



# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

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November 2009

*Scholarship applications are available on-line or in the rolling cart in the Career Center.  
Scholarships are for seniors unless otherwise noted.*

**Deadline for February ACT is January 5, 2010**  
**Deadline for January SAT is December 15, 2009**

## NOVEMBER DEADLINES

**UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS:** This site allows students to search through hundreds of scholarship and grant programs administered by the United Negro College Fund. To be considered, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, complete the FAFSA, have verifiable unmet need, and enroll in one of 39 member colleges or universities. Apply on-line at: [www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp) **Deadline: Varies**

**WASHINGTON STATE FOSTER YOUTH GOVERNORS' SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship provides \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year, for five years, for youth who have or will emancipate from foster care in Washington State to attend college. To apply, you must be a graduating senior at a Washington State high school, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, have resided in Washington for three years, and plan to enroll in college full-time at an eligible college in Washington. For more information or to download the application, visit [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/gs](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/gs). **Deadline: November 10, 2009**



**NCWIT AWARD FOR ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING:** Sponsored by Bank of America, the NCWIT award recognizes young women at the high school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. All U.S. **high school women in grades 9 – 12** are eligible to apply. Selection is based on demonstrated, outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology/computing; solid leadership ability, good academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Winners receive \$500, a laptop computer, and a trip to attend the Bank of America Technology Showcase & Awards Ceremony in Charlotte, NC. Apply online at: [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award) **Deadline: November 15, 2009**

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY'S "SULLIVAN LEADERSHIP AWARD":** Sullivan Leaders are selected on the basis of demonstrated service, leadership, and academic achievement to receive full tuition, room and meal expenses for four years of undergraduate study at Seattle University. Nine enrolling freshman are chosen each year with remaining finalists receiving scholarships ranging from \$11,000 to \$18,500 per year. Applications are available on the Seattle University website: [www.seattleu.edu/sullivan](http://www.seattleu.edu/sullivan). **Deadline: November 15, 2009**

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**NOMINATIONS FOR UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES:** Please see Mrs. Font in the Career Center if you would like information on being nominated to one of the following academies: The U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO; the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY; the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kingston, NY; and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD Additional information and applications are available at [www.adamsmith.house.gov](http://www.adamsmith.house.gov) and click on 'services' **Deadline: November 16, 2009**

**“PASSION FOR FASHION” COMPETITION:** The Art Institutes Passion for Fashion Competition offers high school students interested in Fashion Design or Fashion Marketing & Merchandising or Retail Management an opportunity to win a full tuition scholarship to study at one of The Art Institutes schools. For information and to apply visit: <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/Competitions/PassionForFashion.aspx> **Deadline: November 20, 2009**

### **DECEMBER DEADLINES**

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** By nomination only, this award recognizes students who have outstanding academic ability, and the potential to inspire fellow students to excel. Recipients are awarded a renewable scholarship covering full tuition and mandatory fees and are invited to participate in specially organized academic and cultural events. **Deadline: December 1, 2009**

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship recognizes students with strong math and science backgrounds who are pursuing a degree in Engineering. Four-year, full-tuition awards will be given to 10 seniors who demonstrate high academic achievement and who apply to, are accepted for admission to, and enroll in Boston University's College of Engineering. **Deadline: December 1, 2009**

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:** This is a renewable full-tuition award for academically gifted students with proven leadership abilities, a strong commitment to social justice and community involvement, and who exemplify the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Applicants must have a minimum 3.7 GPA in a very demanding college preparatory curriculum, and a combined SAT score of 2,014 or higher. **Deadline: December 1, 2009**

**COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP:** This is a nomination only scholarship that recognizes high school seniors for their commitment to community service, academics, and demonstrated leadership. To apply, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Recipients receive a one-time grant of \$1,000. If you would like to be the Decatur nominee, please see Mrs. Font in the Career Center. **Deadline: December 1, 2009**

**LAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR):** The DAR Good Citizens Program is an award that recognizes one senior who has displayed exemplary qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. (Please see Mrs. Font if you are interested in being selected). Once a student has been selected, they have the option of writing an essay for the Scholarship Contest. State winners receive a cash award in the amount of at least \$250, or a Savings Bond. The National Winner will be awarded \$5,000. **Deadline: December 14, 2009**

**AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship is for seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community, or the workplace. One student from each state will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. From among the state recipients, 10 students will be named AXA Achievers and will receive an additional \$15,000 award. For more information, visit [www.axa-achievement.com/](http://www.axa-achievement.com/) **Deadline: December 15, 2009**

**HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage to obtain a college degree. Seniors who plan to enroll full-time at a community college or four-year institution, are of Hispanic heritage, and have a minimum GPA of 3.00 may apply. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Applications are available on-line at [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net). **Deadline: December 15, 2009**

**SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS:** Various scholarships for students interested in obtaining a degree in engineering or related sciences (math, chemistry, biology, physics, technologies, and computer science). Applicants must be seniors, US citizens, and meet the minimum GPA and SAT/ACT score as outlined in the requirements for each scholarship. The scholarships range in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000. For applications and full details, visit: <http://www.sae.org/servlets/index>  
**Deadline: December 15, 2009**



**SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB:** Three scholarships of \$1,000 each to three King County area high school seniors who plan to seek higher education. One of the student's relatives must be of Hiroshima lineage and a current member of the Seattle Hiroshima Club. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements, and will be rated on the following: Academic achievement, school recognition and awards, extracurricular activities, community involvement, recommendations and an essay. **Deadline: December 22, 2009**



**NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD:** Applicant must be a senior that demonstrates entrepreneurial spirit and initiative through examples such as: starting his/her own business, participating in organizations such as DECA, Junior Achievement, FBLA, FFA, NFTE, etc. Students are encouraged to mention any endeavors or work experiences offered as community service. **An officially established business is not a requirement.** Four hundred scholarships are available ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Apply on-line at: [www.nfib.com/YEA](http://www.nfib.com/YEA). The access key is NFIB. **Deadline: December 31, 2009**

#### **JANUARY DEADLINES**



**MASONIC OUTSTANDING JUNIOR AWARD:** Five boys and five girls will be honored as outstanding students of the **junior** class. All ten students selected receive merit awards that may be referenced on your college and scholarship applications. The top girl and boy will each receive a \$500 savings bond. Judging will be based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service, citizenship, and evaluation of written responses. Applications should be turned into Mrs. Font in the Career Center. **Deadline: January 5, 2010**

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY 2010 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The Presidential Scholarships are Montana State University's most prestigious scholarship awards, recognizing academic distinction as well as unique personal qualities. Up to twenty scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen. Recipients receive full tuition waivers and generous stipends. Scholars who maintain the required academic standards will have their awards renewed for four years. Applications are available in the Career Center or online at: [www.montana.edu/honors/](http://www.montana.edu/honors/) **Deadline: January 5, 2010**



**GET READY FOR MATH & SCIENCE CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Beginning with the class of **2010**, low and middle-income seniors with top math and science test scores may be eligible to apply for up to four years of free college tuition through this program. To be eligible, you must score a 4 on the math **or** science section of the WASL, have a family income at or below 125% of the state median family income at the time of application, be a Washington state resident, agree to earn a bachelor's degree in a qualified math or science program at an eligible Washington college or university, and agree to work full-time in a math or science occupation in Washington for at least three years after college graduation. For information and an application, go to <https://apply.collegesuccessfoundation.org/Get/> **Deadline: January 8, 2009**



**UNITED STATES JCI SENATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:** Each year \$1,000 grants are awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at a college, university, or vocational school. Selection is based on extra-curricular activities, grades, recommendations, financial need, and a 100 to 300 word personal statement. **Deadline: January 10, 2010**

**GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** Seniors are eligible to apply if they: are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific, Pacific Islander or Hispanic American, have financial need, demonstrate leadership abilities, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above. The scholarship supports the cost of attendance to college and can be renewed each year. Nomination forms are available online at: [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). **Deadline: January 11, 2010**



**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP:** Co-sponsored by the O'Donnell Family Foundation, this award is for students that have multiple sclerosis (MS) or have a parent living with MS. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited post secondary school and live in Washington State (college does not need to be in Washington). The renewable grants range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Applications are available online at [www.MSwashington.org](http://www.MSwashington.org) **Deadline: January 15, 2010**

**INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP:** For Native American/Alaskan students pursuing a higher education in natural resources. The award amount is \$1,500 for graduating high school seniors. Applications are available at [www.itcnet.org](http://www.itcnet.org). **Deadline: January 29, 2010**

**THE FEDERAL WAY CHORALE SCHOLARSHIP:** This \$2,000 scholarship is for a high school senior from Federal Way or the surrounding area that plans to major/minor in choral/vocal music, music education, or musical theater in college. A resume, letter of recommendation from your choir director, a brief essay, and a sample of your solo singing are required. Applications are available on-line at: [www.fwchorale.com](http://www.fwchorale.com) **Deadline: Received on or before January 31, 2010**



