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SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

As a counselor, you know how important it is to stay on track with what's current in financial aid and college prep. This page is a simple and quick way to find some exciting financial aid and scholarship opportunities for your students. Check back regularly because you never know what will become available next!

American Indian Students

Here are some scholarship opportunities for Native American Students!

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/10/04/4-SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-AMERICAN-INDIAN-STUDENTS 

Culinary Scholarships

Are you planning to attend a culinary school? If so, check out these scholarships!

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/10/25/5-SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-STUDENTS-WITH-LEARNING-DISABILITIES 

Students with Learning Disabilities (Various)

5 Scholarships for Students With Learning Disabilities

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/10/25/5-SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-STUDENTS-WITH-LEARNING-DISABILITIES 

Scholarships for Volunteers Reward Students Who Give Back

Deadline: Various

There are local and national funds available to students volunteering in their communities.

Website: WWW.USNEWS.COM/EDUCATION/BLOGS/THE-SCHOLARSHIP-COACH/2012/12/06/SCHOLARSHIPS-FOR-VOLUNTEERS-REWARD-STUDENTS-WHO-GIVE-BACK 

OCCC ACT NOW Scholarship

Deadline: Various

The ACT NOW scholarship is offered as an automatic merit-based tuition waiver program for the 2013 graduating class of high school students. The waiver amounts are based on the student's composite score on the national ACT. Students who score a 21 are eligible for a \$500 tuition waiver. Scores of 22 - 23 receive a \$750 waiver and scores of 24-26 will receive a \$1000 waiver. Students with exceptional scores a 27 or higher will receive a \$1500 waiver. All waivers are per semester; freshman year only.

Website: WWW.OCCC.EDU/NEWS/2013/ACTNOWSCHOLARSHIP2013.HTML 

Folds of Honor Foundation

Deadline: Accepted Year Round

Provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.

Website:

WWW.FOLDSOFHONOR.ORG/FILES/APPLICATIONS/FHF_CHILDREN%27S_SCHOLARSHIP_APPLICATION_1_0.PDF 

McNair Scholars Program

Deadline: Year Round

Scholarship program is designed to prepare students for careers as graduate students, professors or professional researchers. Must be full time student, with 42 hours or more completed, 3.0 GPA & first generation college student or student from an underrepresented ethnic group.

Website: [HTTP://MCNAIRSCHOLARS.COM/RESOURCES/](http://MCNAIRSCHOLARS.COM/RESOURCES/) 

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Deadline: Various

If you're looking for scholarships, don't forget to visit OCCF.org. There you'll find an abundance of scholarship opportunities for students right here in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is home to more than 120 scholarship funds established by individuals, organizations and companies. These funds share the common goal of helping to make a difference in the lives of others. The foundation is now able to receive your transcripts electronically if your high school

participates in this free service. Please see website for details on the list of scholarships.

Website: WWW.OCCF.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPDIRECTORY.HTML

SMART

Deadline: Various

Part of the National Defense Education Program, science, math, and research for transformation. Open to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Website: [HTTP://SMART.ASEE.ORG/](http://SMART.ASEE.ORG/)

Student Cam

Deadline: November 1, 2013 - January 14, 2014

Over \$100,000 in cash awards. Students 6-12. 5-7 minute video. Visit website for details. "A Message to the U.S. Congress" What's the most important issue the U.S. Congress should consider in 2014?

Website: WWW.STUDENTCAM.ORG/

Varsity Tutors Scholarship

Deadline: Monthly

Varsity Tutors holds a monthly \$1,000 college scholarship contest where students must write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. Visitors to the Varsity Tutors scholarship webpage are able to vote via social media for submitted entries. The top five entries with the most votes are reviewed by Varsity Tutors at the end of the month and one winner is subsequently chosen to receive the \$1,000 college scholarship.

Website: WWW.VARSITYTUTORS.COM/COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIP

SEPTEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Walmart Associate Scholarship

Deadline: September 3, 2014

A college scholarship is available to Walmart and Sam's Club associates who are based in the U.S. Awards are based on demonstrated financial need and community involvement.

