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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



SEVEN WEEKS TO GO!!

Only seven weeks to go until the end of the first semester. Keep in mind that you pass or fail a course by semester, not by the year. English IV, American Government, and Economics are the courses that you need to focus on for graduation purposes. If you fail first semester English IV, you will need to see your guidance counselor **ASAP** to discuss possible options for repeating the course. In addition, you must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and you must have a passing score on the FCAT as well as complete the 24 credits to receive a high school diploma.

This month's newsletter and the January Senior Newsletter are of significant importance if your post-secondary plans include college or technical schools. The financial aid process begins January 1st and it is

beneficial to you to be an early participant. This newsletter offers information to apply for a PIN (your electronic signature) for the FAFSA and to introduce you to the FAFSA website. You will also find step-by-step instructions to register for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. If you miss the December 10th Financial Aid Workshop (see article below), there will be a second financial aid workshop Thursday, January 21st. The guest speaker for this workshop will be Pat Bennett, the Director of Financial Aid for Northwest Florida State College. Be sure to look for the article in this newsletter. Two final words--**SEMESTER EXAMS**. Start reviewing now for exams. Don't wait until a night or two before and cram. Studies show that students who review material for an exam daily over a longer period of time score higher on the exam than those who wait until the last minute to study.

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FINANCIAL AID PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

All Seniors are invited to a workshop to explain the financial aid process. You will be oriented to all available financial aid resources and receive vital information about filling out financial aid forms, scholarships, and loans. The workshop will be presented Thursday, December 10th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration will be Monday, November 30th - Wednesday, December 9th. Parents are welcome to participate. Sign-up in Guidance to register for this very important workshop! See you there!



BEWARE OF SENIORITIS VIRUS!!!!

After the semester break some seniors develop symptoms of the senioritis virus. This virus affects their ability to function as they did in the first semester. Symptoms can be as simple as an increase in tardies or as extreme as the dreaded skipping syndrome. Some of the risks of senioritis include losing your honor status (Summa, Magna or Cum Laude), a college acceptance offer rescinded, and the most serious of all - failure to graduate. You have dedicated a lot of time and effort towards your future. Stay focused!!! No slacking

allowed!!!

THE TIME IS NOW!

Seniors who desire to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship program and other State of Florida scholarships may apply online beginning **December 1** at:

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

The entire registration process takes less than 20 minutes (less in most cases). To register, follow the six easy steps listed in the article below.

If you apply now and have all the requirements completed prior to the end of this semester, you will receive your award letter in the spring. If you apply now but have not completed all the requirements by the end of this semester, you will be re-evaluated at the end of the school year and receive your award letter in mid-summer. **NOTE: If you are eligible for the Academic Scholarship and have not turned in your community service hours by the end of the semester, you will qualify for the Medallion Scholarship in the spring letter. To be awarded the Florida Academic Scholarship, you must have turned in your community service hours to your counselor by the end of the first semester. Don't miss out on being evaluated for this scholarship by failing to apply. DO IT NOW!**

SIX EASY STEPS TO YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Bright Futures Registration Web Address:
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

- Go to "State Grants, Scholarships, and Applications" link.
- Go to "Apply Here".
- Click on "Initial State Student Application".
- Complete Application.
- Submit and Print Application.
- Print Confirmation page for your records.

DON'T WORRY...


Everyone is worried about career options! If you are a high school senior, or a parent of one, you know a major worry this time of year involves the Big "C" word: Career. There's also a lot of concern about the other "C" word: College. Consideration of career should logically precede college choice. In fact, choice of career should impact college selection. Statistics show that many high school students aren't sure what they want to do for a career. Even the ones who think they know, often change their mind once they enter college and begin to take courses. Numerous college freshmen

entering school this fall will change their major several times before graduation. Of course, it's easy to be philosophical about this issue if your future isn't involved. On the other hand, if you are the one who can't decide between being a brain surgeon or a batting coach, it may feel as if there never will be any right answers.

Here's a suggestion: for the time being, don't worry too much about it. Like a good manager in a fast-paced business, you have to make the best decision. Part of your examination process may include the courses which you take in college. You may discover new options while in college, possibilities that may in fact alter the career choices which you thought were finalized! Plan your freshman year with flexibility. For instance, if you decide that instead of being a physician you want to be a hospital administrator, you would have more latitude at a university which offers both pre-med and business administration majors. In general, most students who change majors switch to a closely related area. If you remain uncertain of your career plans, consider enrolling in a general curriculum such as a liberal arts program. Enrolling in liberal arts courses for your first two years provides a broad academic base, most of which can be applied to a specific major you select later. This option can be discussed with your high school counselor and college admission officials.

