



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

November 2008

Applications for these scholarships are available in the rolling cart in the Career Center or on-line where indicated. Scholarships are for seniors unless otherwise noted.

Deadline for December SAT is November 5, 2008

Deadline for December ACT is November 7, 2008

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

Deadline: Varies

SOUND CREDIT UNION: Five scholarships of \$1000 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 17, 2008** 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 17, 2008 (for account) & April 17, 2009 (for application)**

WASHINGTON AEROSPACE SCHOLARS: Washington Aerospace Scholars is an educational program involving both distance learning and a summer residency experience. NASA provides the distance learning curriculum which focuses on the history and future of space exploration; the summer residency experience is hosted by the Museum of Flight and involves designing a human mission to Mars, field trips to engineering facilities, and hands-on engineering challenges. All program expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) are provided. **Applicants must be high school juniors with minimum cumulative GPAs of 3.0, residents of Washington State, and United States citizens.** Applications are available in the Career Center. **Deadline: November 7, 2008**

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. **Deadline: November 10, 2008**

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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: 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 **Deadline: November 14, 2008**

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 \$9,000 to \$15,000 per year. Applications are available on the Seattle University website: www.seattleu.edu/sullivan. **Deadline: November 15, 2008**

"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 21, 2008



TOYOTA COMMUNITY SCHOLARS: The Toyota Community Scholars program is a nominated scholarship for a senior with an outstanding academic and leadership record. While academic performance is a prime factor in the selection process, the distinguishing characteristic will be the student's contribution in the area of community service. Only one student from Decatur can be nominated. See Mrs. Font in the Career Center if you would like to be selected. The program offers one hundred renewable scholarships of either \$10,000 or \$20,000 payable over four years. **Deadline: November 21, 2008**

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, 2008**

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, 2008**

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 2014 or higher. **Deadline: December 1, 2008**

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, 2008**

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: www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. **Deadline: December 1, 2008**

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/ **Deadline: December 15, 2008**

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 15, 2008**

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. The access key is NFIB. **Deadline: December 15, 2008**

PALMER SCHOLARS AWARD: To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a resident of **Pierce County**, an ethnic minority student, and demonstrate significant financial need. Four essays, two letters of recommendation, a copy of the fafsa4caster, and a recent copy of your high school transcripts are required to apply. The foundation has provided scholarships and mentors to over 250 students. Award amount varies. **Deadline: December 22, 2008**



SEATTLE HIROSHIMA CLUB: Three scholarships of \$1000 each to three King County area high school seniors who plan to seek higher education. 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 30, 2008**

JANUARY DEADLINES



HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MATH & SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM: Students who are pursuing a degree in math or science majors at Highline Community College and who are eligible for financial aid may receive up to \$5,265 per year through the National Science Foundation. For scholarship details, eligible majors, and an application, go on-line to: www.flightline.highline.edu/nsfscholarship/ **Deadline:** **Applications accepted continuously**

MASONIC OUTSTANDING JUNIOR AWARD: Five boys and five girls will be honored as outstanding students of the junior class. Judging will be based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service, citizenship, and evaluation of written responses. The top girl and boy each receive a \$500 savings bond. Applications should be turned into Mrs. Font in the Career Center. **Deadline: January 5, 2009**

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY 2009 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. **Deadline: January 9, 2009**



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 US citizen or permanent resident. The application will be available from December 1, 2008 to February 10, 2009. Apply online at: www.kfcscholars.org **Deadline: February 10, 2009**

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM: Senior students are eligible to be considered for this scholarship 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 **Deadline: January 12, 2009**



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY'S FREDERICK DOUGLASS SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship provides full or partial tuition awards renewable for a total of four years of study at American University. Applicants are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, leadership potential, demonstrated community service, and impressive co-curricular involvement. Nominees must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA. Preference is given to first-generation students and those with high financial need. **Deadline: January 15, 2009**



GREATER SEATTLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION & PRIDE FOUNDATION: Varying scholarships and eligibility requirements. Applicants must be seniors, residents of Washington, and have demonstrated a commitment to human and civil rights. There are over forty different types of scholarships with awards that range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 – with only one application to complete. Apply on-line at: www.thegsba.org/scholarships **Deadline: January 25, 2009**



MCKELVEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is for high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating their own businesses while in high school. The student must own and operate a genuine business; (non-profits are eligible) and have at least one employee, even if only part-time. Award amounts up to \$10,000 per year for 4 years. 60 scholarships will be awarded this year. Apply on-line at: <http://www.mckelveyfoundation.org/> and click on the Entrepreneurial Scholarship section. **Deadline: January 25, 2009**

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. **Deadline: January 30, 2009**

THE FEDERAL WAY CHORALE SCHOLARSHIP: This \$2,000 scholarship is for a high school senior from Federal Way or the surrounding area who plans to major/minor in choral/vocal music in college. A resume, letter of recommendation from your choir director, and a brief essay are required. Applications are available on-line at: www.fwchorale.com **Deadline: Received on or before January 31, 2009.**

