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SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Throughout the school year the Student Services Office publishes Scholarship Newsletters which are mailed to seniors and their parents as well as displayed on the "senior wall" near the Student Services Office. It is important that seniors seeking financial aid for the 2009 - 2010 college school year check these newsletters for possible scholarships, loans, or grants. If interested in applying for any of this aid, students may get the appropriate forms from the Student Services Office. Many of these financial aid opportunities have specific deadlines which must be met. **SENIORS, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THESE DEADLINES.**

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

It is not too early for your family to begin to work on the various financial aid forms. Most college financial aid is need-based and **all** families must submit the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to be considered for any federal grants and loans. In addition, many private colleges also require submission of the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**. **Deadlines vary tremendously from college to college.** Students should check the financial aid deadlines as carefully as they check the application deadlines. Usually the CSS Profile form must be submitted earlier than the FAFSA form. The latter **cannot** be submitted until January 1, 2009. If your financial and tax information will not be ready by the deadlines, you may estimate the figures (or use last year's numbers) and correct them at a later date. We strongly recommend that you file all financial aid forms on-line. It is much easier to make corrections and the applications are processed more quickly. If you do file on-line, both parents and students will need their own **PIN** number. We suggest that you take the time now to apply for your **PIN** number at www.pin.ed.gov. You may access the **FAFSA** website at www.fafsa.ed.gov and register for the **CSS PROFILE** at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>. You **must** register for the CSS Profile on-line. A list of colleges and universities that require the CSS PROFILE is available in the Student Services Office or on the Profile website. The 2009 - 2010 FAFSA is not available yet, but you may preview the information requested by viewing the 2008 - 2009 "FAFSA on the Web Worksheet" at the FAFSA website.

We also suggest that you log on to the College Board (www.collegeboard.com) site to determine an estimate of your **Expected Family Contribution**. This is the minimum amount of money that the federal government and the colleges believe that the family can put towards their son or daughter's education next year.

FAFSA4caster is another tool to help students and families get an early start on the financial aid process by giving an early estimate of the eligibility for federal student aid (federal grants, loans, and work study). Log on to www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov to get started. If you use **FAFSA4caster**, when you're ready to officially apply for aid, **FAFSA4caster** will transfer all of your data to the **FAFSA on the Web** application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a lot easier.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA: \$5,000 scholarship granted to a college-bound senior who writes an essay about the impact of Alzheimer's Disease on their own life and others in their family and community. **Deadline: February 15, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION 2009 GOLF PRIVILEGE CARD SCHOLARSHIP: Two \$500 scholarships granted to seniors who are involved in the game of golf either as a player, member of a golf team, or employee of a golf course. Applicant must **NOT** be a tobacco user. **Deadline: March 12, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION: \$5,000 scholarship granted to the winner of an essay contest. The theme is to develop an historic preservation plan for your community. For more information, please visit www.planning.org/essay. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.**

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP: \$10,000 scholarship granted to students who have been extensively involved in a school or community project. **Deadline: December 15, 2008.** Download the application at www.axa-achievement.com.

BARKING FOUNDATION: Grants awarded to students who have significant financial need. **Deadline: February 14, 2009.** Applications available online at www.barkingfoundation.org. Application to be processed by the student.

BOB ELLIOTT – TV8 WMTW JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,500 scholarship granted to a senior planning to major in journalism or communications. **Deadline: March 24, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

THE CHRISTIAN CONNECTOR provides scholarships for students attending a Christian college. Visit the following website for more details: www.ChristianConnector.com.

CLYDE RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP: \$5,000 scholarship (four-year college applicants) and \$2,000 scholarship (two-year college applicants) awarded to outstanding students from Maine. **Deadline: February 1, 2009.** Applications may be downloaded from the following website: www.clyderussellscholarshipfund.org.

CREATE – A – GREETING – CARD \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST: \$10,000 scholarship granted to a student who designs a greeting card. Information available at: www.gallerycollection.com/scholarship.htm. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

CUMBERLAND FARMS BELIEVE & ACHIEVE SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 scholarships granted to graduating seniors who plan to attend a two or four-year college after graduation. Applicants must have a "B" average to be eligible. **Deadline:** Application must be submitted electronically by **December 15, 2008.** Application and information is online at www.cumberlandfarms.com or at Cumberland Farms' store locations.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION – LEGACY AWARDS: \$4,000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of active Elks members who are high school seniors, going to college, and who exhibit the values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community, and Integrity. **Deadline: January 9, 2009.** Application available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION – 2009 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: Renewable scholarships for seniors who are excellent students; active in school and community activities; recognized as leaders by their peers; and need financial assistance to attend college. **Deadline: Return completed application and supporting materials to the Student Services Office by January 9, 2009 at NOON sharp!! DO NOT mail application to the York Elks Lodge.**

FOUNDATION FOR SEACOAST HEALTH: Multiple scholarships awarded to students who plan to pursue a health-related field of study. Apply online at www.ffsh.org by **February 1, 2009.**

THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY CONTEST: \$50 - \$10,000 prizes for the winner of an essay contest about Ayn Rand's novel *The Fountainhead*. For further information please visit www.aynrandnovels.com and click on "Essay Contests." **Deadline: April 25, 2009.**

HUMAINE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES SHAW-WORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a New England high school senior who has made a meaningful contribution to animal protection over a significant period of time. **Deadline: March 16, 2009.**

KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM: \$5,000 renewable scholarship granted to a student who plans to attend a four-year **public** state university. Apply via online application at www.kfcscholars.org from **December 1, 2008 to February 10, 2009.**

MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY (MELA): \$2,500 scholarships awarded through a random drawing. Winners will be selected in January 2009 and **July 2009.** Sign up at the MELA website at www.mela.net.