Student and parents should realize that career plans are rarely finalized in high school or even early college years. Rather than worrying about this natural indecision, simply make your plans with some flexibility in mind. If you haven't started thinking or looking into plans after graduation, start by searching other areas of our guidance web site. Check out the Career Info area. There you will find information on various courses and links to places where you can do internet inventories to help you decide on a career.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

If you missed the Financial Aid Workshop in December, there will be another workshop Thursday, January 21, 2010. It will be held in the Niceville High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Pat Bennett, the  Financial Aid Director for Northwest Florida State College will be the guest speaker. She will have information concerning the FAFSA, Florida Bright Futures, scholarships and answer your financial aid questions.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE FAFSA!

The FAFSA is a form that students should file regarding

financial aid. You can find information about the form, do an online application, etc. by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Filing this form will generate a report which you will need to present to college financial aid officers before receiving financial aid from the school. This form requires tax information from your parents' and your (if you file) 2009 income tax return.

FILING FAFSA ONLINE REQUIRES A PIN

Before you apply for federal financial assistance online you must apply for a PIN. You can apply for a PIN at: www.pin.ed.gov.

You can apply for your PIN before the January 1st date for filing the FAFSA. You'll need a PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA. If you are a dependent student, your parents should also apply for a PIN now so that they can electronically sign your FAFSA. Your PIN will be e-mailed to you within 1-5 days. If you don't provide a valid e-mail address, your PIN will be mailed to you within 7-10 days. Your PIN should not be shared with anyone, even if someone else completes your FAFSA for you. What can you do with your PIN?

- Sign your FAFSA on the Web electronically;
- Review and correct answers on your electronic SAR;
- Print a copy of your SAR;
- Electronically sign loan promissory notes;
- Reapply for student aid every year you are in school;
- View information about federal loans and grants you have received.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID WEB SITES

- ★ Student Aid on the Web - planning for college, paying for college, and repaying student loans: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov
- ★ Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/guide
- ★ Looking For Student Aid www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/LSA
- ★ FAFSA on the Web and Federal School Codes: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ★ FAFSA PIN Information and Registration: www.pin.ed.gov
- ★ Florida Office of Financial Assistance/Bright Futures Registration: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- ★ Scholarship Search Engines: www.FASTWEB.com



www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com

FAFSA vs. FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

There is a difference between the FAFSA and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a **federal financial assistance program**. It is based on your family's financial status and need.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship is a **state-funded, merit scholarship** you earn based on your GPA and test scores. In the past, seniors have applied for one or the other thinking they have applied for both. Seniors must apply separately for the FAFSA and Florida Bright Futures.

NEED COLLEGE FINANCIAL HELP?

There are many scholarships available from individual colleges. These scholarships are not published in this newsletter. Once you have been accepted at a college, check with guidance to see if the college offers scholarships of which we have been notified. We have applications on file for many of these scholarships, but you must be accepted by that particular college before you can apply for the scholarship. Most, but not all, of these scholarships are merit scholarships. Some require that you be planning to pursue a particular major. Don't forget this important source to possible financial help.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICES

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A number of scholarship services claim that they can "get you money for college." With the availability of information on the Internet, there is little reason to use one of these services. Here is the response from one high school senior who used a typical scholarship service:

"When I was a senior, I decided to try one of the commercial scholarship searches you hear so much about. I completed a questionnaire, paid a fee, and in return, received a very impressive looking 31- page computerized Scholarship Profile. I soon realized, however, that I didn't even qualify for 19 of the 36 scholarships listed in the report (2 scholarships were for individuals living in different countries, 8 were for graduates of other high schools, etc.). Of the 17 remaining scholarships, several were duplicates, some had been cancelled, some required nomination, and most of the rest were college scholarships for which I'd automatically be considered. The entire process was a waste of time and money. My advise to you is,

investigate scholarship opportunities on you own, and take advantage of the free scholarship searches on the Internet.”