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/scholar/> **Deadline: January 31, 2009**

FEBRUARY DEADLINES



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 prizewinner with other prizes awarded to the runners-up. **Deadline: February 1, 2009**

BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM: Applicants must be seniors that have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 15 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.bk.com/scholars. Use the access key: **BKS**. **Deadline: February 2, 2009**



EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: Eastern awards over \$1.5 million in scholarships to nearly 1000 students each school year. You may apply for the majority of these awards through the Eastern Washington Scholarship application form available online at: www.ewu.edu/scholarships. Most of the awards recognize students for academic and/or community excellence, while some are based on financial need, academic major, or other special qualifications. Any student enrolled in a degree-seeking program with a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA is eligible to apply. **Deadline: February 2, 2009**

“LIFE IS BETTER WITH ART IN IT” POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION: In partnership with the not-for-profit organization Americans for the Arts, The Art Institutes is sponsoring the Poster Design Competition, a program which awards tuition scholarships of up to \$25,000 to study Graphic Design at a participating Art Institute location. The Art Institutes annual Poster Design Competition is an opportunity for talented young artists at the high school level to earn a tuition scholarship to study graphic design. Apply at: www.artinstitutes.edu/Competitions/BestPoster.aspx **Deadline: February 6, 2009**

“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 March 14, 2009. The first place winner will earn a \$3000 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 6, 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. **Deadline: February 18, 2009**



GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY’S GIRL’S GOING PLACES AWARD PROGRAM: Guardian grants cash prizes from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship by taking the first steps toward financial independence, and making a difference in their schools and communities. To enter, nominees must submit a personal statement of no more than 250-words and a 750-word letter of endorsement from an adult – parent, teacher, mentor. Apply on-line at www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com. **Deadline: February 27, 2009**



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: www.usbank.com/studentbanking. **Deadline: February 28, 2009**

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, 2009**

SEATTLE SWEDISH COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS: High school seniors in King County are invited to submit applications to the Seattle Swedish Community Scholarships for the following 2009 awards: Bert Hagg Award – two \$3,000 awards, Eric Strand Award – Four awards for \$3,000 each, three additional awards are available ranging from \$1000-3,000 each. Selection is based on academics, SAT/ACT test scores, financial need, leadership and community service. **Note: Swedish ancestry is not required.** **Deadline: March 31, 2009**



AYN RAND'S 17TH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST: This contest is for **8th, 9th, and 10th grade** students. Students must write an essay of 600 to 1200 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 www.aynrand.org/contests. **Deadline: March 20, 2009**

APRIL DEADLINES



AYN RAND'S 24TH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST: This contest is for high school students in **11th & 12th grades**. Students must write an essay of 800 to 1600 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 www.aynrand.org/contests. **Deadline: April 25, 2009**

2009 HOLOCAUST REMEMBERANCE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS: This is an essay scholarship contest open to students in the **9th through 12th grade**. Students responding to this year's writing contest should study the Holocaust and then write an essay of no more than 1,200 words responding to this year's prompt. Students may study any aspect of the Holocaust that interests them, and are encouraged to tie-in current events as they relate to the importance of why we should remember the Holocaust. ~ *Simply be sure to respond to the two questions posed in the prompt.* The scholarships vary in amount from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for the first place winners and \$500 to \$300 for second and third place. For more information and to apply visit: <http://www.holocaust.hklaw.com/2009> **Deadline: April, 30, 2009**

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 two essays of 1000 words or less. Award value is \$1,000. For essay questions visit the website: www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships **Deadline: June 20, 2009**



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. *Have you ever struggled for something and succeeded? What made you feel that you were successful? Have you ever struggled for something and failed? How did you react to this?* Apply on-line at: www.bigsunathletics.com. **Deadline: June 27, 2009.**

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP: This four-year scholarship covers the cost of college tuition, fees and books for low-income students who sign a pledge in 7th or 8th grade promising to graduate from high school and to demonstrate good citizenship. The purpose of the program is to motivate and prepare students to pursue a college education. In addition, eligible students **entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2008** may sign up for the College Bound Scholarship for this year only. Students must meet eligibility requirements including family income, GPA of 2.0 or higher, be a good citizen and stay crime free. For additional information and an application go on-line to: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound>. **Deadline: June 30, 2009**

Other Sources for College Funding

The Scholarship Guide is **not** a complete listing of all scholarships available. It includes only the scholarships that are sent to Decatur High School. Scholarships are offered at local, state, and national levels. Students can search for scholarships on the Internet, public library, 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 from year to 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

www.collegeboard.org

www.collegenet.com

www.collegeplan.org

www.Cappex.com

www.fastweb.com

www.princetonreview.com

www.scholarship.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

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