

Senior Bulletin

November 1, 2010

SENIOR PROFILES were due to be turned into Mrs. Maugherman by October 29th. However, if you have not yet turned yours in, it is better to turn it in late than to not turn it in at all. These are used both for recommendation letters & scholarship nominations, so it is to your advantage to take a little time to fill out the profile form. Visit the Counseling Center if you have any questions or need another profile.

REMINDER: When giving Mrs. Maugherman an addressed, stamped envelope, if you wish to send anything more than just a transcript (e.g., letter of recommendation), the envelope will need two stamps to be on the safe side!

COLLEGE VISIT: Carleton College Thursday, November 11th at 2:30 in the Elliot Commons. **Carleton College** is a small, private liberal arts college in the historic river town of Northfield, Minnesota. If you are interested, sign up in the Counseling Center and please let your teachers know at least one day in advance.

How to Increase Your Scholarship Chances

This fall is a good time to start researching free money for college. Search online, ask your friends and family, check with your parents' employers for scholarships. Once you have a bunch to apply to, how can you help your chance of winning?

1.) GET PERSONAL:

Shayla Price, a second-year law student at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La., received more than \$100,000 in scholarships for undergrad.

To stand out with a scholarship application, she says, tell your personal story through your essays. "Personal stories provide unique ideas and a backdrop for scholarship committees to really get to know the applicants," she says. "Students should talk about their school, work and volunteer experiences."

Have you gone through difficult circumstances? Have you learned an important lesson from experience? How have you made a name for yourself in school or at work? All those topics are great starting points for your story.

2.) APPLY:

It's not unheard of for scholarship dollars to go unclaimed because of a lack of qualified applicants. You certainly won't win any money if you don't apply. Let the scholarship committee reject you if necessary—don't reject yourself by not even applying.

3.) DISREGARD THE DOLLAR AMOUNT:

"Many students typically only apply for one or two scholarships with higher award amounts, but never apply for the smaller amount/local community scholarships," says Jim McDaniel, assistant director of admissions at Roane State Community College (roanestate.edu).

"Sometimes these scholarships may only receive a small number of applicants."

A small number of applicants can mean you've got a better chance of winning. Price's biggest scholarship came to almost \$40,000 over four years. That means she earned more than \$60,000 in smaller scholarships—as small as \$300. Every little bit helps, and it can certainly add up to an impressive number.

4.) ASK FOR HELP:

Price recommends getting help from a teacher. Ask someone to review your essay or help you come up with ideas. The extra brainpower can't hurt!

5.) KEEP YOUR GRADES HIGH:

Don't focus so much on your extracurriculars in hopes of a scholarship that you forget about your classes.

“I try to advise freshman, sophomores and juniors in high school that their grades are extremely important, and if needed, that they may need to look at retaking a high school course or two if receiving a low grade so that they can have a competitive GPA their senior year when applying for scholarships,” McDaniel says. “I also encourage students to take the ACT multiple times starting at the end of their sophomore year.”

6.) DON'T GIVE UP:

You're not going to get every scholarship you apply for. But that doesn't mean you won't get something for your efforts. “I continued searching for scholarships despite receiving rejection letters,” Price says.

(Next Step magazine 2009)

Scholarships, Awards, & Financial Aid

This section provides you with a comprehensive list of scholarship and financial aid information with a listing of the school, criteria, and deadline that relate to the scholarship. **If you are interested in any of the following scholarships, please circle the scholarship(s) of interest, write your name on top of this sheet and bring it to the Counseling Center.** We will then provide you with the appropriate information. *Please note that many of the websites listed under certain scholarships contain all of the information you will need.* It would be helpful to you if you could create a folder for the senior bulletins and keep a record of all scholarships of interest and their deadlines. Every new senior bulletin will carry alerts to scholarship deadlines.