While most scholarship search services provide little information of value, some are outright scams. It is, in fact, estimated that hundreds of thousands of families are scammed out of millions of dollars each year by fraudulent companies. For information on scholarship scams, go to: www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscam.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

The last pages of this newsletter are devoted to scholarships for Niceville High School seniors. Listed below are a few reminders when requesting and applying for these scholarships:

- Read the eligibility requirements carefully and thoroughly. You may not be eligible for all scholarships.
- There are two ways to request a scholarship application: complete the Scholarship Request Form located in the Guidance Department or send Mrs. Susan Campbell an email request at: campbells@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.
- Applications requested will be delivered to you within two school days.
- Allow plenty of time to complete application. This includes letters of recommendations, transcripts, and any other documentation required to complete application. Neatness should be a priority when completing any application. Presentation can make a difference in the selection process!!!
- Confirm the “Due Date”. Is the Due Date a postmarked date or an in hand date?
- If the Due Date box is shaded, the scholarship application **MUST** be returned to the Guidance Department. The Guidance Department will deliver the final application(s) to the scholarship sponsor. An application can be disqualified if this requirement is not followed.

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

The Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship requires 75 community service hours. The majority of our local scholarships also require community service hours. Many of our local organizations are seeking volunteers.

If you are looking for community service hours, the Niceville High School web site has a new addition to the homepage: “Volunteer Opportunities”. You can also check with the Guidance Department for volunteer requests.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Many college applications and scholarship applications have due dates of late December or early January. Keep in mind, the guidance department becomes extremely busy during this time. If you need letters of recommendation or secondary school reports to be completed, you must see your counselor before December 10th. Most colleges will request a **Mid Year School Report**. These reports should be given to Mrs. Rankin in guidance. When first semester grades are released, she and your counselor will prepare these reports with seventh semester transcripts for you to mail to the respective colleges..

GENTLEMEN, ARE YOU 18?

Federal law requires that men who are at least 18 years old, but not yet 26 years old, must be registered with Selective Service. This includes all male non citizens within these age limits who permanently reside in the United States. Selective Service registration allows the United States Government to maintain a list of names of men who may be called into military service in case of a national emergency requiring rapid expansion of the U.S. Armed Forces. By registering all young men, the **Selective Service can ensure that any future draft will be fair and equitable. To register online, go to www.sss.gov. Failure to register could cost you federal financial aid.**



GO TO SOAR!

As you have noticed in several of the articles in this newsletter, information regarding senior activities, important dates and time lines, and other timely information is disseminated through SOAR home room. Now that the Senior Newsletter will be available only on the Niceville High School web site, it is even more important that you attend SOAR so that you do not miss out on information. **Make SOAR attendance a priority.** SOAR is the gateway for all senior information.

GRADUATION DIPLOMA FORMS

The deadline for completed Graduation Diploma Forms was Tuesday, December 1st. The information given on this form is used to order your graduation diploma.

There are approximately 40 names missing from the diploma list. An updated “Missing Diploma List” has been circulating through the senior SOAR weekly. If your name is on this list, it is **YOUR** responsibility to



come to guidance and pick-up a form, have it completed and return it to Mrs. Susan Campbell in Guidance. **Remember: the form requires a parent's/guardian's signature.**

CLASS OF 2010 HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame forms were distributed Tuesday, December 1st during SOAR. All completed Hall of Fame forms must be returned to Ms. Thoreen in room 609 or Mrs. DeAngelo in room 113 by Wednesday, December 16th. The forms must be completed with all teacher, club sponsor and counselor signatures. If you are planning to leave for Winter Holidays early (before December 16th), you must return your completed Hall of Fame form to Ms. Thoreen before you leave. **There will be absolutely no extensions to the due date. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



CAP/GOWN GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS ORDERS

Your cap/gown and graduation announcements can still be ordered. Any senior needing to order their cap/gown and announcements can pick-up an order form in guidance or go to the Herff Jones website:
www.herffjonesofnorthflorida.com.



Herff Jones will be on campus Wednesday, December 9th if you missed the opportunity to order your announcements in November. This will be the last opportunity to order announcements in person. After this date you will have to mail your order to the address located on the bottom left hand corner of the order form or order on line. Any orders placed after December 31, 2009 will include a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the order total. **Remember, late orders are at risk of a late delivery.**

CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS

Cap and Gown photos will be taken, Wednesday, February 9, 2010 during Social Studies class. Seniors who do not have a Social Studies class need to schedule an appointment for their photo in guidance beginning February 4th. No money will be required on the photo days. A proof package will be sent home approximately four weeks after the photo date. Seniors will not wear the traditional cap. They will hold the cap and a diploma in their hands. (A photo of seniors wearing a cap will be taken during the graduation ceremony.) Although a cap and gown will be

furnished, gentlemen are asked to wear a white, collared dress shirt and dark tie. Ladies should not wear a high collared blouse or sweater. **NOTE: There will NOT be a make-up day for this photo.**



PROJECT GRADUATION....FOR PARENTS ONLY!

