

SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO THE SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN!

The Scholarship Bulletin lists national, regional and local scholarships for high school students.

- The Bulletin is updated every two weeks and is available at these locations:
 - **Career Center N-17**
 - www.dhspta.org/dhs/scholarships
 - **Naviance** (click on scholarships)
- Scholarship and financial aid information is available in the high school's Career Center. You can also search for scholarships online (the Career Center has a list of free scholarship websites), the Naviance computer program, your workplace or your parent's workplace, local businesses, military, foundations, unions, clubs, religious, service, community, and ethnicity-based organizations, and the financial aid office of the college you will attend.
- We **do not recommend** that you pay for help to find money for college. The same information is available free in the Scholarship Office or online.
- The Career Center is open daily.
- Awards are for seniors unless otherwise stated.
- New listings are marked **NEW!**



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NEW! Oct. 30**HORATIO ALGER CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility: High school seniors who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a college or university, have family income below \$50,000, a minimum 2.0 GPA and demonstrated involvement in community service activities.

Award: \$2,500 – \$20,000. **Contact:** www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

NEW! Nov. 15**NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA) STOKES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Eligibility: High school seniors planning to major in Computer Science or Computer or Electrical Engineering. Students must meet specified SAT or ACT scores, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Recipients will attend college full time, then work during the summer at NSA's main headquarters in Maryland. **Award:** Tuition for college, reimbursement for housing and travel during summer employment, year-round salary while attending college and continued employment with NSA after graduation. **Contact:** Apply online at: www.NSA.gov/Careers.

NEW! Dec. 2**ELKS FOUNDATION MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility: High school seniors who are U.S. citizens. Applications will be judged on the student's demonstrated scholarship, leadership and financial need. **Award:** \$4,000 - \$60,000. **Contact:** Applications are available in the Career Center N-17 or online: www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

NEW! Dec. 15**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB) YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**

Eligibility: High school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as starting his or her own business and/or participating in organizations such as DECA, FBLA, FFA, or Junior Achievement, among others. **Award:** \$1,000 - \$10,000. **Contact:** Apply online at: www.NFIB.com/YEA.

NEW! Feb. 1**SCHWAB-ROSENHOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Eligibility: High school seniors planning to enroll at a two- or four- year college, university, or vocational/technical institution located within a 100- radius of Sacramento. Applicants will be evaluated on academic record, school, community, and volunteer activities, future education and career plans and financial need. **Award:** \$1,000 - \$5,000 **Contact:** Applications are in the Career Center N-17 or apply online at: <http://www.jewishsac.org>, click on "Schwab-Rosenhouse Scholarships".

NEW! Apr. 2**CALIFORNIA WINE GRAPE GROWERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Eligibility: High school seniors whose parent(s) or guardian is/was a vineyard employee of a wine grape grower during the 2011 or 2012 season. Student must be planning to attend a UC, CSU or California community college. Selection is based on financial need, scholastic ability, community involvement and leadership and/or work history. **Award:** \$2,000 for two years at a community college, or \$8,000 for four years at a UC or CSU. **Contact:** Apply online at: www.cwggf.org.

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- Oct. 31 **COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
Eligibility: High school seniors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and are motivated, dedicated, and involved. *Award:* \$10,000 - \$20,000. *Contact:* Apply online at <http://www.coca-colascholars.org>.
- Nov. 15 **SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**
Eligibility: High school seniors who face significant financial burdens due to the loss of a parent/guardian to breast cancer, or their own breast cancer diagnosis at 25 years or younger. Recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, financial need and demonstrated leadership. *Award:* \$10,000. *Contact:* Apply online at: www.komen.org/scholarship.
- Feb. 17 **LINKS, INC. SACRAMENTO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**
Eligibility: Graduating African American high school seniors. Four scholarships will be awarded to students seeking careers in the performing arts or vocational training; an area other than performing arts or vocational training; or students who have career goals that require education or training beyond high school. *Award:* \$1,000-\$2,000. *Contact:* Apply at: www.sacramentolinks.org.
- Various **UNUSUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**
 Scholarships are available for every type of student. FinAid has a list of interesting, esoteric and unusual scholarships such as physical characteristics, creativity, last name, sports, field of study, animal appreciation, food-related, good works, what you don't do, twins, legacies, etc. Go to <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/unusual.phtml>.
- Various **LATINO SCHOLARSHIPS**
 The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI), a nonprofit organization that advances policy on key issues affecting Latino communities, has compiled a list of regional organizations that award scholarships targeting California Latino students. Go to www.latinocollegedollars.org.
- Various **SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS**
 Go online to www.athleticaid.com for a list of links to sports scholarships, sports medicine, preparing for college, etc.
- Various **MINORITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
 Go online to: <http://www.blackexcel.org/100minority.htm>, or www.thecollegeexpo.org to search for minority scholarships.
- Various **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
 Go online to <http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml> for information about financial aid and scholarships for students with disabilities.



