24, 2009 or will not be considered by the Montville Lions Club

**Connecticut Association of Women Police, Inc.
Deadline: April 30, 2009**

The Connecticut Association of Women Police (CAWP) is pleased to announce that it is offering Scholarship Awards to be used by students to pursue a degree in **Criminal Justice**. All candidates will be evaluated based on their achievements in relation to the entire pool of applicants.

CRITERIA:

- Applicants (male or female) must be applying to a **Criminal Justice Program**.
- The CAWP Scholarship Applicant must be completed on (both sides) and returned to CAWP and include the following information: High school Transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor
- A personal essay of 200-250 words telling why the candidate should be selected for this scholarship
- A copy of a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Connecticut State University System Foundation
Deadline: April 30, 2009**

On-Line Application:

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

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/)
Eastern CT State University in Willimantic (www.easternct.edu)
Southern CT State University in New Haven (www.southernct.edu/admissions/)
Western CT State University in Danbury. (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 Tulisano 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. Or please feel free to contact Susan Matterazzo at 860-493-0099.

**The Faith Trumbull Chapter
Daughters of American Revolution (DAR),
Scholarship Awards
Deadline: 4/30/09**

Faith Trumbull Chapter DAR, Inc. has established five, one year Scholarship awards of ~~\$500.00~~ each, to graduating seniors from Norwich Free Academy, Montville High School, St. Bernard High School, Bacon Academy and Griswold High School. These awards will be paid directly to the college where the winning candidates are accepted.

Selection is based on school records, financial need, clarity of college goals and personal potential. Submit brief. Personal letter explaining goals in college and any specific interests or plans for future activities (250 -350 words).

Students may apply for this scholarship even though they may have applied for the Connecticut State DAR Scholarship.

Kiwanis club of New London N.B. King Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 30, 2009

Award: 2/\$3,000

Criteria:

- HS Seniors – minimum of a C average in a college prep program
- Current College Students – 3.0 GPA
- Return to college Students
- A one page statement on why you need this scholarship
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Official high school and/or college transcripts

Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Careers in Healthcare Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 30, 2009

This annual scholarship fund will support students in Southern Connecticut who aspire to careers in healthcare.

AWARD: up to 5 - \$2,500 scholarships

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduating High School Senior
- GPA 3.0 (B) or better
- Enrolling at an accredited college or university
- Major / minor and or concentration of study in a healthcare-related field.
- 500 word essay - why you are exploring a career in healthcare
- Letter of recommendation

Ledge Light Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program

Deadline: April 30, 2009

Ledge Light Federal Credit Union will award four (2) graduating high school seniors with \$500.00 to use for an accredited two-year or four-year college, technical, vocational, or business college.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be and remain a member in good standing of Ledge Light FCU.*
- Be a graduating senior with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Be accepted as an incoming freshman to a college, university, vocational school.
- 500 Word Essay
- Demonstrate a commitment to your community.

Website: <http://www.ledgelightfcu.org/ledgelightfcu/>

Application:

www.ledgelightfcu.org/ledgelightfcu/News.asp?id=9269&lid=117

Williams Memorial Institute Alumnae Association, Pre-1955 Scholarship

Deadline: 4/30 Annually

The Williams Memorial Institute, pre-1955 Alumnae Association is offering 3 scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to be presented in June 2008.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- An applicant shall be a direct descendant of a Williams Memorial Institute Pre-1955 Alumna.*
(* Alumna in this context refers to a graduate or former student.)
- An applicant shall be a graduating senior of any New London County or out of state high school, entering a degree granting institution of higher learning as a full-time student, immediately following graduation.
- Completed application, letters of recommendation and your personal letter should be mailed to:
- Alama Ruggiero, Chairman, Williams Memorial Institute Alumnae, Association Pre-1955 Scholarship Committee, 76 Boomingdale Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375, Additional Information: 443-5602

MAY

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/May.htm

THE EASTERN CONNECTICUT ASIAN AND AMERICANS LIONS CLUB 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: May 1, 2009

PURPOSE: To assist a deserving student who plans to attend a two or four year college or university

AWARD: ONE SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars)

CRITERIA: The selection criteria include an essay, scholastic achievement, school activities, community service and letters of recommendation. Applicants must attend a public school in a district in which an AAA Lion member resides.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien.
2. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. A copy of official transcript of grades is required.

The Eugene Atwood Fund

Deadline: May 1, Annually

The Eugene Atwood Fund is a loan fund available to high school seniors who are residents of New London County. The loan is to be repaid, without interest, when the student has finished school. The amount granted an individual varies each year depending upon the availability of funds. The maximum loan that the Trustees considered last year for students entering college was \$2,400. You may apply each year as long as you are in college. If a loan is granted it is paid in two installments, usually one-half in September and the balance in January.