Graduation night can be a very dangerous time. The purpose of Project Graduation is to provide a safe alternative for graduates. This unique event is a safe, drug free, alcohol free, all night memorable party at Big Kahuna's water park. The Niceville High School All School Booster Club sponsors this school event. The planning for this event begins in January. The Booster Club urgently needs your help for Project Graduation. Senior Parent involvement is critical to make this event successful. The Booster Club needs senior parents to assist with information mailings, fund raising, food collection, ticket sales, and most of all volunteering during the event. If you are interested in volunteering with any of the activities, please contact Mary Brinkley at: 678-4855 or Jim Evans at: 897-4678, as soon as possible.



PROJECT GRADUATION EARLY REGISTRATION

The Niceville High School Booster Club sponsors Project Graduation for all NHS graduates following the Graduation Ceremony. This all night graduation party will be held at Big Kahuna's water park Thursday, June 10, 2010. Seniors will be transported by bus to Big Kahuna's beginning at 10:30 p.m. for a night of fun filled activities, food and much more! **The cost is \$50.00, non-refundable.** The cost of the evening includes bus transportation to Big Kahuna's, entrance to the park, a T-Shirt, food, drinks, breakfast, and a return bus trip to Niceville High School the next morning. The NHS Booster Club will begin Early Registration for Project Graduation Wednesday, November 18th. Registration packets will be available in the Attendance Office and Guidance Office. Grab your friends and buy a ticket now!

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

December 1 - Bright Futures Scholarship Registration begins.

December 1 - Hall of Fame forms distributed to seniors during SOAR.

December 9 - Make-up day for Cap and Gown/Announcement Orders.

December 10 - Financial Aid Workshop; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; NHS auditorium.



December 16 - Hall of Fame forms must be returned to Ms. Thoreen in room 609 by the end of the day.

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

December 18 - January 1 - Winter Break Holidays.

January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday.

January 19 - January 22 - Semester Exams.

January 21 - Financial Aid Workshop with Pat Bennett, Financial Aid Director, NWF State College.

January 25 - Student Holiday/Teacher workday.

February 9 - Cap and Gown photos during Social Studies Class; NHS auditorium.

February 15 - President's Day Holiday.

March 24 - Graduation Announcements Delivery Social Studies Class; NHS auditorium.

March 29 - April 2 - Spring Break Holidays.

April 10 - Senior Prom; 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Destin

Community Center; \$25 per ticket.

May 18 - Anne T. Mitchell District Honors Awards; NWF State College Mattie Kelly Arts Center; 5:00 Reception, 6:00 Awards Ceremony.

June 4 - Senior Day; Senior Walk; Cap and Gown Distribution; Senior Breakfast; Senior Awards Day. Time and location TBA.

June 8 - Baccalaureate; 7:00 p.m.; First Assembly of God Church.

June 9 - Graduation Practice; 11:30 a.m.; Seniors will report to their assigned 600 hallway classroom.

June 10 - Graduation Ceremony; Seniors are to report to their assigned 600 hallway classroom by 6:45 p.m.

June 10 - Project Graduation; Big Kahuna's Water Park; Cost \$50; Registration forms available in the Guidance Department..

***** Times, Date, and Locations subject to change.**



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships listed in this newsletter may be requested on a "Scholarship Request Form" located in the Guidance Department or by email: campbells@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us. Leave completed form with Mrs. Susan Campbell in Guidance. Please allow two days for delivery.

NOTE: Shading In "Due Date" Block Indicates Applications MUST BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE.

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
SAE ENGINEERING Amount varies per scholarship.	Applicant Must: -Be a high school senior at the date of application -Intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science - Be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application -Meet minimum requirements with regard to GPA, SAT and/or ACT	University sponsored applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2009; All others due By January 15, 2010.