**SOKICO GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS:** This scholarship is for a female senior who plans to attend an accredited college or university in Washington State. The award is for \$1,500. Applicants must submit a transcript, and a personal letter stating goals, financial need, future plans, and three letters of recommendation. **Deadline: Must be received by January 31, 2010**

**THE PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS:** This is a program sponsored by Princeton University that seeks to honor students in grades 9-12 who are doing outstanding work in their schools or communities to advance the cause of race relations. Students can apply for a \$1,000 cash award. In addition, Princeton Prize winners will be invited to an all expense paid trip to Princeton University to attend the Princeton Prize Symposium of Race which will be held in the spring of 2010. Additional information and an application can be found online at: [www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize](http://www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize) **Deadline: January 31, 2010**

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S REGENTS SCHOLARS PROGRAM:**

The Regents Scholarship Program has changed this year. W.S.U. automatically considers all eligible entering freshmen for this award. Regents Scholars receive \$10,000 per year for four years, and Regents Semifinalists receive \$6,000 for four years. Selection is based on academic achievement, community, civic, or co-curricular involvement, and recommendation from your high school counselor, teacher, or coach. Apply online at: <http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholarships.html> **Deadline: January 31, 2010**

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS:** The 2009-2010 WSU Academic Scholarship application is now online. Over 700 different scholarship programs are awarded through this process. Students who complete the academic scholarship application are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. Apply now at: <http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholarships.html> **Deadline: January 31, 2010**



**WHY WESTERN VIDEO SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST:** This contest is open only to prospective freshman at Western Washington University (WWU). Participants must have a completed application file submitted to WWU prior to January 31, 2010. Applicants must create a three minute (or less) video response to the question, “Why Western?” Application requirements and instructions are online at: <http://admissions.wwu.edu/whywestern/> Contest winners will be awarded as follows: One grand prize of \$2,000, one 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize of \$1,000, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize of \$500. **Deadline: January 31, 2010**

### **FEBRUARY DEADLINES**

**BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** Applicants must be seniors that have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 10 hours per week, participate in community service and/or co-curricular activities, demonstrate financial need, and plan to attend a two/or four-year institution. Students **do not** have to be employed at a Burger King restaurant to be eligible. Awards are \$1,000 each. Applications are available on the web at: [www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp\\_application.html](http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_application.html): Use the access key: **BKS**. **Deadline: February 1, 2010**



**IT’S ALWAYS SOMETHING WRITING CONTEST:** This is an essay contest for students in **grades 9-12** who have survived cancer or who have had a friend or family member affected by cancer. Essays should be 500 words minimum and no more than 2,000 words long. A \$2,500 college scholarship will be awarded to the grand prize winner in each category with other prizes awarded to the runners-up. **Deadline: February 1, 2010**



**KEN WATSON TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:** This award is for students pursuing an associate degree program at South Seattle Community College (SSCC) in one of the transportation-related programs (Auto, Aviation, Commercial Truck Driver Training, Computer Technology, Engineering, etc.) The application and a complete list of eligible programs can be found in the Career Center. The award amount is one year of tuition at SSCC. **Deadline: February 1, 2010**

**“BEST TEEN CHEF” COMPETITION:** The Art Institutes Best Teen Chef Competition is a chance for students to prepare a predetermined menu and have their work judged by a panel of professional chefs. Selected contestants begin their quest to become Best Teen Chef at local cook-off competitions, held at each participating Art Institutes location on April 17, 2010. The first place winner will earn a \$3,000 scholarship at the Arts Institute and the chance to compete for further scholarships. For information and to apply visit: <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/Competitions/BestTeenChef.aspx> **Deadline: February 5, 2010**



**KFC COLONEL’S SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** The KFC Colonel’s Scholarship program awards outstanding students with financial need and entrepreneurial drive who plan to pursue a college education at an accredited public institution in the state they reside. Awards are up to \$20,000. To apply, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Applications available **beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>** online at: [www.kfcscholars.org](http://www.kfcscholars.org) **Deadline: February 10, 2010**



**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION:** Applicants must be seniors, have a GPA of 3.5 or better, complete a one-page essay, apply and be accepted for the 2010-2011 academic year at one or more of the eleven NCCE Partner Colleges & Universities. One hundred seventy, renewable \$6,000 merit co-op scholarships will be awarded. Apply on-line at: [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). **Deadline: February 15, 2010**