The application should be submitted to The Atwood Fund office with three letters of reference, a copy of your parents' most recent Federal Tax Return and a copy of your school transcript. If your family's adjusted gross income is greater than \$50,000 you must submit a "Profile Financial need Analysis Report" and a "SAR" report. This information is due before the end of April, for consideration by the trustees at the annual meeting in June.

JOHN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: May 1 - Annually

SPONSORED BY: (CCJECA)

**THE CONNECTICUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE
EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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

REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION

It is awarded to high school seniors or undergraduates enrolling or enrolled in college and planning to major in any **CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR RELATED FIELDS.**

Criminal justice is defined as, but not limited to, law, legal studies, public safety, court services, law enforcement, fire science, forensic science, juvenile/family justice, protective service, corrections, parole, homeland security, environmental protection.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Applicants must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school in the school year of application OR be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in an accredited college or university.

AWARD: Three (3) One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) Awards

Connecticut Education Foundation, Inc. Phil DiGiovanni Future Teacher Scholarship Fund

Deadline: May 1, Annually

Website: <http://www.cea.org/about/cef/pgguidelines.cfm>

This fund awards scholarships to the children of CEA members and staff. The applicant must be a full time college or university student that has completed at least three full semesters within the last two years and who intends to enter the **TEACHING PROFESSION.**

DESCRIPTION:

The Phil DiGiovanni Future Teacher Scholarship of the Connecticut Education Foundation shall serve the following purposes:

- To assist and encourage highly-qualified students to enter the teaching profession.
- To memorialize the contributions and service of Phil DiGiovanni to the CEA and the teaching profession.

To offer a benefit to CEA members and CEA staff members.

- At least one scholarship of \$1000 amount will be awarded annually to a qualified candidate.

The primary criteria used to select recipients will include academic achievement, interest in teaching as a career, leadership roles, community activities, volunteer experience, written expression, references and financial need.

Connecticut Education Foundation, Inc.

Minority Scholarship Fund

Deadline: May 1

SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Connecticut Education Foundation, Inc. has established an annual scholarship for qualified minority candidates who have been accepted into an accredited two or four-year Connecticut college or university and intend to enter the **TEACHING PROFESSION**.

A minimum of a **\$500.00 scholarship** is awarded yearly and distributed in June to qualified candidate(s).

Download Application: www.cea.org/about/cef/minguidelines.cfm

CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

Candidate shall:

- be a minority as recognized by the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education (Black; Native-American/Alaskan Native; Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latino).
- indicate his/her intent to enter the **TEACHING PROFESSION**.
- present evidence of a 2.75 minimum cumulative index average on a 4 point scale in high school.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Connecticut Education Foundation, Inc. has established an annual scholarship for qualified minority candidates who have been accepted into a **teacher preparation program** at an accredited Connecticut college or university.

A minimum of a **\$750.00 scholarship** is awarded yearly and distributed in June to qualified candidate(s).

Download Application: www.cea.org/about/cef/minguidelines.cfm

CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

Candidate shall be

- a minority as recognized by the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education (Black; Native-American/Alaskan Native; Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latino).
- present evidence of being accepted into a **teacher education** program in an accredited higher education institution in Connecticut.
- present evidence of a 2.75 minimum cumulative index average in college.

Questions? contact: Sheila Cohen, CEF President, sheilac@cea.org.

Phone 800.842.4316 or 860.525.5641

Website: <http://www.cea.org/about/cef/minguidelines.cfm>

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"

Oncology Nursing Society-Central CT Chapter

Deadline: May 1

The Central CT Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society is pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to a high school student, in our geographic area, planning on entering the nursing profession.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The candidate must be a senior in high school within the state of CT.
- The candidate must be accepted by an accredited School of Nursing and enrolled in the 2009-2010 academic year.

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.

APPLICANTS SHOULD:

- Have a GPA 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Be enrolled in a demanding course of study
- 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 - *Last year's mean AGI was \$44,000.*
- 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

United Auto Workers Local 571

Marine Draftsmen's Association

John F. Saffomilla & E. Roy Coville Scholarship

Deadline: May 1 annually

Download application: <http://www.uawlocal571.org>

United Auto Workers Local 571 is pleased to announce the availability of six (6) annual John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Awards of \$2,000 each to six (6) **graduating high school seniors**, pursuing a higher education, who meet the qualifying guidelines.

Eligibility to apply for these scholarship awards is limited to **graduating high school seniors whose parent or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing.**

The following guidelines will prevail in selecting the recipients and awarding the scholarships:

- Each student applicant's high school academic and social achievements are the most important considerations in choosing the winners; however, it should be noted that in the selection process a significant emphasis and/or tie breaker factor will be placed on the **financial need** of the students.