If you require nominations by the Guidance Counselor, please stop by the Counseling Center (room 112) **at least three weeks** before the scholarship deadline, and your name will be added to the list of potential nominees. (It would be of assistance to Mrs. Maugherman and greatly appreciated if you could do this as early as possible.)

Boston University

Trustee Scholarship Competition

Award: Four year, full tuition scholarship to BU.

Criteria: Students are usually in the top 10% of their class and also very active leaders in their schools & communities. There is an application to fill out including an essay submission. Go to: bu.edu/admissions/scholarships for more information.

Deadline: December 1, 2010

DePauw University: Rector Scholarship

Award: Four year, full tuition scholarship to DePauw.

Criteria: Typically needs a 3.9+GPA, a ranking in the top 1-5% of their class, superior test results, and must be nominated by Mrs. Maugherman.

Deadline: Must inquire by Friday, November 12 to be nominated.

Elmhurst College

Award: Varies from \$2,000-\$21,000.

Criteria: You may be eligible based on academic achievement and talent in the visual and performing arts or if you are a member of an underrepresented group, if you belong to a congregation of the United Church of Christ, or if you are related to an Elmhurst graduated or student.

Deadline: Varies. For more information you may come to the Counseling Center, call 630-617-3400, or go to finaid@elmhurst.edu

Harold Ellison Scholarship Fund

Award: Provides for the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room & board at Ball State University for the 2011-2012 school year.

Criteria: Student can be nominated based on special skills and talents in the fine performing arts, writing, athletics, or leadership and participation in school and community activities; and who have achieved distinguished academic performances. Applicants for the Ellison Scholarship must be awarded the Presidential Award Scholarship by Ball State University to qualify as an applicant.

Deadline: Must be nominated by Mrs. Maugerman by February 1st. The application must be submitted by March 1, 2011.

Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award

Award: \$12,000 for top winners

Criteria: Students can find all information, instructions, and criteria can be down loaded from www.principals.org/PLA. You may also find more information in the Counseling Center.

Deadline: December 3, 2010

Marion University: The San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership

Award: Varies-up to 11,000.

Criteria: Students must have a 3.0 GPA, 1050 SAT, or 22 ACT, demonstrated service to other through school involvement, church or religious involvement, and leadership activities during high school. Students are also required to write a persuasive essay.

Deadline: December 15.

Notre Dame: The Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program

Award: Four years of merit scholarship awards of \$25,000 per year toward the cost of attending Notre Dame and four fully funded Summer Enrichment experiences.

Criteria: Selection Criteria includes: Distinguished academic accomplishment, demonstrated leadership abilities, exemplary moral character, and sincere commitment to service.

Deadline: December 1st, for online application. For more information you may call: 574-631-1111 or go to: info@hesburgh-yusko.org.

Physicians Health Plan's Scholarship

Award: \$1,000-\$3,000

Criteria: Students must have applied to a post-secondary college, university, or technical school and be a member of PHP or attending high school within PHP's 40 county service area. You may download an application at: www.phpni.com

Deadline: February 25, 2011

Skidmore College: Porter Presidential Scholarships in Math & Science

Award: \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year)

Criteria: Students are selected on the strength of their admissions applications, with emphasis on coursework & mathematics, test scores, teacher recommendations, and pursuits in these areas beyond the classroom. Applicants must respond to the science/mathematics essay question on the Skidmore Supplement to the Common Application, available on Skidmore's Admissions Web site or by contacting admissions. Learn more at: <http://cms.skidmore.edu/science>

Deadline: January 15, 2011

University of Indianapolis

Award: Varies (from \$1,000 to \$10,000 given annually)

Criteria: The University of Indianapolis is offering a variety of merit-based scholarships, major scholarships (stackable with merit award), and matching and legacy scholarships that require a variety of qualifications. For more information you may come to the Counseling Center or call the University of Indianapolis Admissions Office at (317) 788-3216