MAINE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS: Two \$2,000 scholarships to seniors who plan to major in civil engineering. **Deadline: January 31, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

MAINE STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION: Three \$1,000 scholarships granted to **Maine residents** who will be *attending a nursing program in Maine.* Applicants must have a "B" average to be eligible. **Deadline: July 1, 2009.**

McKELVEY FOUNDATION ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$10,000 renewable scholarship granted to seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by owning their own business while in high school. Apply online at: www.mckelveyfoundation.org (click on the Entrepreneurial Scholarship section) by **January 25, 2009.**

MSG (MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION) SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 renewable scholarship granted to students who have shown an active interest in Maine golf. Applications may be downloaded from the following website: www.mesga.org. Students may use the 2008 scholarship application found at this site until the new applications become available in January 2009. **Deadline: April 1, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: \$6,000 renewable merit scholarships for students who plan to pursue a cooperative education program at one of the following schools: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Northeastern University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and the Wentworth Institute of Technology. For more information and to apply online or by mail, visit www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm. Applicants must have an "A-/B+" GPA. **Deadline: February 15, 2009.**

SOUTHERN MAINE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION: Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to young women who have participated in some aspect of the game of golf including playing, caddying, golf course maintenance and pro shop employment. **Deadline: July 15, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Renewable, 4year scholarships awarded to students with financial need who display academic excellence, a sense of service to those around them, good character, and a strong work ethic. **Deadline: May 1, 2009.** The application will be posted at www.phillips-scholarship.org by **January 1, 2009.**

UNITED STATES JCI SENATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 grants awarded to seniors who plan to continue their education at two or four-year colleges and universities. **Deadline: January 12, 2009.** Pick up applications in the Student Services Office or online at www.usjcisenate.org/modules/scholarship/maine/.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS

Many colleges and universities offer scholarship and grant opportunities to students planning to attend their institutions. The following colleges and universities have notified us of specific scholarships or grants. All of these applications are to be processed by the student unless indicated otherwise.

ITHACA COLLEGE: THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM: Full tuition scholarship granted to academically talented students from historically under-represented racial and ethnic groups. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Full tuition scholarships offered to outstanding students. Recipients typically have at least an “A-“ GPA and a composite SAT score of 2000. Applications for MSU as well as for the Presidential Scholarship must be postmarked no later than **January 9, 2009**. Applications may be accessed at www.montana.edu/honors.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY: Significant merit awards granted to outstanding students. Visit www.owu.edu for more details.

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS (NY): SILAS H. RHODES SCHOLARSHIP: Partial tuition scholarship for students with a “B” average and an outstanding portfolio. Apply for scholarship concurrently with application. **Deadline: February 1, 2009.**

SKIDMORE COLLEGE (NY) FILENE FOUNDATION MUSIC COMPETITION: Renewable \$10,000 scholarships granted to talented music students interested in majoring in any academic area. Finalists will compete in a formal audition in **April 2009** at Skidmore College. Apply online at www.skidmore.edu/filenescholarship **Deadline: January 15, 2009.**

SKIDMORE COLLEGE (NY) PORTER PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE: \$10,000 renewable merit scholarship for exceptional math and science students. To be considered, applicants must respond to the math/science essay question on the Skidmore supplement to the Common Application or by contacting Admissions. **Deadline: January 15, 2009.**

STERLING COLLEGE (VT) ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD SCHOLARSHIP: \$10,000 to full tuition scholarship granted to a student who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to environmental service and volunteerism. **Deadline: April 1, 2009.** Application to be processed by the student.

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY (MO): Numerous scholarships available to students who apply by **December 15, 2008**. There is no separate scholarship application.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PULP & PAPER FOUNDATION: Thirty full-tuition scholarships granted to first year students entering the University of Maine to study engineering in the fall of 2009. Scholarship recipients must have an excellent academic performance in high school and an interest in considering a paper industry related technical career. **Deadline: Applications are evaluated in the order they are received until February 1, 2009.**

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE – VISUAL ARTS AWARDS: \$1,000 to \$2,000 scholarship granted to students who plan to study studio art, art history, or art education at the University of Maine Orono. **Deadline: January 28, 2009.** In addition to the completed application, students must visit the Department of Art for an interview and portfolio review at specific dates in January and February.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK: Scholarships granted to dance majors. **Deadline: February 17, 2009.** To obtain applications, call 301-405-3180 or email: dancedept@umd.edu.

NEW MERIT AID RESOURCE

Many colleges offer merit aid scholarships for students based on their interests, their academic profile, their intended majors, leadership and community service. MeritAid.com is a new **free** resource that is dedicated to helping students and families discover merit aid scholarship opportunities nationwide.

Log on to www.meritaid.com and begin your search today!!

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The York High School Student Services Office has excellent links to college financial aid and career planning resources through its website www.yorkschoools.org/yhs/services/guidance.htm. Additional scholarships, available *for Maine student only*, may be found by using the scholarship search program at the website for the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) at www.famemaine.com. **Other free scholarship search sites include:**

www.college-scholarships.com

www.scholarships.com

www.theoldschool.org

www.scholaraid.com

www.fastweb.com

www.fastaid.com

Finally, by subscribing to www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org, students (or parents) will receive 1 to 5 scholarship notices per week. Several prominent national scholarships are currently available.

Financial aid has become a very complicated process and a great deal of information is available only on the web. A diligent search can yield good results.