Christopher Potvin Scholar Athlete-Fund 2009

\$1,000 Scholarship Award

Deadline: 5/2/09

In 1987, a young teenage boy, Christopher Potvin, was killed in an automobile accident. This young boy was both a good student and an outstanding athlete. Each year the Fund give numerous \$1,000 scholarships (19 each year) based on the fundraising totals of the previous year. to date we have given over \$130,000.00. **The scholarships are for \$1,000 each.**

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

- The Scholar Athlete Fund is looking for applicants who possess the same qualities as Christopher.
- **An applicant must have been an active participant in one or more varsity sports to be eligible.**

- The applicant must be an excellent athlete, a person of great character, a good student, and someone who is admired by his peers and elders.
- Letters of endorsement from someone who has an athletic influence in your life (preferably a coach) and from the guidance department/faculty shall accompany the application. Other letters (not to exceed three) from persons not related to the applicant may also accompany the application. These letters should relate to community involvement or outstanding recognition, etc.

NOTE: Neatness and thoroughness is important in completing this application. All portions of the application must be typewritten or completed on computer.

Daniel A. Boucher Memorial Scholarship Fund Deadline: May 12, Annually

Daniel A. Boucher, PGA was the Golf Professional at the Norwich Golf Course from 1978 until his death in October 1989. While serving as Golf Professional, Dan was very supportive of junior golf and high school golf.

The scholarships (**10 at \$1,000 each**) are available to high school seniors from high schools in Norwich, Montville and Windham High. Applicants both male and female, must have earned at least one varsity award in **any sport** while in high school and must have been accepted at a college or university.

Tylenol Scholarship Deadline: May 15, 2009 On-Line Application: <https://www.applyists.net/Login.asp> Access Key Code: TYLN

TYLENOL® Scholarship program helps students who are pursuing careers in the **healthcare, life sciences, or related fields** manage the rising costs of education.

This year, we'll be awarding \$250,000 in scholarships based on leadership qualities and academic performance, including ten \$10,000 and thirty \$5,000 grants.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

- Scholarships awarded to students pursuing healthcare-related education at an accredited institution.
- Ten students will be awarded \$10,000 scholarships.
- Thirty students will receive \$5,000 grants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subtptschol.inc&s_kwcid=tylenol%20scholarship1971078263

JUNE

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/June.htm

The Thomas P. Quinn Scholarship Fund Deadline: June 15, Annually

Awards are made to any resident of New London County who will be attending a four year college in the next academic year. Awards can be in the range of \$2,000 - \$4,000. Please don't hesitate to apply.

This scholarship is also open to college students.

- Each application will be reviewed on the basis of academics, recommendations and extra-curricular activities.
- Four written references are required only with the initial application; none required for repeat applications.
- A personal statement expressing your personal and professional goals and your assessment of the ways in which your high school, college, and community experience have played or will play a role in achieving those goals.

Questions regarding Scholarship Application, contact:

Brenda Betancourt at 860-952-7387 | brenda.i.betancourt@bankofamerica.com

JULY

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/July.htm

CGGA "Book Scholarship" Fund

Deadline: July 1, Annually

On-Line Application:

http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/pdf/CGGA_BookScholarship.pdf

AWARD: \$500

The purpose of the program is to provide support to those interested in pursuing careers in **greenhouse crop production** or related areas of **ornamental horticulture** by providing awards of \$500 for the purchase of textbooks or related electronic educational materials.

ELIGIBILITY:

There are two eligibility categories:

- (1) Individual students who are formally enrolled in post-high school educational programs in greenhouse/ornamental horticulture; and
- (2) High school program leaders or instructors in greenhouse/ornamental horticulture.

Awards are for Connecticut residents or Connecticut based programs only.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

CGGA "Book Scholarship" Fund | C/O Bob Heffernan, Executive Director
P.O. Box 415 | Botsford, CT 06404

Website: http://www.flowersplantsinct.com/cgga_scholarships.htm

OPEN HOUSE / CAREER DAYS COLLEGE FAIRS / WORKSHOPS

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/Open_House_College_Fairs.htm

Baran Institute of Technology

97 Newberry Road, East Windsor, CT – 1-800-243-4242

Open House - Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM – 12:00

We offer 7 exciting Technology programs:

Automotive, Auto Body, Diesel, Welding,
HVAC/R, Electrical, Motorcycle

Come view Airbrushing artist, Richard Markham – and let him dazzle you with his wild creations.

Robert E. Fitch High School Annual College Fair

Thursday, March 26, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Cafeteria
Students and their parents are cordially invited to attend. Over 100 college and university representatives, as well as Armed

Forces personnel are expected to attend.