The Foundation has modified its Walmart Associate Scholarship program (formerly Wal-Mart Higher Reach Scholarship), so associates pursuing associate and bachelor degrees through accredited 2-year and 4-year institutions and associates participating in the Lifelong Learning Program through American Public University are eligible to receive support. The Foundation is accepting applications and awarding Walmart Associate Scholarships multiple times throughout the year.

Eligibility: Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States. Must be employed part-time or full-time with any division of Walmart for at least six consecutive months prior to the appropriate application due date. Must have graduated high school/home school or obtained a GED before applying or be a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll in a college or university upon graduation. If applying as a graduating high school senior, must wait to apply until you are within 6 months of starting your college courses. Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents. (Note: Students with other funds that pay entirely for tuition, books, fees, and on-campus room and board are ineligible.)

Website: [HTTPS://WALMART.SCHOLARSAPPLY.ORG/ASSOCIATE/](https://WALMART.SCHOLARSAPPLY.ORG/ASSOCIATE/)

Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship

Deadline: September 26, 2014

The SHPE Foundation Scholarship Program is designed to enhance and achieve the potential of Latino students pursuing degrees in engineering, math and science. Merit-based and need-based scholarships are awarded, in the amount of \$1,000 - \$5,000, to deserving Latino/a high school graduating seniors, undergraduate students, and graduate students who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.SHPEFOUNDATION.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/](http://WWW.SHPEFOUNDATION.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/)

Brochure:

[HTTP://WWW.OKLAHOMAHERITAGE.COM/PORTALS/0/PDF'S/HOF2014_SMALL.PDF](http://WWW.OKLAHOMAHERITAGE.COM/PORTALS/0/PDF'S/HOF2014_SMALL.PDF)

QuestBridge National College Matching Program

Deadline: September 26, 2014

The QuestBridge National College Match is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges. If you are a student who has achieved academic excellence in the face of economic challenges, we encourage you to apply to the National College Match. QuestBridge's partner colleges offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need, making them very affordable for low-income students.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible to apply for the National College Match in fall 2014, applicants must graduate from high school during or before the spring/summer of 2015 and plan to enroll as a freshman in college in the fall of 2015. The QuestBridge National College Match is open to all: U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents and Students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the United States.

Application Requirements: A free, online QuestBridge application, including information on your academic and extracurricular accomplishments, financial background*, two essays, short answer questions. Two letters of recommendation from teachers in core academic subjects. A Secondary School Report from your high school counselor. A high school transcript and additional transcripts (if

applicable).

Any standardized test score reports to date. QuestBridge accepts SAT, ACT, Subject Tests, IB, or AP test scores. SAT and/or ACT test scores are highly recommended.

Website: WWW.QUESTBRIDGE.ORG

The UNIGO "5 Simple Words" \$10,000 Scholarship

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Which five words illustrate what your life will be like ten years after college graduation? Application must include name and contact information, background details, and academic details. Application also requires the submission of five (5) words that illustrate what life will be like after college, and Applicants must submit a short original, previously unpublished written response that explains why those five (5) words were chosen. The words and response should be related to the current scholarship theme: College can define the course of your life; what will your life be like ten years after college? Written response must be in English, and it must not exceed two hundred (200) words.

Eligibility: Be fourteen (14) years of age or older at the time of application. Be a legal resident of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia. Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2019) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education

Website: [HTTPS://WWW.UNIGO.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS/FREE-SCHOLARSHIP](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/free-scholarship)

Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology

Deadline: September 30, 2014

The Siemens Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing scholarships and increasing access to higher education for talented mathematics, science, engineering and technology students in the United States. Scholarships for winning projects range from \$1,000 to \$100,000.

Eligibility: The Siemens Competition is open to high school students who are citizens or permanent residents (green card holders) of the United States. Students must be in good standing, enrolled in and attending one of the following (during the 2014-15 school year):

In High school (grades 9-12) in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake and Midway Islands, or the Marianas. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school. Foreign school as an exchange student or because your parent or guardian lives and works abroad. Homeschool provided that signatures are obtained from the school district responsible for such programs. If your state does not require district supervision, the parent or guardian responsible for the homeschooling must sign it.

