

Scholarship Opportunities

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* **First Annual Carson Scholars Fund Ball Drop Contest – Deadline: October 7, 2009 before 5:00 p.m.** Fundraising opportunity to help provide more scholarships for Carroll County Public Schools students. Numbered golf balls will be dropped by helicopter over a putting green during the 3rd Annual Ben Carson Celebrity Golf Tournament on October 12, 2009. For \$20.00 you can purchase a golf ball. The numbered ball that drops into the hole first, or is the closest ball to the hole, will receive a check for \$1,500 along with a 2010 Carson Scholarship for your school. Runners up could win a flat screen television or other great prizes. Contest rules and application are online at www.carsonscholars.org or available in the Counseling Center.

* **Horatio Alger Scholarship – Deadline: October 30, 2009.** Online application preferred – www.horatioalger.org. Criteria: 2.0 GPA, 3 essays, and financial need. After apply online, submit supplemental materials by mail to: Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, PO Box 4030, Iowa City IA 52243-4030. Additional scholarships and financial aid information at www.fastweb.com & www.wiredscholar.com.

* **Elks National Foundation 2010 Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Deadline: Nov 2, 2009.** Applications must be mailed or delivered to Elks Lodge, 538 Gorsuch Road, Westminster MD 21157. Very specific application guidelines. Application available: online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars; at the Westminster Elks Lodge; or in the Counseling Center.

* **UMBC Scholars Programs** – If you are interested in attending UMBC for fall 2010 and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, please see your counselor by November 14, 2009 for information about various scholarships available through the college.

* **National Commission for Cooperative Education – Deadline: February 15, 2010.** Application and essay. Merit co-op scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and transfer students who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of the participating colleges: Drexel U, Johnson & Wales U, Kettering U, Pace U, RIT, U of Cincinnati, U of Toledo, or Wentworth Institute of Tech. Information and application online at: www.co-op.edu.

Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Scholarship Program. Deadline: Postmarked by February 15, 2010. Available to a high school senior who understands and values the limitless possibilities that education can offer. One \$5,000 award. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. Requires an essay.

First Freedom Student Competition – National essay contest for 9th – 12th grade students. \$3,000; \$1,500; and \$750 awards. Essay on international religious freedom. **Online registration deadline: November 23, 2009.** Postmark paper entry deadline: November 28, 2009. www.firstfreedom.org.

SunTrust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes - \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors. Enter once for each drawing period. **Drawings every two weeks from October 30, 2009 – May 14, 2010.** Enter @ www.offtocollege.info. For complete details visit: www.offtocollege.info or suntrusteducation.com.

BEST BUY Scholarships – Deadline: Feb 15, 2010. Available to current high school seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college/university/or vocational-technical school. Students must demonstrate commitment to and involvement in volunteer community service. One award of \$1,000 and one award of \$2,000 will be given. There will be 50 at-large awards of \$1,000 each and eight National awards of \$25,000 each. Selection of recipients will be based on solid academic performance and exemplary community service with consideration also given to participation and leadership in school activities and work experience. Financial need is not considered. Apply online at bestbuy.com by clicking on Community Relations.

A GPA Isn't Everything Scholarship – Deadline: July 31, 2010. Available to students planning to attend college. You must be a US citizen and a high school student. You must demonstrate a strong record of extracurricular, leadership and/or volunteer activities to be eligible for this award. Apply at www.cappex.com/scholarships/GPAisntEverythingScholarship.jsp?code=FW_32.

Coca-Cola's \$25,000 College Bound Scholarship - Deadline: April 30, 2010. Enter for the chance to win at www.ncaa.com/collegebound.

College Prowler Monthly Scholarship – Deadline: May 31, 2010. Submit the best essay you've written as a student and you could win \$2,000. The essay can be on any topic and could be an essay you wrote for a class, another scholarship, the school paper, a college application, etc. The essay must be 1,000 words or less. Apply at: www.collegeprowler.com/scholarship/enter.aspx

Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars – Deadline: March 31, 2010. Requirements: Maryland resident, U.S. Citizen, plan to attend an accredited college or university as full-time student in an approved engineering program, minimum composite SAT score of 1700 or ACT score of 27, and minimum GPA of 3.5. Application online at www.es.northropgrumman.com/engscholars. Items required: 500 word essay, 3 letters of recommendation (1 must be from principal or head of math or science dept.), and transcript. For questions contact the scholarship committee at commoutreach@ngc.com.

* New scholarship listing.

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CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND FINANCIAL AID INFO:

www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm - Various scholarships available for minority students

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com – Guaranteed scholarships

www.bkscholars.org – Burger King Scholarship

www.collegeboard.com – Search for “scholarships”

www.beanactuary.org/hs/scholarships.cfm - Actuarial scholarships.

www.apsanet.org/ps/grants/aspen3.cfm - American political science association scholarships for minorities.

www.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html - Grants and other sources of money for college.

www.finaid.org – The smart student guide to financial aid. Click on “Scholarships”

www.instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules.htm - Brand Essay Competition

www.aynrand.org/contests - Ayn Rand Essay Contests

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com> – Holocaust remembrance scholarships

www.college.gov – Information on aid by the Federal Government 2009-2010 Guide to Federal Student Aid

www.projectonstudentdebt.org – Info on student loan debt

www.economicdiversity.org – Info on the economic diversity of colleges

www.cffredco.org – Community Foundation of Frederick County. Applications available online Dec 15, 2009 – Feb 15, 2010.

www.nasfaa.org – National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Click on Parents & Students.

www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org – Carroll Community Foundation list of more than 40 scholarships. Click on “Scholarships” on left-hand side of page.

www.schoolsoup.com – “The largest scholarship database in the world.” Must login and create an account.

www.scholarships.com/Main.aspx - Find money for college.

www.eCampusTours.com – Virtual tours of colleges. Info on paying for college.

www.scholarships4students.com – Listing of scholarships for high school and college students.

www.mappingyourfuture.org – Click on Pay for College. Lists 17 scholarship search engines.

www.petersons.com – Undergraduate Scholarship Search and college information.

www.princetonreview.com – Under Explore Colleges – click on Scholarships & Aid