Questions: Lynn Wisniewski - 449-7200 ext. 2127 or

lwisniewski@groton.k12.ct.us

Three Rivers Community College Student Information Session & Tour

Spring Dates: March 30, April 27 & May 18, 2009

Time: All Sessions will run from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: TRCC Room A-103 Conference room in Student Services Suite.
Enter through the clock tower entrance and check in at the welcome desk for directions to the conference room.

To reserve your seat contact:

Elizabeth Millhouse - 885-2675 | emillhouse@trcc.commnet.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AVERY POINT

*Everything you always wanted to know about the
Marine Science Major at Avery Point*

MARINE SCIENCE MAJOR

Join us for a discussion and hear from current students in the Coastal Studies major, Program alumni, and faculty. Find out about courses, internships, careers, and Study Abroad Possibilities.

When: March 19 Time: 7 PM

Where: UCONN, Avery Point - Marine Science Building - room 103

RSVP: 860-405-9026 - Marvann.pepin@uconn.edu

University of Connecticut, Avery Point Oceanside Chats

We invite all students interested in learning more about Avery Point to join us at one of our Oceanside chats.

Please RSVP by calling 860-405-9026 or email maryann.pepin@uconn.edu

Wednesday, March 25 – 6:30 PM

Oceanside chats will be held in Marine Sciences Room 103

Hartford Conservatory Diploma School Open House & Audition Information

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

CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Open House: Saturday, April 4, 2009 11 AM - 2 PM
tour@ccsu.edu – 860-832-2289

For more information on the CT State University Open Houses visit:
www.ctstateu.edu

College Week Live ~ Virtual College Fair March 25th and 26th

This fair will feature over 200 colleges from across the country and around the world. The full list of participating schools can be found here:

<http://collegeweeklive.com/colleges.html>. You will be able to interact with school admissions officials and current students via real-time online chat, as well as download school brochures and access relevant information all in an online environment. There will be keynote speakers addressing important admissions topics as well as student panels where current college students will be discussing admissions issues.

You can find the agenda for the show here:

<http://collegeweeklive.com/agenda.html>. Lastly, there will be scholarship giveaways during the show, such as the ones you can learn about here:
<http://www.collegeweeklive.com/scholarships.html>.

This college fair is free to all attendees. If you are just starting the college search process, or have narrowed down your list and are looking to speak to specific schools, we recommend you take advantage of this free resource as this is an opportunity to attend a college fair from the comfort of your home computer.

If interested, you can register here:

http://collegeweeklive.com/register.php?code=GC_GENERIC

For information on the CT State University Open Houses visit:

www.knowhow2goct.org / www.ctstateu.edu

UNIVERSITY / ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/College_Internship_Volunteer_Summer_Programs.htm

*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>

UConn’s School of Engineering

Explore Engineering E²

Deadline: April 24, 2009

Program Dates: June 28 – July 2

Enrollment is limited to approx. 100 students.

E² is a one-week residential summer program for applicants that are current 10th and 11th graders. During this exciting week at the Storrs Campus, participants explore engineering careers by working in small groups with faculty and engineering students to learn what various engineers do in the workplace; learn and demonstrate engineering concepts and during the evenings Young Engineering Science Scholars (YESS) Program students focus on a single engineering discipline by fabricating a discipline specific device. The week

wraps up with demonstrations of items the students created during the week. Examples include rudimentary EKG devices, Smart Lego vehicles that can follow a trail, fuel cell and other energy efficient devices, wooden bridges, environmental friendly processes and how to resolve differences.

E² participants are nominated by their high school math, science, technology teachers. Enrollment is restricted to 100 students. These students receive:

- Exposure to 12 engineering programs
 - Housing and meals
 - Course materials
 - Instruction from full-time faculty
 - Mentoring and coaching from enrolled engineering students
 - Access to state-of-the-art research area
 - Access to our Engineering Learning Center
 - Participate in the Young Engineering Science Scholars (YESS) Program.
- There is a \$500 fee to attend this program, which covers project material, and supply costs.

Contact: Marty Wood / Kimberly Duby
University of Connecticut, School of Engineering
191 Auditorium Road, Unit 3187, Storrs, CT 06269 -3187
Tel: 860-486-5466 | kaa@engr.uconn.edu
<http://www.engr.uconn.edu/engineering2000.php>

UConn Mentor Connection

An Inquiry Based Summer Program for Talented Teens

Deadline: April 24, 2009

Program Dates: July 13-31, 2009

This is a summer program for rising high school juniors and seniors located at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. UConn Mentor Connection is an annual, three-week, summer program at the University of Connecticut for academically talented secondary students. It has been designed to provide you with opportunities to participate in creative projects and investigations under the supervision of university mentors. These mentors will work directly with you and other rising high school juniors and seniors from across the country on research projects, productions, and other works -in-progress in your common areas of interest.