Website: [HTTPS://SIEMENSCOMPETITION.DISCOVERYEDUCATION.COM/ABOUT](https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/about)

OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIPS

AES Engineering Solutions

Deadline: October 6, 2014

AES Engineering is pleased to be able to continue offering scholarships to motivated students to help in the furthering of their education. Amount of award is \$500.00.

Applicants must: Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?

Submit essay to: SCHOLARSHIPS@AESENGINEERS.COM

Website: [HTTP://WWW.AESENGINEERS.COM/SCHOLARSHIPS.HTM](http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm)

Joe Foss Institute - Fall 2014 Video Scholarship Contest

Deadline: October 19, 2014

The Joe Foss Institute is pleased to announce a \$5,000 video scholarship contest, with \$2,500 and \$1,000 awards for the runners up.

Applicants must: Use the theme- Keepers of the Constitution: Service and Freedom. Your entry should create a video, no more than three minutes in length, that inspires viewers and remind them why our freedoms, our Constitution, and our Bill of Rights are worth defending; the price for protecting our freedoms; and our responsibilities as engaged citizens. Create a story. Interview a hero. Share how you, or someone you know, have been motivated to make a difference and serve your community. Help others learn why our Founding Documents matter to all Americans and to you personally. As George Washington has stated - "The Constitution... its only keepers, the people." Be creative! We want to be inspired, and we want your video to inspire others.

Website: [HTTP://2014CONTEST-FALL.JOEFOSSINSTITUTE.STRUTTA.COM/#BOX-DETAILS](http://2014contest-fall.joefossinstitute.strutta.com/#box-details)

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

Deadline: October 24, 2014

Ayn Rand's novels are inspiring and intellectually challenging. But they can also be financially rewarding for high school and college students. The Ayn Rand Institute sponsors annual essay contests that offer 600 prizes and \$100,000 in prize money every year. FIRST PRIZE: \$10,000; 3 SECOND PRIZES: \$2,000; 5 THIRD PRIZES: \$1,000; 25 FINALISTS: \$100; 50 SEMIFINALISTS: \$50

Eligibility: Entrant must be a 12th Grader, College Undergraduate, or Graduate Student.

Applicants must: Select ONE of the following three topics: 1. In the novel, James Taggart's first words are "Don't bother me, don't bother me, don't bother me." Why is this significant? How do his first words relate to his thoughts and actions throughout the novel? 2. At Hank Rearden's wedding

anniversary party, a guest says "Isn't it odd? When a politician or a movie star retires, we read front page stories about it. But when a philosopher retires, people do not even notice it." To which, Francisco D'Anconia replies, "They do, eventually." What does Francisco mean? How does his answer relate to the theme of the novel? 3. Explain Ragnar Danneskjold's statement that Robin Hood is the one man he is out to destroy. What is the deeper moral meaning of his claim?

Website: [HTTP://ESSAYCONTEST.AYNRANDNOVELS.COM/ATLASSHRUGGED.ASPX?THEME=BLUE](http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/atlasshrugged.aspx?theme=blue)

Horatio Alger Oklahoma Scholarship Program

Deadline: October 25, 2014

The Horatio Alger Oklahoma Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the State of Oklahoma who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education. 8, \$7,000 Scholarship Awarded funded through the generosity of the Horatio Alger Association.

Eligibility: Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in Oklahoma; be progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer of 2015 with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation. Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution). Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required). Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities. Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Be a resident of the State of Oklahoma; and Be a United States citizen.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.HORATIOALGER.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://www.horatiaoalger.org/scholarships)

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: October 31, 2014

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarships an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. With the 26th class in 2014, the Foundation has provided over 5,400 Coca-Cola Scholars with more than \$54 million in educational support. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.COCA-COLASCHOLARS.ORG/](http://www.coca-colascholars.org/)

NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Ron Brown Scholar Program

Deadlines: November 1, 2014 & January 9, 2015

Each year, a minimum of ten students will be designated Ron Brown Scholars and will receive \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000. The recipients may use the renewable scholarships to attend an accredited four-year college or university of their choice within the United States. Ron Brown Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. More than 250 students have been designated as Ron Brown Scholars since the inception of the Program.