Deadline: Varies

Washington Crossing Foundation

Award: \$1,000-\$5,000

Criteria: Information can be found at: gwcf.org or you may call 215-949-8841

Deadline: January 15, 2011



The Art Institutes:

A variety of scholarship opportunities:

- **Culinary Arts Scholarship:** Competition
Deadline: February 4, 2011
More Info: ARTINSTITUTES.EDU/BTC
- **Fashion Scholarship:** Competition where the winner will receive scholarship money, a trip to New York Fashion Week, and a meet and greet with Seventeen Magazine.
Deadline: November 19, 2010
More Info: artinstitutes.edu/passion4fashion
- **Photography scholarship:** Create a visual story with a series of 6 original photos.
Deadline: March 11, 2011
More Info: artinstitutes.edu.photocompetition

Check out other opportunities at: ARTINSTITUTES.EDU

[College Preview or Visit Days:](#)

- **Ball State (The Department of Art):**

Offered: The Department of Art will be hosting its annual Open House and Portfolio Review on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Students can bring actual artwork to be reviewed as part of criteria for admissions.

Reservations: You can find more information by calling 765-285-5838 or you may go to: art@bsu.edu.

- **Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology:**

Offered: high school students and their families are invited to attend Diversity Day on Friday, November 5th from 1-4pm. Plans for this event include a discussion with Rose-Hulman students, a tour of the campus, organizational fair and faculty/staff panel.

Reservations: To make reservations you may call: 1-800-248-7448 or go to www.rose-hulman.edu/admissions/form/CampusDay/

- **Kettering University:**

Offered: Doctor for a Day on November 6, 11am-1pm. You will learn about Kettering's Pre-Med course of study, future doctors will perform a simulated surgery in a workshop, and you may attend financial planning workshops. There is also an Open House, Saturday, November 13th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. You may tour the campus, talk with faculty, staff and students, and learn about their professional cooperative educational program.

Reservations: Register online at: admissions.kettering.edu/visit and for questions call: 1-800-955-4464,

- **University of Saint Francis:**

Offered: Health Sciences Open House, November 13, 9:00,am-Noon. If you are interested in a career in nursing, radiologic technology, surgical technology or another area in the healthcare field, you will be able to ask the faculty questions, learn about a variety of healthcare programs, and tour the campus.

Reservations: Reserve your spot at www.sf.edu/visit, or call 800-729-4732.



Show a College You Care

Sure, you may have looked at a college's Facebook page or visited campus to see a friend from high school. But until you've done some official communicating, a college has no idea you're into it. That's why it's important to show "demonstrated interest."

- **What is demonstrated interest?**

Nearly any kind of action that you initiate with a college counts as demonstrated interest. That includes sending back a reply card, calling admissions with a question, or attending a college fair.

- **Don't be a stealth app!**

Admissions reps have a name for students who make no effort to communicate with a college, but then apply to the school: "stealth applications." "So many kids come on the campus and stay the night with a friend from high school in the dorm, which is a great thing to do," says Rick Clark, director of undergraduate admissions at Georgia Tech (admission.gatech.edu). "But take the time to swing by the admissions office and fill out a card. It can't hurt them, but it can help them."

- **Will showing interest help you get in?**

It can. Admissions reps want to extend an offer to a student who will actually accept it. And if you're tied with another student on everything else, demonstrating interest can swing the vote in your favor.

- **Why else is showing interest a good thing?**

By responding to a college's mail or interacting with an admissions rep at a college fair, you're doing research to find your best college match. So even if your interaction results in a decision not to attend, you still benefit. "If you can't envision yourself there, it's not worth going, no matter how prestigious the school may be," Clark says.

The Senior Bulletin only includes a small list of the thousands of scholarships that are available. We encourage you to browse www.fastweb.com or check out individual college websites for corresponding scholarships. Once on the university's home page, click on Prospective Students or Financial Aid or Scholarships in order to view available information. If you have specific colleges or universities in mind and are still having trouble, please contact us at the Counseling Center for further assistance.

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