THE MISSION OF THE PROGRAM IS REFLECTED IN FOUR GOALS:

- To recruit highly motivated, academically talented teenagers, like you, from throughout the nation who can benefit from a stimulating summer program.
- To allow you to achieve your highest potential by participating in experiential research projects that provide direct, apprentice-based involvement with faculty members who are conducting research.
- To increase your awareness about your personal strengths and options to nurture your talents.
- To demonstrate that high-level talent potential can be found and developed across cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ranked in the top 25% of your class
- minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale
PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST BE A CURRENT SOPHOMORE OR JUNIOR IN ORDER TO APPLY.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

- Tuition: \$3,100.00 (Due Monday, June 29th, 2009) Please make check payable to University of Connecticut
- The tuition charge of \$3,100.00 covers the complete housing package in a University of Connecticut residence hall for 19 nights as well as a full meal plan. This amount also includes participation in field trips, film festivals, recreational activities, social activities, and special events. The cost does not include transportation to or from the University of Connecticut.
- Three University of Connecticut credits will be available to participants as an option in most sites, provided that students meet specific requirements. Guidelines for earned credit will be available from program staff.

Please contact: Heather L. Spottiswoode, UConn Mentor Connection
University of Connecticut | 2131 Hillside Road Unit 3007 | Storrs, CT 06269 | (860) 486-0283 | e-mail: heather.spottiswoode@uconn.edu

Visit the Web Site at: <http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/mentor/> to download the application and information. Additional information or questions: e-mail: mentorconnection@uconn.edu

**Civil War Institute ~ Gettysburg College
Summer Program – June 21 – June 27, 2009
Deadline: April 30, 2009**

Information on-line: www.gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute/

The Civil War Institute (CWI) at Gettysburg College presents a week-long program each summer in late June/early July which consists of lectures, battlefield tours, films, and other special activities. The CWI has sponsored this Institute since 1983, and 325 students of the war attend annually.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Scholarships to attend the annual Civil War Institute are available for **high school juniors** and **high school history teachers**.
- A full scholarship covers a shared air-conditioned dorm room, board, and tuition.
- Transportation costs are NOT covered by scholarship funds. Only first-time attendees are eligible for scholarships.

STUDENTS who have completed at least one year of U. S. history and have a genuine interest in the Civil War may apply for a scholarship by including the following with the form below:

1. Your academic transcript
2. Two letters of recommendation (including one from your history teacher)
3. A letter describing your interest in the Civil War and why you feel the CWI would benefit you
4. An original work (essay or research paper) from your history class.

TEACHERS who wish to apply for a scholarship must teach full-time at the high school level with at least two years experience and have Civil War studies as a part of their teaching program. PA ACT 48 & CEUs are in place and available for teachers in 2009. They should be prepared to share ideas/lessons associated with teaching Civil War studies and should submit the following with the form below:

1. One letter of recommendation from a teaching colleague, department chair, or principal
2. A second letter of recommendation from a recent student of the applicant
3. A letter describing what you hope to learn from, as well as contribute to, the CWI.

On-line application: <http://www.gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute/>

Additional Information:

http://www.gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute/annual_conference/high-school-students-experience-gettysburg/

Registration form:

http://www.gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute/annual_conference/registration-form/

Mail completed application and all relevant paperwork to:
Scholarship Program, Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College
300 North Washington Street, Campus Box 435, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Boston University, Boston, MA ~ PROMYS
Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists**

Deadline to apply: May 30, 2009

On-Line Application: www.promys.org

From June 28 - August 8, 2009, PROMYS will offer an intensive experience in creative mathematical exploration to approximately 60 ambitious high school students in grades 9-12 with an exceptionally strong interest in mathematics.

PROMYS HAS THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

- To provide an environment for young people that will arouse their curiosity and encourage a deep personal involvement with the creative elements in mathematics.
- To foster interaction between the PROMYS community and the larger community of research mathematicians and scientists currently working in academia and industry.
- To encourage habits of thought which lead to scientific independence and creativity.

PROMYS is a six-week residential program, with an approximate per student cost of \$2,600. (Financial assistance is available.) If you know a high school student who might benefit from the PROMYS experience, or if you would like more information, please contact us.

**Quinnipiac University ~School of Communications
The Television News Institute
July 6-10, 2009 Ed McMahon Mass Communications Center
For High School Juniors & Seniors**

Deadline: June 12, 2009

Website: <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x3906.xml>

Quinnipiac University offers students interested in broadcast journalism a unique opportunity to learn from the professionals through its Television News Institute. Experience the thrill of standing in front of a camera or the satisfaction of writing, editing and producing your own news and sports stories.

The weeklong program features seasoned broadcasters who teach the fundamentals of television reporting, from gathering information and writing stories to producing videos in the field and tips to improve on-camera performance. In the high-definition studio, you'll produce a live newscast featuring preproduced news "packages", sports, weather and more.

