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Updated Local Scholarship List

We just updated Scholarship Central's list of local scholarships, including name, criteria, deadline, and contact information.

Download it from this link:

http://mccf.org/includes/downloads/al_scholarship_list_033110.pdf

Or visit the **Scholarships** page on our website and download it from there:

http://mccf.org/scholarship_central/students/pay_for_college/index.html

So, How Much Money Do I Get? - Interpreting Financial Aid Award Letters

If you have applied for financial aid and have been accepted to one or more colleges or universities of your choice, you will receive financial aid award letters which will show you how much and what types of financial aid each college is able to offer you. Some schools will have their award letters available online.

Read each award letter carefully to be sure you understand all terms and conditions so you can decide if you want to accept all, none, or a portion of the aid offered. Be sure to look for instructions for your next steps. You may need to complete additional paperwork such as loan applications. If grants or scholarships are available for more than one year, research the conditions that apply. Unless otherwise stated, the letter applies to the upcoming school year only and will list all sources of financial aid being offered by the college, based upon your FAFSA Student Aid Report, as well as other factors utilized by the colleges to determine your level of need-based and merit-based financial assistance.

Your financial aid award letters will usually include the following information:

- **Cost of Attendance (COA)** – This is how much you will pay to attend college. It includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses.
- **Gift Aid** – This is “free money” that you do not have to pay back. It includes grants and scholarships from the college and/or outside sources. You will want to find out if they are available for all 4 years and get as much of this aid as you can!
- **Work-Study** – This is also money that you do not pay back. You earn it from employment through the Federal Work-Study Program and will receive it as you earn it over the course of the year from a job at the college.
- **Federal Student Loans** – Federal Student Loans are money that is borrowed and must be repaid. These loans, such as National Direct Loans or Stafford Loans, offer low interest rates and flexible repayment options.

Please keep in mind that your financial aid awards might not cover the full cost of attendance and you may need to find ways to cover the difference or “gap” between your COA and your financial aid.

For free assistance with interpretation of financial aid award letters and other information regarding Scholarship Central programs and services, contact advisor Terry Kopchak at The Muskingum County Community Foundation, 534 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville; by phone at 740-453-5192; or by email at tkopchak@mccf.org.

Read about this and more on the **FAFSA** page on our website:

http://www.mccf.org/scholarship_central/parents/high_school/fafsa.html?PHPSESSID=c518fe09bfd7334a8e38f56b301f95de

Now Taking Registrations for the ACT Prep Class for the June 12th Test

A \$20 deposit and a completed Scholarship Central Questionnaire are required to hold a spot in the class ([download here](#)).

For the June 12, 2010 ACT Test

Class Dates are:

April 25
May 2
May 9
May 16
May 30

You may get more information from the Scholarship Central web site at:

http://mccf.org/scholarship_central/students/college_planning/act_sat.html?act_sat_item=41683&db_item=listitem

Resume Workshop at John McIntire Library



“Be Happy About Your Resume”

Workshop with Barbara Safani

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

John McIntire Library, 220 North Fifth Street, Zanesville

Barbara Safani, resume expert and author of "Happy About My Resume: 50 Tips for Building a Better Document to Secure a Brighter Future," will present via a webinar. Individuals making a career transition, stay-at-home parents re-entering the workforce, job-seeking college students, and people looking for work in skilled trades and services will learn about writing a powerful profile and skills summary, transforming a list of job tasks into success stories, and using resume design templates to help you stand out from the crowd. Registration is required and free of charge. Contact 453.0391, ext. 116 or 132 to register. Unable to attend? Check out the FREE Career and job-seeking skill building databases available at www.muskingumlibrary.org.

The following scholarship applications are available in the **Scholarship Central Resource Room** at the Muskingum County Community Foundation:

OSU Alumni Club Scholarships for Upperclassmen

*****The deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**. *****

Several \$500 scholarships for Muskingum County residents who have been enrolled at any campus of The Ohio State University for at least one academic year. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or above.

Elliot Educational Endowment Scholarship

Applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2010** to the address listed on the application. A qualified applicant must be a resident of Muskingum County, a graduating senior, a candidate for a higher education degrees, or a person acquiring additional skills in a current career.