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<p>NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD</p> <p>\$1,000</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -be entering their freshman year at an accredited two- or four-year university, college, or vocational institute; -be a high school senior entering their freshman year for a full 2009-2010 academic year; -be nominated by a dues-paying member of NFIB. <p>The applicant should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -starting his or her own business; -participation in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, Jr. Achievement and the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others; or -through other initiatives. <p>Award recipients are designated by an independent scholarship organization.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to apply online at: www.NFIB.com/YEA and click on the "Apply Now" link.</p>	<p>Application deadline: December 31, 2009.</p>
<p>RON BROWN SCHOLAR</p> <p>10 @ \$10,000 per year for 4 years (\$40,000 total)</p>	<p>Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be African American. -Be a high school senior. -Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident. <p>Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. This program has two deadlines for application. November 1, 2009-application will be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program and forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers. January 9, 2010-final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for only the Ron Brown Scholar Program.</p> <p>Application may be downloaded at: www.ronbrown.org/apply/asp.</p>	<p>Applications must be postmarked by January 9, 2010.</p>
<p>2010 JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>1st Prize-\$5,000 2nd Prize-\$1,000 Up to five finalists receive \$500 each.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -U.S. high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home school.; -U.S. students under the age of 20 enrolled in a high school correspondence/GED program. <p>All students must register online. Essays can be submitted online (preferred) or via regular mail.</p> <p>For complete guidelines visit the Profile in Courage Award at: www.jfklibrary.org</p>	<p>Application deadline online or regular mail postmark January 10, 2010.</p>
<p>NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$180,000</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a U.S. citizen; -Be at least 17 years of age and not older than 23 by June 30 of the year you start college; -Complete high school/equivalent certificate; -Take the SAT or ACT test prior to deadline and receive the minimum score required. <p>Application available at: http://www.navy.com/benefits/education/nrotc/</p>	<p>Application must be submitted by January 31, 2010.</p>

NAME/AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	DUE DATE
<p>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>13 District @ \$1,000 then on to state to compete for 3 @ \$5,000</p>	<p>This contest is open only to high school seniors who reside in the state of Florida and plan to continue their education at a college, university, technical school, or some other institution of higher learning. Children of active licensed real estate practitioners ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for contest entry, nor are children whose parents or guardians are employed by any local Realtor board/associations or by the Florida Association of Realtors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topic: "How Does A Realtor Professional Benefit the Community?" -All essays must be 500 words or less. -All essays must be typed and double-spaced. -If other books, research materials or sources are used or quoted in an essay, that essay must follow the MLA format for cross-referencing the source material, including parenthetical references and a works cited page. 	<p>Application due no later than February 8, 2010.</p>
<p>GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARS AWARD</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS Scholarship if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. -are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S. -have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted) or have earned a GED. -will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in fall, 2010. -have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities. -meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. -have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline. <p>Students can complete the online application at www.gmsp.org.</p>	<p>Online applications must be submitted by January 11, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Paper applications must be postmarked by January 11, 2010.</p>
<p>FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S SERVICE SCHOLAR PROGRAM</p> <p>\$9,600 (\$2,400 per year for four years.)</p>	<p>The Service Scholar Program is designed to recognize students with an outstanding record of service and leadership and to promote civic responsibility as an integral part of a liberal arts education at Florida State University.</p> <p>Service Scholars will complete a minimum 75 service hours per semester, participate in individual and group service projects, attend regular meetings, and promote civic participation among their peers.</p> <p>Online Application can be found at: http://thecenter.fsu.edu/index.html.</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked or completed online by January 15, 2010.</p>
<p>MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</p> <p>4 @ \$1,000 ea.</p>	<p>The Mensa Education & Research Foundation college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need.</p> <p>The applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.</p> <p>The applicant must submit an application and essay of not more than 550 words explaining their academic and/or vocational goals.</p> <p>For more information or to download an application go to: www.mensafoundation.org.</p>	<p>Application must be submitted by January 15, 2010.</p>