FEES:

Commuter option: \$795 (includes five lunches)

On-Campus option: \$1,175

(includes room, five breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners)

STRONG CONNECTICUT PROGRAM
University of Connecticut
Three Rivers (TRCC), Manchester (MCC)
& Quinebaug (QVCC) Valley
Community Colleges
www.strongct.uconn.edu



DIVERSIFYING THE SCIENCES AT TRCC:

The STRONG-CT program is a collaboration between the University of Connecticut (UConn), Three Rivers Community College (TRCC), Manchester Community College (MCC) and Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC). The mission of the program is to increase the diversity in the science field. STRONG-CT targets first generation and historically underrepresented student populations to increase enrollment, retention and graduation of these students from both community college partnering institutions and the University of Connecticut. At TRCC, students upon graduating with their Associates Degree in Environmental Engineering Technology will then transfer to UConn to pursue their Bachelor Degree in the life sciences. There are 13 bachelor degree programs of study under the STRONG-CT Alliance at UConn.

UConn PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Agronomy, Animal Science, Biological Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Environmental Science, Horticulture, Molecular and Cell Biology, Natural Resources, Nutritional Sciences, Pathobiology, Physiology and Neurobiology, Structural Biology and Biophysics

Students accepted into the program will be identified as STRONG-CT Scholars and are required to participate in a series of events and programs aimed at providing academic support for the core math and science classes, leadership development, community outreach projects. Mentors will provide the scholars with opportunities to explore different career options that can be utilized with a degree in the life sciences. A textbook stipend is also provided to participants who successfully complete each semester. The STRONG-CT program is dedicated to helping students achieve academic success and as a result increasing diversity in the sciences.

STRONG-CT REQUIREMENTS

- Meet community college admissions requirements
- Be eligible or be able to progress to college level work in mathematics and English
- Be first generation (parents have not received a Bachelor's degree) to attend/graduate from college or from a historically underrepresented group (African-American, Latino/a, Native American)
- Intend to pursue life sciences as a major

STRONG-CT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply to TRCC
www.trcc.commnet.edu/Admissions/Updates/Howtoapply.htm
- Take the TRCC Assessment Test
www.trcc.commnet.edu/Admissions/Updates/Howtoapply.htm#Step4
- Download the Application & Letter of Recommendation Form
www.trcc.commnet.edu/docs/STRONGCTAppUConnTRCC06.pdf

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

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

Additional Information contact: Roy "Fuji" Fulgueras, Director of Admissions Massachusetts Maritime Academy | www.maritime.edu



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/>

NEED A LIFT?

THE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID HANDBOOK

Available on-line: 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>



College Planning

FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGES

Understanding the financial aid process can be hard, and you may not know where to turn for answers. The financial aid officers at colleges and universities are there to help. Below is a list of questions that the Associated Colleges of the Midwest suggests families ask:

1. What kind of financial assistance does the college offer: need-based, merit-based or both?
2. Can the college provide an early estimate of what our financial aid award might be?
3. What forms are needed in order to apply?
4. When are financial aid applications due?
5. What costs for a student are taken into account by the financial aid office? Tuition, room, board, transportation? What about additional expenses such as books, fees, computers and personal expenses?
6. What is included in the comprehensive fee? For example, do students have to pay extra for computer time or to attend campus events (concerts, plays, films, lectures, athletic events, etc.)?
7. When will we be notified about the amount of assistance we can expect?
8. Does the institution have an appeal process to review special circumstances?
9. Is there a commitment for financial assistance beyond the first year?
10. How and when do we apply for financial assistance after the first year?
11. What if we do not qualify for need-based aid? Are there alternative financing options available?
12. What grants, loans and work-study opportunities does the college offer? Are there any we might be eligible for?
13. What is the average student loan indebtedness of the college's graduates?

14. Is there a restriction to the length of time that financial assistance will continue?
15. How long does it typically take a student to graduate from this college? Four years? Longer?
16. What impact do scholarships from outside sources have on other financial aid?
17. Can we apply financial aid toward an off-campus study program, either in the U.S. or another country?
18. What happens if our family's financial situation changes substantially during the school year?
19. Are there payment options available, such as monthly or quarterly?

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED.. NOW WHAT?

After months of waiting and making daily runs to the mailbox, the day finally arrives when you get your first college response. The months between sending in your applications and getting your first admission letter are over. It's on to the final phase of the process.

While you may not get into every school to which you applied you will get into some and your first admit letter shows that you planned well. Now you can relax and wait for the other decision letters to arrive. How do you decide which school is the right school?