Eligibility: The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. **Current college students are not eligible to apply.**

Website: [HTTP://WWW.RONBROWN.ORG/APPLY/ELIGIBILITYREQUIREMENTS.ASPX](http://www.ronbrown.org/apply/eligibilityrequirements.aspx)

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 4, 2014

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored tens of thousands of middle level and high school students over the past 18 years solely for their volunteer work.

Eligibility: Any young person who: is in grades 5-12 as of November 4, is a legal resident of any U.S. state or Washington, D.C., has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application, and Submit a completed application to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 4.

Website: [HTTP://SPIRIT.PRUDENTIAL.COM/VIEW/PAGE/SOC](http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc)

The Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Deadline: November 15, 2014

The Purpose of the Hagan Scholarship is to provide each scholarship recipient with the opportunity to obtain a four year college education and graduate debt free. The Hagan Scholarships are for high achieving and self-motivated students in need of financial assistance in order to attend college. These students will graduate from a public high school located in an eligible state and in a county having fewer than 50,000 residents. The Free Workshops and Schwab Investment Account are integral parts of the Scholarship. The average value of a four year Hagan Scholarship is about \$24,000.

Eligibility: Must be a resident of an Eligible State. Must have attended as a junior and senior an Eligible High School. Must be a student in the **2015** high school graduating class. Must have achieved a high school GPA of 3.50 or higher. Must have scored 23 or higher on the ACT (Composite Score); or, must have scored 1110 on the SAT (Reading and Math). Must enroll in a four year college the first semester after high school. Must work 240 hours in the twelve months prior to start of college. Must complete the FAFSA in 2014 using 2013 Tax Return Information. Must provide a complete copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (5 or 6 pages.) FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) must be less than \$7,500. Must apply for eligible Federal and State grants. Must not have been convicted of a felony.

Website: [HTTP://HAGANSCHOLARSHIPS.ORG/INDEX.PHP](http://HAGANSCHOLARSHIPS.ORG/INDEX.PHP)

Joe Foss Institute - "Adopt a Veteran" Essay Contest

Deadline: November 16, 2014

Celebrate the life of our Veterans by getting to know one of our service men and women. Focus your essay on your experience. This contest is open to U.S. citizens of all national backgrounds that are currently studying in the United States or in an American military school out of country.

Eligible contestants must be high school (9th-12th) students in public, private, alternative, parochial school, or a home study program. Previous first place JFI scholarship recipients are not eligible. Recent high-school graduates are eligible to participate as long as the "deadline" of the current contest falls within 12 months after graduation. The three winners will receive \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 scholarships to the accredited U.S. college or university of their choices. The winners will be notified and their names posted our website ([HTTP://WWW.JOEFLOSSINSTITUTE.ORG/](http://WWW.JOEFLOSSINSTITUTE.ORG/)) by mid-February, 2015.

Website: [HTTP://WWW.JOEFLOSSINSTITUTE.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2012/05/GUIDELINES-VET-14-1.PDF](http://WWW.JOEFLOSSINSTITUTE.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2012/05/GUIDELINES-VET-14-1.PDF)

Women in Aviation Scholarships

Deadline: November 17, 2014

Scholarship awards are a major benefit of membership in Women in Aviation, International. In the past 25 years WAI has disbursed millions of dollars to its members to help them get ahead and advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about. There is an award for nearly everyone here, from the college student to the woman or man returning to the workforce, from managers and dispatchers to pilots, engineers, technicians and mechanics.

Applicants must: be a member of Women in Aviation, International by November 1, 2014, and may apply for no more than two scholarships.

Website: [HTTP://WAI.ORG/EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIPS.CFM](http://WAI.ORG/EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIPS.CFM)

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