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<p>SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$3,000</p>	<p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be a U.S. citizen; -Cannot be an associate or the dependent of an associate of a Walmart Stores, Inc. associate or Board of Directors; -Must be a high school senior graduating between 08/01/09 and 07/31/10; -Must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; -Must have an ACT or SAT score; -Must plan to enroll as a freshman at a two-year or four-year college or university located in the U.S. and is accredited; -Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents. <p>Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/community/</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m EST January 29, 2010.</p>
<p>WALMART ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$3,000</p>	<p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be a U.S. citizen; -This scholarship is offered to associates of dependents of associates of Walmart Stores, Inc. -Must be a high school senior graduating between 08/01/09 and 07/31/10; -Must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; -Must have an ACT or SAT score; -Must plan to enroll as a freshman at a two-year or four-year college or university located in the U.S. and is accredited; -Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents. <p>Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/community/</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m EST January 29, 2010.</p>
<p>WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$13,000/4 years</p>	<p>Administered by the Walmart Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation Scholarship is a \$13,000 scholarship paid out over four years. Applicants must be dependents of Walmart associates, have at least a 22 ACT or 1030 SAT (Critical Reading + Math) score and prove financial need.</p> <p>Application is available at: http://www.act.org/walmart/community/</p>	<p>Application must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m EST January 29, 2010.</p>
<p>2010 FLORIDA ENGINEERING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>6 @ \$2,250</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be a high school senior. -Be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application. -Has at least a 3.5 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. -Attain a minimum test score on the SAT (threshold score levels are listed on the application). -Enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). <p>Application can be downloaded at: www.fleng.org/scholarhip.cfm.</p>	<p>Deadline to submit applications is February 1, 2010.</p>
<p>THE BLANCO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>Student must apply for financial aid, grants, etc. The foundation will supplement the college of your choice.</p>	<p>The BLANCO Foundation, Inc. Is a private not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide college scholarships to committed students of high moral character, needing financial assistance and seeking a career in Education or Nursing.</p>	<p>Deadline for submission is February 1, 2010.</p>

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<p>BURGER KING HAVE IT YOUR WAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>\$1,000 each</p>	<p>Eligible applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have a curriculum high school GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. -work an average of 10 hours per week, 40 weeks per year (part-time year round). -be a U.S. citizen or citizen of Canada. -demonstrate financial need. -plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school no later than Fall 2010. <p>Applicants ARE NOT required to be employed by Burger King Restaurants, although Burger King employees may be eligible students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities. <p>Using the access key "BKS", applicants must apply online at: http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_application.html</p>	<p>Application must be submitted by February 1, 2010.</p>
<p>LOMBARDI SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p>The University of Florida is proud to announce the ninth year of the Lombardi Scholarship Program. Named after former UF president John V. Lombardi, this program offers eight students a generous financial stipend as well as the opportunity to pursue research with talented faculty and to enhance their academic interests through study abroad and leadership training. Lombardi scholars are change-makers and risk-takers.</p> <p>Niceville High School will nominate one outstanding senior whom exemplifies Dr. Lombardi's commitment to excellence, whether through outstanding academic achievements, creativity, thoughtful leadership, or public service activities. Nominated students must be seeking admission to UF for fall 2010 or summer 2009, but UF must be their first choice.</p> <p>To be considered for this scholarship, seniors MUST submit a resume to the Guidance Department by January 22, 2010. A Scholarship committee will select one student to represent NHS for this scholarship.</p>	<p>Application must be returned to Guidance by: January 22, 2010.</p>
<p>USDA/1890 NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM</p>	<p>The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program will provide full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, use of a laptop, printer and software while on scholarship and room and board each year for four years to students pursuing a bachelor's degree at selected colleges. Since this program is intended to increase the number of students studying agriculture, food, natural resource science or other related disciplines at participating institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have a high school diploma or a G.E.D. certificate and are starting their first year of college for a bachelor's degree. For more information including a list of participating colleges and the application go to: www.ascr.usda.gov/1890programs.html.</p>	<p>Application deadline: February 1, 2010.</p>
<p>YOUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY SCHOLARS COMPETITION</p> <p>Up To \$50,000</p>	<p>YES Competition has quickly grown to be one of the most competitive and prestigious science-related scholarships in the nation. In the last four years the YES Competition has awarded over \$1.8 million in college scholarships to nearly 500 students.</p> <p>To enter, students submit a research project that sheds light on a health problem, using the methods employed by epidemiologists.</p> <p>For more information to enter this competition go to: www.collegeboard.com/yes.</p>	<p>Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. ET.</p>