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Academic programs - Which school offers more of what you really want? Can you easily change your major if necessary?
- Faculty - Are they friendly and approachable?
- Opportunities - Do you think that one college offers more opportunities for you? In what area(s) are those opportunities and how important are they to you?
- Social life - Do you think you will enjoy yourself more at one particular college?
- Class size - Are you comfortable with the typical class sizes?
- Athletics - Will you be able to be involved?
- Campus - Is there one campus setting that is more appealing?
- Location - Do you have concerns about how close or far you will be from home?
- Intuition - Does one feel more right than the others?
- Affordability - Will you need to borrow money for college? Is your budget realistic? Keep in mind that you will have to pay off all of your loans after college.

The final decision should be based on your needs and how closely each college or university comes to meeting those needs. Review your priorities and put them in rank order with your most important factor first and carefully ranking the others ending with the least important factor. You may find that your priorities have shifted and you may have some new and higher priorities that will drive your college choice. You want to be sure that you will be able to graduate from college and be a healthy, happy and successful member of society.

You are about to start a new chapter in your life. Good Luck!

<http://www.cslf.com/investinyourfuture/congratulations/index.htm>

HOW TO HANDLE COLLEGE REJECTION

Rejection is never easy—whether it comes from a friend, a potential employer, or even a stranger. However, when your college of choice doesn't select you, it can be hard to deal with.

Here are some ideas to help you work through and overcome the disappointment:

- Don't take it personally. You may have been rejected simply because the college had many similar applicants.
- Reaffirm your strengths. Remind yourself that you have many fine qualifications for college. An acceptance letter will come when you find the right match.
- Remember that you aren't alone. Almost everyone gets a rejection letter.
- Recognize that brand name doesn't equal success. There are many paths to successful career, and no college leads to a sure thing in job placement.
- Don't spend a lot of time agonizing about the rejection. Instead, use your time and energy finding another school that you will like as much or more.
- Be positive about other institutions. You are sure to find several colleges where you could be happy and receive a great education.
- Consider that maybe the rejection isn't such a bad thing. Sometimes rejection ends up being good fortune in disguise. Maybe the admissions officer saw something that signaled the college would not be a good match

for your skills and interests and maybe they saved you from a disappointing experience.

- "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again!" If you are dead set on a given college or university, start at another school and reapply later as a transfer student.

Remember, college rejection happens, and it doesn't define the rest of your life.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP CLASS

Mr. Douglas Wheeler
Senior Internship Teacher
Career Education Coordinator

Mr. Scott T. Thompson
Worksite Monitor
Career Education Office

Montville High School has offered a Senior Internship class for over a decade. In the fall, students investigate career opportunities, determine academic requirements, prepare resumes, and learn interviewing skills. In the spring semester, students are placed in a 100+ hour internship in a position relevant to their chosen career field.

This year's internship class consists of 28 students. They have been placed at the following locations.

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| American Ambulance | Paramedic |
| William W. Backus Hospital | Nursing and radiology technologist |
| Citadel Broadcasting (Q105, The Wolf, etc.) | Broadcasting |
| Mohegan, Murphy Oakdale Elementary Schools | Special education, speech therapy |
| Tyl Middle School | Art education, counseling |
| Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut | Counseling |
| Karns Automotive | Auto mechanics |
| Lawrence & Memorial Hospital | Nursing, paramedic |
| SW Elementary School/ISAAC | Music education |
| Connecticut State Patrol – Troop E | Law enforcement |
| Montville Police Department | Law enforcement |
| Madonna Place | Counseling |
| USS Nautilus Museum | Museum curation/archiving |
| Mystic Coastal Flooring | Flooring Installer |
| The Spa at Norwich Inn | Culinary Arts |
| Eagleview Child Development Center | Child care |
| Corrigan/Radowski Correctional Center | Correctional Treatment Specialist |
| The Day (Grace Magazine) | Journalism |

This program would not be possible without the support of the sponsoring businesses.

If you patronize any of these businesses, please tell them thank you for supporting our students.

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/MILITARY VISITATION SCHEDULE

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| Mon, 3/23 | 8:00 | Coast Guard Academy CDR Mike Lopez Michael.J.Lopez@uscg.mil CDR Lopez will be meeting with students who are interested in the Coast Guard Academy - but students who are interested in other service academies (West Point, Annapolis, Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy) would find the presentation beneficial. |
| Thurs, 3/26 | 10:30 | US Marines Sgt. David Quiroga |
| Thurs., 3/26 | 12:45 | Drew University, Madison, NJ Gene Bernard www.drew.edu |
| Tues., 3/31 | 10:30 | Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL Genevieve Ellis-Britz www.fullsail.com |
| Majors: music, film, video games, design, an imation, entertainment business, Internet marketing. Full Sail University is a media arts schools. | | |

INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

- FastWeb's College Gold www.collegegold.org
- Federal Student Aid for Students studentaid.ed.gov
- FinAid www.finaid.org
- Mapping Your Future mapping-your-future.org
- Project Scholarship Scam ww.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams
- Taxes for Students www.irs.gov/individuals/students

SOURCES OF AID

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov
- Selective Service www.sss.gov
- Student Gateway to U.S. Government www.students.gov
- Study Abroad www.studyabroad.com
- U.S. Department of Education www.ed.gov

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND TESTING

- ACT www.actstudent.org
- AP www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html
- SAT www.sat.org
- PSAT www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html
- Admissions Information www.admissions.com

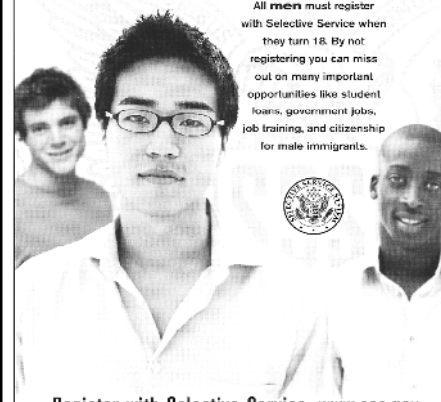
CHOOSING A MAJOR AND CAREER

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

**If You're An 18-Year-Old Man
Living in The U.S.,
This Is For You**



All **men** must register with Selective Service when they turn 18. By not registering you can miss out on many important opportunities like student loans, government jobs, job training, and citizenship for male immigrants.

Register with Selective Service. www.sss.gov



STUDENT BULLETIN

Scholarship Scams Tip Sheet

How do I recognize a scholarship scammer?

A scammer:

- States you've won an award for which you didn't apply.
- Does not supply valid contact information.
- Guarantees you will win an award
- Requires personal financial information (such as credit card numbers or checking account numbers to verify or hold a scholarship).

How do I recognize a legitimate scholarship service?

A legitimate service:

- Sends information about awards when you request it
- Makes contact information available upon request.
- Does not guarantee you will win an award.
- Should not direct you to a fee-based provider because they know that financial aid information is readily available for free.

What If You Suspect a Scam?

- Save all of the forms you receive from the company.
- Keep copies of written details about the offer and any correspondence, emails or other paperwork.
- Make sure all materials are dated.
- Take notes during any seminars or phone conversations. Record the date, time, phone number and the person's name with whom you spoke.
- Include a detailed account of your conversation.
- Take a copy of all literature and correspondence concerning the scholarship to your guidance counselor's office. They can verify that the foundation is legitimate.

Report the suspected scammer to any of the following organizations:

- **National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)**
Ph : 800-876-7060 Web : www.fraud.org
- **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**
Ph : 877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
Web: www.ftc.gov
- **State Attorney General's Office**
Visit your state's Web site to obtain state attorney general's contact information. Ask them about filing a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in your state.
- **Better Business Bureau (BBB)**
Ph: 703-276-0100 Web: www.bbb.org
- **United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)**
Phone 800-654-8896
Web: www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/fraud

Popular (But False!) Claims

"For a small fee, we'll give you a list of scholarships."

Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest and best award databases are available for free on the Internet.

"We'll help you complete complicated forms."

Information about the FAFSA and other forms is available for free from your guidance counselor, your library and the Department of Education. You still have to fill out the same basic information for a fee-based service that you would for the FAFSA; how else would they get your information? For general financial aid or FAFSA related questions call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

"You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1000 in awards."

A service can't guarantee any scholarships because they have no control over the scholarship judge's decisions.

"We have a 96% success rate."

These false success rates indicate the percentage of students they've successfully matched with the database, NOT the number of students who actually receive money.

"We'll need a bank account/credit card number to verify your information."

Your bank account and credit card information is confidential. A legitimate scholarship provider won't ask for this information.

"We will do all the work for you."

To win a legitimate scholarship, you must submit your own applications, write your own essays and solicit your own letters of recommendation. There is no way to avoid doing the work!

Financial Aid Seminars & Consultants

How do I protect myself from being scammed by a consultant or financial aid seminar?

Consultants

When choosing to utilize the services of a consultant, consider their qualifications carefully. Find someone who has worked as a financial aid administrator, CPA or CFP.

Seminars

Some seminars will state that their presentation is free and use high pressure tactics to get you signed up for their service, while only answering questions after you agree to pay a fee. Keep in mind that no one can find loopholes to help you save money. Don't trust anyone who encourages you to do something unethical. If you falsify financial aid forms, you can end up with a \$20,000 fine, be sent to prison or both.

If you need help with your financial aid paperwork or understanding the process, contact your counselor as soon as possible. Visit the Counseling & Career Scholarship web page for over 350 local scholarships.