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- Various **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED OR DISABLED VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL**
 Children from military families can take advantage of the many resources available to them. The American Legion offers an online publication to help students of deceased and disabled veterans in their pursuit of higher education. Visit www.needalift.org. Another resource is the new GI Bill, which allows active duty or selected reserve members to transfer their GI Bill benefits to their children. For more information, go to www.gibill.va.gov.
- Various **QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH PROGRAM**
 Questbridge pairs low-income students with early admission and full four-year scholarships to top-ranked partner colleges. Questbridge invites applications from seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence in the face of economic obstacles. Apply at www.questbridge.org.
- Various **PG&E EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company Employee Resource Groups support their communities through sponsorship of scholarship programs to eligible students living within the communities served by PG&E. Employee Resource scholarship applications are at www.pge.com/scholarships.
- Various **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**
 Music scholarships can be found online at websites such as <http://www.musicscholarships.us/> which offer resources for scholarships, grants, competitions, and award resources for students preparing for an exciting career in music.
- Various **SCHOLARSHIPS THAT DON'T REQUIRE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**
 The Educators for Fair Consideration organization has compiled a list of scholarships for students without social security numbers. Come to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Office for the list, or it can be downloaded at www.e4fc.org and click on student resources.



TOP TEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

1. **GIVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES WHEN ANSWERING AN ESSAY QUESTION**

If your answer to an essay question is abstract, support it with a concrete example that illustrates your point. The sponsor wants to see evidence that you satisfy their criteria, not just unsupported statements.

2. **APPLY ONLY IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**

Read all eligibility requirements and directions carefully. Your application will not be considered if you aren't qualified to apply.

3. **IDENTIFY THE SPONSOR'S GOALS**

Try to understand the sponsor's motivation in offering the award. Are they promoting interest in their field? Do they want to identify future researchers and business leaders? Identifying their goals can direct your application toward satisfying those goals, increasing your chances of winning the award.

4. **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN FULL AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**

Give yourself a competitive advantage by following directions carefully. Provide everything required, but don't supply things not requested. Complete the entire application. If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application rather than leaving it blank.

5. **NEATNESS COUNTS**

Make several photocopies of all the application forms to use as working drafts as you develop your application packet. It is always best to type the application. If you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Proofread the entire application carefully. Nothing is less impressive than an application with misspelled words or grammar errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.

6. **WRITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENTS RESUME**

Compile a list of all your accomplishments. This will help you identify your strengths and prepare a better application. Give a copy of the resume to the people writing letters of recommendation for you. It will help them know you better.

7. **WATCH ALL DEADLINES**

Impose a deadline for yourself that's at least two weeks before the application deadline. Use this time to proofread your application. You are responsible for making sure the application arrives on time. This includes supporting materials, such as letters of recommendation and transcripts. Give contributors to your application ample lead-time.

8. **MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION GETS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO**

Before sending, make a copy of the entire application packet for your file. Make sure your name appears on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless the pages are clearly identified.

9. **ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT**

If you have problems with the application, call the sponsor. They will be glad to help. But don't expect them to do the work for you. Completing the application is your job.

10. **YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REPRESENTS YOU**

Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. It's the face you present to the sponsoring organization. Take pride in yourself by submitting the best application you can.