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<p>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS ESSAY CONTEST</p> <p>13 District @ \$1,000 then on to state to compete for 3 @ \$5,000</p>	<p>This contest is open only to high school seniors who reside in the state of Florida and plan to continue their education at a college, university, technical school, or some other institution of higher learning. Children of active licensed real estate practitioners ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for contest entry, nor are children whose parents or guardians are employed by any local Realtor board/associations or by the Florida Association of Realtors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Topic: "How Does A Realtor Professional Benefit the Community?" -All essays must be 500 words or less. -All essays must be typed and double-spaced. -If other books, research materials or sources are used or quoted in an essay, that essay must follow the MLA format for cross-referencing the source material, including parenthetical references and a works cited page. 	<p>Application due no later than February 8, 2010.</p>
<p>KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM</p> <p>\$5,000</p>	<p>KFC Colonel's Scholars is looking for outstanding seniors with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for the first-ever Colonel's Scholars program. Awards up to \$5,000 a year for tuition, fees, textbooks, room, and board.</p> <p>Graduating high school seniors must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain a high school GPA of 2.75 or higher; -Attend a public, in-state college or university; -Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree; -Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. <p>The application is available online at: www.kfcscholars.org.</p>	<p>Application is available online from: December 1, 2009 - February 10, 2010.</p>
<p>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</p> <p>\$1,500</p>	<p>USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships will award up to \$3 million nationwide in renewable scholarships to students with economic need. Up to 50% of awards are targeted to members of ethnic-minority groups or individuals with physical disabilities. Scholarship awards will be based on the applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -past academic performance and future potential; -leadership and participation in school and community activities; -work experience; -career and educational aspirations and goals; -unusual personal or family circumstances. <p>Apply online at: www.usafunds.org and select "Scholarship Information" from the "Express Links" menu.</p>	<p>Applications will be accepted online beginning December 15, 2009 - February 15, 2010.</p>
<p>NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION</p> <p>170 @ \$6,000 ea.</p>	<p>Guidelines and Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High school GPA of 3.5 (B+) or higher; - Complete National Co-op Scholarship Program application including a typed one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Students can download an application or apply online at: http://www.co-op.edu/scholarships.htm 	<p>Application deadline: February 15, 2010.</p>

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<p>SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN</p> <p>Amount TBA</p>	<p>Unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military, may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, full-time in the fall of 2010 in an undergraduate program of studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited college or university. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).</p> <p>Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the US Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited US post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to allow the student to transfer directly into a four-year program.</p>	<p>Application must be delivered by the close of day to your local military commissary on February 17, 2010.</p>
<p>THE AMERICAN LEGION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>1ST - \$2,500 2ND - \$1,500 3RD - \$1,000 4TH - 6TH - \$500</p>	<p>Student must be the direct descendent, i.e., child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child of a member in good standing of the American Legion Department of Florida; or a deceased U.S. veteran who would have been eligible for membership in the American Legion. Student must be in his or her senior year and attending a Florida high school. Parents must be Florida residents.</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.</p>
<p>THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1ST - \$3,000 2ND - \$2,000 3RD & 4TH - \$1,000</p>	<p>Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -must have earned Eagle Award and religious emblem; -must be a high school student; -must be a Florida resident; -must be in a troop chartered to an American Legion Post or the son or grandson of a Legion Member or parent eligible to join the American Legion Department of Florida. 	<p>Application must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.</p>
<p>THE AMERICAN LEGION JROTC CADET OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1ST - \$2,000 2ND - \$1,000 3RD & 4TH - \$500</p>	<p>Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -must be enrolled in Florida high school and a member of the Air Force, Army, Navy, or Coast Guard JROTC; -must be a senior in high school; -must be chosen by JROTC commanding officer. <p>Parents must be Florida residents. Only one application per JROTC unit will be accepted.</p>	<p>Application must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.</p>