## MARCH DEADLINES

**EWING C. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP:** The Ewing C. Kelly scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate good citizenship while attaining their academic goals. Students will be judged on academics, extra-curricular activities and financial need. The award value is \$2,500. Applications are available in the Career Center. **Deadline: March 10, 2010**

**AYN RAND'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST:** This contest is for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students must write an essay of 600 to 1,200 words that addresses one of three possible topics from the book, 'Anthem'. Cash prizes range from \$30 to \$2,000. To see the rules and to submit your essay, go to <http://aynrandeducation.com/essay-contests/>. **Deadline: March 20, 2010**



**SEATTLE SWEDISH COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS:** High school seniors in King County are invited to submit applications to the Seattle Swedish Community Scholarships for the following 2010 awards: Bert Hagg Award – two \$3,300 awards, Eric Strand Award – four awards for \$3,300 each, Fern/Sven Halgren Award - \$3,300 and the Josef Oscarsson - \$1,000. Selection is based on academics, SAT/ACT test scores, financial need, leadership and community service. **Note: Swedish ancestry is not required.** **Deadline: March 31, 2010**



**U.S. BANK INTERNET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** U.S. Bank will award up to thirty \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend two or four year colleges through a random drawing process. Students apply on-line at: [http://www.usbank.com/cgi\\_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm](http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm) **Deadline: March 31, 2010**

## APRIL DEADLINES

**AYN RAND'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST:** This contest is for high school students in 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students must write an essay of 800 to 1,600 words that addresses one of three possible topics from the book, 'The Fountainhead'. Cash prizes range from \$50 to \$10,000. To see rules and guidelines and to submit your essay, go to <http://aynrandeducation.com/essay-contests/> **Deadline: April 25, 2010**



**SOUND CREDIT UNION:** Several scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who are prime members of Sound Credit Union for a minimum of six months prior to the application deadline. The account must be open and active by **October 16, 2009** to be eligible. Students are selected based on six weighted categories including academic performance, school and community activities, essay, financial need, and length of membership. **Deadline: October 16, 2009 (for account) & April 16, 2010 (for application)**



**FIDM'S 2010 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:** This competition is open to graduating seniors planning to attend the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. To enter, you must submit a project according to the guidelines set within one of the following categories: Fashion Executive, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Fashion Designer, Visual Designer, or Digital Media Artist. A winner is selected within each category based on creativity, thoughtfulness, presentation, and promise. Winners receive a full year of tuition at FIDM. Apply online at: <http://fidm.edu/about/scholarship-competition/> **Deadline: April 30, 2010**

## MAY DEADLINES



**GENE JUAREZ ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP:** High school seniors who plan to graduate in 2010 and attend the Gene Juarez Academy may apply. Requirements include: letter of recommendation, personal interview with a Gene Juarez admissions representative, and acceptance to the Gene Juarez Academy. Awards up to \$1,000 per applicant and must be used no later than August 2010. **Deadline: May 15, 2010**



**NORTHWEST CAREER COLLEGES FEDERATION “CAREERS THAT WORK!”**

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to deserving seniors at each high school in the state. The scholarships may be used at a number of participating private career schools and colleges throughout Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. For a list of participating institutions, see Mrs. Font in the Career Center or visit [www.nwcareercolleges.org](http://www.nwcareercolleges.org). **Deadline: May 15, 2010**

**JUNE DEADLINES**

**ABBOTT & FENNER BUSINESS CONSULTANTS SCHOLARSHIP:** The A&F Scholarships are for all high school **juniors and seniors**. To apply, students need to write an essay of 500 to 1,000 words or less. Award value is \$1,000. For essay questions visit the website:

[www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships) **Deadline: June 19, 2010**



**BIG SUN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP:** This \$500 scholarship is intended to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. High school seniors from any sport are eligible to apply. A short essay (500 words or less) answering the following questions is required. *How has your participation in sports affected the person you are becoming?* Apply on-line at: [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com).

**Deadline: June 24, 2010**

**Other Sources for College Funding**

The Scholarship Guide is not a complete listing of all scholarships available. It includes only those that are sent to Decatur High School. Scholarships are offered at local, state, and national levels. Students should search for scholarships on-line, in scholarship books, and at the college or university you plan to attend. The following scholarships are available in the Career Center now. This list varies each year and will be updated monthly. **USE ALL OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU!**

**Visit the following sites for additional scholarship search and funding opportunities:**

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.collegeplan.org](http://www.collegeplan.org)  
[www.Cappex.com](http://www.Cappex.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)  
[www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)  
[www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)

**Be aware of scholarship scams. Students should avoid paying for outside scholarship searches or even paying to apply for scholarships.**