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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE!



ROTC scholarships: The deadline for Army ROTC is almost here, but those of you who are procrastinating still have a chance to apply. Go to www.goarmy.com/rotc and submit the application online. If the Navy ROTC application is what you are working on, get that done at <http://nrotc.navy.com> right away! If you already applied for an Air Force ROTC scholarship, consider applying for another service to increase your odds.

Deadlines: January 10th (Army) or 20th (Navy)



UNK Multicultural Community Service Scholarship: This Full-Tuition waiver (renewable) is for students interested in serving the UNK campus and its multicultural community...this is NOT just for minority students! It requires evidence of a commitment to diversity/multiculturalism by leadership and participation in school and community activities. **Deadline: February 1st**

Peter Kiewit Foundation Educators Opportunity Scholarship (UNK): up to \$10,000 (renewable) - This one is aimed at students fluent in speaking and writing Spanish who want to study at UNK to become classroom teachers. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. **Deadline: February 1st**



Colorado State University Presidential, Provost's, or Dean's Scholarships: \$9,000, \$7,000, or \$5,000 renewable - This is an opportunity at Colorado State for non-resident freshmen admitted for the Fall of 2012 to reduce out-of-state tuition based on academic potential. If you are approved for admission, you will automatically be considered. Your GPA and test scores will be used to decide your academic eligibility.

Deadline to Apply for Admission: February 1st

Phi Delta Kappa International Scholarships for Prospective Educators: Various awards are being offered for the teachers of tomorrow. If you are a member of the Future Educators Association or have some family connection to PDK, you can apply online at www.pdkintl.org by April 1st. Otherwise, pick up a paper application and apply through the UNO chapter of PDK. **Deadline: March 1st**



Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 0116 Scholarship: \$500 - Is your parent, guardian, or grandparent a PDK Chapter 0116 (At UNO) member? You don't have to major in education yourself or plan to attend a particular school. Looks at leadership, activities, and community involvement. **Deadline: March 16th**

Coming Soon...Bellevue Public Schools Comprehensive Scholarship Program Packages!

I will be visiting all of your English 12 classrooms in January to pass out and explain the paperwork for this great opportunity. Every one of you who plans to go to college or vocational school should complete this application. One application gets you considered for up to 45 different scholarship possibilities! Don't worry...you will still have more than a month to complete it after my visit. For the best results, don't wait for the deadline to think about getting started. For those of you who can't wait for my visit, you can download the application now from [our school website](#) under the Students tab where you find Counseling and then Forms. Try the Word version or the PDF version and you should be able to type it up, save it to your own memory space, and print it out!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Emily L.: \$10,000 (Renewable) Board of Trustees Scholarship to Doane College

David G.: \$12,000 (R) Soccer Scholarship and Academic Scholarship to Benedictine College

Scholarships Due Soon!

(See previous senior newsletters for details):



1/6/12	Creighton University Freshman Scholarships
1/6/12	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust Scholarship
1/9/12	CAP Charitable Foundation – Ron Brown Scholar Program
1/10/12	Army ROTC Scholarships
1/10/12	Burger King Scholars Program
1/10/12	Gates Millennium Scholars Program
1/13/12	Hastings College Walter Scott Scholarship
1/13/12	National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship
1/15/12	MENSA Education & Research Foundation Essay Contest
1/15/12	Nat. Society of the Colonial Dames of America Congressional Seminar Scholarship
1/15/12	Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Assn. Scholarship
1/15/12	Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees' Scholarship
1/15/12	Peter Kiewit Institute (at UNO) Walter Scott and other Scholarships
1/15/12	SAE Engineering Foundation Scholarships
1/15/12	UNL Freshman Scholarships
1/15/12	Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship



Financial Aid Season Reminder:

FAFSA Worksheets! I won't be passing these out, but you certainly can stop by and pick up a worksheet in counseling office once they arrive. The FAFSA process is run by the U.S. Department of Education to establish an "Expected Family Contribution" for your college education. This is **the KEY to most financial aid**, including federal grants and loans, as well as many scholarship programs. If you don't complete the FAFSA by the **deadlines set by the schools you want to attend**, you may miss out on assistance! So, even if you don't think you will qualify for need-based scholarships, apply anyway to at least keep your options open on federal student and parent loans! You can't submit an application until January 1st, but get an idea how it works with their FAFSA4caster tool. If you want to file early in January or February, you can use estimated numbers for your financial data and update that later after tax returns are filed. **The normal process is to pick up or download (available soon) a worksheet so you can file the 2012-2013 FAFSA and do updates on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** You and at least one parent should visit this web site early and register for separate PIN numbers so that you can submit and sign the forms online. Paper applications are available for download as well or by calling 800-4-FED-AID .

College Application Checklist for 2011 (Other steps may apply ...)

- Be sure you are in the right classes to graduate
- Complete your college applications before any scholarship deadlines
- Register for a PIN from www.PIN.ed.gov
- Complete 2011 taxes for student and parents
- Submit your FAFSA form at www.FAFSA.ed.gov
- File any additional forms required by your school for financial aid, etc.
- Apply for scholarships
- Compare offers from your favorite schools
- Select and commit to a school by May 1, 2012



Other Reminders:

Jan 28th SAT Test:

Regular registration deadline is Dec 30th, <http://sat.collegeboard.org>

Feb 11th ACT Test:

Jan 13th is the regular registration deadline, see www.actstudent.org

Fridays@WSC:

Jan 27th, see Visit Campus at www.wsc.edu/admission

UNL Red Letter Day: Feb 20th, \$10 fee, register one week ahead at <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>



Happy Holidays and Best of Luck in the New Year!

Make good use of your holiday break to catch up on those college and scholarship applications. It's time to get that first step behind you so you are ready to catch the next wave of scholarship applications coming out during the next few months. Also, finalize a resume to include with applications and prepare a student information sheet to use when requesting letters of recommendation. Note that the counselors will not be here to help you during the holiday break, so be sure to get things turned in before classes end for the year. I will be here in the mornings from December 27th - 29th, if you need something. Call 402-293-4167 before you come over, just to be sure I'm around.