Muskingum County Farm Bureau Scholarship Award

Deadline is **April 15, 2010**. Scholarship will be between \$250 and \$2000 and the applicant or parents/guardian must be and have been a member of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau in good standing for at least the past three years. The applicant must attend or have attended a Muskingum County High School or if home schooled, reside in Muskingum County. For more details, download the guidelines and application.

2010 Maysville Alumni Scholarship

Deadline is **April 30, 2010**. All applicants must be 2010 graduates of Maysville High School and must have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Students are required to attend an accredited university/college. Include with the application: 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members (at least one from outside of the Maysville SD); a copy of your high school transcript to date; a copy of your 2010-2011 Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA; a resume listing all community service, extra-curricular activities, etc.; a copy of your university/college acceptance letter (if available); and your typed responses to each question on page 2 of the application.

Walter M. Hughes Scholarship

Deadline is **April 30th**. Open to residents of Muskingum County with preference given to those who intend to study ceramic engineering. Other branches of engineering, natural & biological sciences, and others will be given preference, in said order. Consideration given to ability, character, need, grades and recommendations.

2010 IAAP Past Presidents' Scholarship

Deadline is **May 1, 2010**. The Ohio Division Chapter of the Past Presidents ♦ of the International Association Of Administrative Professionals® will be awarding up to two \$1,500 scholarships for the 2009-2010 year. Download the guidelines and application for eligibility and submission information.

Cambridge Home Health Care Nursing Scholarship

Deadline is **May 15, 2010**. Four \$1,000 awards. You must call or write Cambridge Home Health Care in Akron to get application packet. Download announcement for details.

2010 ThanksUSA Scholarship

All applications and all of the required documents must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. CDT on **May 15, 2010**. Awards are for \$3,000 or up to the program costs, whichever is the lesser amount. Applicants to the ThanksUSA Scholarship Program must be dependent children, age 24 and under, of U.S. military service personnel, or be spouses of U.S. military service personnel; and be current high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students and have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA). See guidelines and website www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html for details.

Professional Connections Scholarship

Deadline is **June 15, 2010**. The Professional Connections of Muskingum County, a networking group of Professionals, have established a scholarship award of \$1000.00 to one applicant upon acceptance for further education, or continuing education, attending a 2 or 4 year college anywhere in Ohio or attending Full time at the Adult Career center. The recipient must be a resident of Muskingum County who intends to pursue a career.

Delta Kappa Gamma Muskingum County Scholarship

Deadline is **June 30th, 2010**. \$500 grant to a resident of Muskingum County who has graduated from a Muskingum County High School preparing to teach and who is entering the final year of college, ready to student teach. The criteria used to select the recipient will include a strong interest in teaching, recommendations and scholarship.

Mended Hearts Allied Health Professional Grant

Deadline is **July 1, 2010**. Y-Bridge Chapter #51 awards one \$500 grant to an entering freshman or upperclassman student who shows superior academic achievements and exhibits a financial need. Applicants must be a permanent resident of a South Eastern Ohio county and enroll or be enrolled in a program of health care related studies in an accredited school in Ohio. Application, letter, three reference letters, transcripts and ACT or SAT scores required. See guidelines and application for detailed instructions.

Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship

Applications must be received or postmarked by **July 2, 2010**. \$250 scholarship to a graduating high school senior with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher; applicants must be a resident of Muskingum County and be planning to major in Agriculture, Natural Sciences, or a closely related field at any 2 or 4 year accredited institution. Applicants also must submit a resume, an official transcript of courses completed in high school, a list of school and extra curricular activities, a list of community service activities and a list of future plans and goals.

If you would like any additional details about these scholarships, please contact Terry Kopchak at tkopchak@mccf.org.

You may also download available applications and guidelines from the **Scholarship Central** web site at: http://mccf.org/scholarship_central/students/pay_for_college/index.html#applications



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Forward this e-mail and encourage them to join our mailing list by visiting:

http://www.mccf.org/news_events/mailling_list.html

If you have any questions about **Scholarship Central** or **GEAR UP**, feel free to call us at 740-453-5192 or visit our web site at:

<http://mccf.org/>

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