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<p>THE AMERICAN LEGION PATRIOTISM THROUGH ART SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p>1ST - \$500 2 Runners up - \$250 ea. Schools of winners receive award of same amount.</p>	<p>Eligibility: Student must be a high school senior; Application/Release must be turned in with entry; Certification of Original Effort must be turned in with entry. Entries must be the original work of the student. Multi-media (photography, painting, drawing, pastels, stitchery, sculpture, etc.) will be accepted. The subject for artwork is PATRIOTISM - devoted love, support, and defense of one's country; national loyalty; love of and devotion to one's country. Size constraints: two dimensional: no larger than 36X20; three dimensional: must fit in a 1' X 1' X 2' box.</p>	<p>Entry must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.</p>
<p>HURLBURT SPOUSES CLUB</p> <p>1 @ \$1,500 3 @ \$1,000 1 @ \$500</p>	<p>Eligibility: -The applicant must be a class of 2009 graduating high school senior; -The applicant must be a dependent of any Hurlburt Field military member: active duty, retired, deceased, or a remote military member currently on an unaccompanied tour. If retired, deceased, or remote the member's last duty station must have been Hurlburt Field; -The applicant must have a valid military identification card and must be enrolled in DEERS; -A principal, counselor, or teacher must recommend applicant; -The applicant may not be a family member of the HSC Scholarship Committee nor of any of the judges.</p>	<p>Application deadline: March 1, 2010..</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION ASSOCIATION EMERALD COAST CHAPTER</p> <p>TBA</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements: -Be a U.S. citizen. -Be a resident of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, or Walton county at the time of registration. -Have made application to an accredited college. -Have shown prior interest in a scientific and engineering field related to test and evaluation. Selection Procedure: Recipients will be chosen on the basis of: demonstrated interest in the field; excellence in academic achievement; strength of personal character; demonstrated leadership skills; and other noteworthy achievements. Application can be downloaded at: www.itea-ecc.org.</p>	<p>Completed applications must be returned to Scholarship Committee no later than March 1, 2010.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION</p> <p>Amount varies</p>	<p>If you are planning to attend Florida State University, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, or Florida Gulf Coast University (women only), you may be interested in a work-scholarship program that provides rent-free housing, teaches practical life skills in a cooperative environment, and introduces you to friends that can last a lifetime. (Information and Applications are available at: www.southern scholarship.org.) Eligibility requirements are: -high academic promise and achievement in high school or college with a 3.0 high school GPA. -demonstrate financial need. -high level of motivation. -willing to share household duties and responsibilities with others.</p>	<p>The Foundation will begin evaluating applications March 1, 2010. Apply Now!</p>

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AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY GRANT PROGRAM HENRY H. ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT \$2,000	Air Force Aid Society Grant Program offers \$2,000 grants to dependent children of active, Title 10 and Title 32 AGR, retired, and deceased Air Force members, spouses of active duty members stationed stateside only, and surviving spouses of deceased Air Force members. All students must be full-time undergraduates and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Application available online at: www.afas.org/education/body.grant.cfm	Application deadline: March 12, 2010.
2010 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROJECT 10 first place winners: varies from \$2,500- \$10,000; 10 second place winners: \$500 ea. 10 third place winners: \$300 ea.	Applicants must: - be currently enrolled as a high school student (grades 9-12) or who are high school seniors who may graduate high school at any time in 2009 or are students who are enrolled in a high school equivalency program; - be legal residents of either the United States or Mexico. Applications must be submitted online at: www.holocaust.hklaw.com .	Application must be submitted on line by 11:59 p.m. April 2, 2010.
EGLIN OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP Amount TBA	Eligibility requirements: -Graduating high school seniors who are dependents of active military assigned to Eglin AFB or graduating high school seniors from local high schools whose military sponsor is one of the following: a. Retired military; b. Divorced; c. Assigned remote tour; d. MIA/POW/deceased; e. Reassigned from Eglin AFB and the applicant remained behind to graduate. -Students who are awarded any four-year military academy scholarship, other four year scholarships that include room and board, will not be eligible to receive this scholarship. -Applicant can only receive one scholarship from any OSC/OWC; -Applicant must have a 2.9 or higher GPA (based on Okaloosa County's weighted scale). Application can be found at the NHS website: www.NicevilleHighSchool.org . EOSC website: www.eglinosc.com/charitable or the Eglin Base Library website: www.youseemore.com/eglin/readyref.asp .	Return application to guidance by April 5, 2010.
AYN RAND INSTITUTE ESSAY CONTEST 1 ST Prize - \$10,000 5 2 nd prizes - \$2,000 10 3 rd prizes - \$1,000 35 Finalist Prizes - \$100 200 Semifinalist Prizes - \$50	-Entrants must be in the 11 th or 12 th grade. -Essay of no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length-typewritten and double-spaced. -A cover sheet containing specific information must be attached to the essay and the completed essay mailed to the institute. Essay based on the novel "The Fountainhead". Note: for complete entry directions you may log onto the web site at: http://www.aynrand.org/contests	Essay must be postmarked by April 25, 2010.

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ANYCOLLEGE.COM TBA	AnyCollege.com is a FREE college search engine for prospective students. AnyCollege.com scholarships are given away randomly to college bound students regardless of GPA or test scores. To enter, students simply need to go to www.anycollege.com and click on the "Win A Scholarship" button that is located on the "Start College Search" page.	This is an on-going, random scholarship awards program.
ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM \$1,000	The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students between the ages of 16 and 30 AND currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com • What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?	Scholarship deadline: June 19, 2010.

