

Scholarship Update

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West Chester Running Club Scholarship

DUE: May 7, 2010

Graduating senior from a Chester County school who has been a member of the cross county and/or track teams in 11th and 12th grade. Student must demonstrate academic excellence, athletic excellence, and leadership. Application is available in the guidance office.

Oxford Football Boosters Scholarship 2010

DUE: May 10, 2010

Two \$500 awards will be given to any boy who has played football at least one season during his Oxford High School career, and intending on continuing his education during the Fall 2010 semester. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Gray Nichols Post 1779 Veterans of Foreign Wars

DUE: May 20, 2010

Oxford seniors who are the son or daughter of a U.S. military veteran should apply for this scholarship to be awarded at our senior awards night. Application is available in the guidance office.

Delaware Valley School Facility Managers Assoc.

DUE: May 26, 2010

\$2,000 scholarship available to students pursuing education in the building trades such as HVAC, plumbing, electric. Pick up an application in the guidance office.

Natalie A.W. Leaf Fund

DUE: May 31, 2010

Chester County seniors pursuing training in horticulture, carpentry, brick masonry, painting, fine art, interior design, weaving, or any field which requires working with one's hands to build, maintain, or furnish a home should consider applying for these scholarships which range from \$300 to \$5,000. Application is available in the guidance office.

Chester County Paralegal Association Scholarship

DUE: June 1, 2010

Deadline extended to June 1st The Chester County Paralegal Association is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship to a deserving individual pursuing a degree or certificate in Paralegal Studies. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

DUE: June 19, 2010

They will be awarding up to \$1,000 each year to winners. Students will submit an essay on *What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?* Please visit the website for more information <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

BigSun Scholarship

DUE: June 24, 2010

The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits with a \$500 award. Please visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.

New Economy Technology Scholarship Program

DUE: December 31, 2010

Must be a high school graduate from a PA high school and enrolled in a PHEAA approved Pennsylvania school. Maintain a 3.0 GPA and be willing to continue employment in Pennsylvania one year after degree is received. You must also apply for the Federal Pell Grant and Pennsylvania State Grant. Students must be pursuing higher education and training in the science and technology fields. Applications available on-line at www.pheaa.org.

Website Scholarship Searches

www.cappex.com

www.fastweb.com

www.collegequest.com

www.collegedata.com

www.Educationplanner.org (under the paying tab)

www.scholarships.com/link

www.collegeboard.com/paying

www.schoolsoup.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.uncf.org- scholarships that can be redeemed at United Negro College Fund member colleges

www.blackexcel.org - links to scholarships for Native American and African-American students

Source: College.edu – On-line Resources for Cyber Savvy Students

College-Specific Scholarships

** Please contact your college/university financial aid department about possible scholarship. If you are interested in any of the following colleges, please see Mrs. Lock regarding scholarship opportunities offered by these institutions...

Alvernia University has several scholarship opportunities in merit scholarships and Community Outreach Awards. Please visit their website for more information

www.alvernia.edu

Clarence Schock Foundation Scholarship is offered through these five participating Universities *Cheyney University, Kutztown University, Millersville University, Shippensburg University, and West Chester University*. Please speak to your University financial aid department and/or visit www.clarenceschockfoundation.org for more information.

Clarion University's Dept. of Music has scholarships available for accepted students. For more info. please visit www.clarion.edu/1065 or see your counselor.

Delaware Technical Institute is offering their SEED Application. The form is available on their website www.dtcc.edu/seed Students must complete the FAFSA application first. The deadline to complete is April.

Lincoln University recognizes achievements with students with 3.0 or higher GPA and are awarded Merit Awards from \$1,250 each semester to full tuition. For further information contact Lincoln University Admissions Office at 1-800-790-0191 or visit www.lincoln.edu

National Co-op Scholarship through eight NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities (**Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, PACE University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Wentworth Institute of Technology**) You can find additional

information about this scholarship program and complete an application on-line by visiting NCCE website at www.co-op.edu

*Visit the guidance office for additional information on any of these scholarships!
Paper applications, when available, may be obtained from the scholarship rack
located in the Guidance office.*

College Fairs

Go to www.nationalcollegefairs.org for current school listings and other fair locations

College/Financial Aid Announcements

Be aware of financial aid deadlines

- Every postsecondary institution establishes its own deadlines for submitting the FAFSA and other required financial aid forms. Some deadlines are as early as February 15th, so be prepared!
- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these deadlines.
- Missing a deadline could result in the student being ineligible for aid.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be submitted in order to be considered for all types of financial aid, including PHEAA state grants, institutional aid, and federal work-study. The FAFSA form is also used to determine eligibility for federal student loan programs. FAFSA may only be submitted *after* January 1st.

1. FAFSA on the web worksheets will be mailed to the student by PHEAA if they took the ACT or SAT during their junior year.
2. Students are encouraged to complete and submit the FAFSA form on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. BE AWARE fafsa.com is not associated with the dept. of education and there is a fee. FAFSA is FREE ...you do not need to pay anything to complete this form.
3. Sign up for a PIN from the U.S. Department of Education. This will allow you to complete and sign the FAFSA online as well as access you financial aid information. Request a pin at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>. **YOU MAY DO THIS NOW.** Your pin is your electronic signature, so you and your parent need to each receive a pin.
4. Be aware of the documents that each school requires you to submit in order to be considered for financial aid. Some schools may require copies of your tax returns or to complete institutional financial aid forms that unique to that school.
5. Find out whether the colleges you applied to require the CSS PROFILE.
 - The PROFILE assists institutions in awarding their own funds and eliminates the need for an institutional application.
 - Register for a customized PROFILE application online at www.collegeboard.com. The PROFILE information may be found under "Pay for College" on the home page. Students may also register by phone at 1-800-778-6888.
 - There are costs to complete the PROFILE. .
 - The PROFILE may be completed anytime after September 15th of the student's senior year.

- Students should initiate the process to complete the PROFILE four to six weeks before the earliest school/program deadline.
6. Students and parents are encouraged to complete tax returns as soon as possible after January 1st. The FAFSA form is much easier to complete when tax documents are prepared; however, you may estimate and re-enter in order to meet a deadline.
 7. Watch the mail for the “PHEAA status notice” to arrive a few weeks after you submit the FAFSA. This form must be completed in order to be considered for a PHEAA state grant.

For more information contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. If you have not internet access, you may request a paper application at the Information Center.