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COLLEGE TIDBITS

Meredith College – Interested in science or math? Consider Meredith College. Meredith offers a wide variety of majors, minors and concentrations including Biology, Chemistry (including a dual degree option in Engineering with NC State), Computer Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Family and Consumer Science, Math and many others. Pre-professional programs are offered in nearly every field of medicine. There are many opportunities for internships, research and cooperative opportunities, scholarships, guest speakers and more. Meredith is dedicated to providing women the opportunities that will make a difference. A new Science and Math building opened in the spring of 2003 and the new state-of-the-art facilities include specialized laboratories, a roof-top telescope platform, an open courtyard for outdoor lectures and community spaces to foster collaborative learning among students and faculty.

Landmark College – Landmark College in Putney, Vermont is among the top learning communities in the world for students with learning disabilities. Learning strategies are integrated into every class and activity offered. The faculty is qualified and skilled LD educators in the field.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AXA Achievement Scholarship – The AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News & World Report, sponsors this scholarship that will award \$10,000 state scholarships to 52 students (one from each state, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients. To qualify, students should be well rounded, determined to succeed and have demonstrated achievement – at a job, sport or extracurricular activity. Applicants must demonstrate: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and ability to succeed in college. Visit www.axa-achievement.com to learn more and download an application. Deadline for application is **December 15**.

Boston University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship – is dedicated to acknowledging those students who have embraced the ideals of one of Boston University's most prominent alumni, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The renewable full tuition scholarship is for academically gifted students with proven leadership abilities and a strong commitment to social justice and community involvement. A personal assessment from a teacher, mentor, or advisor must be submitted. The application is available at www.bu.edu/admissions/apply. The nomination form is available at www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/scholar_mkl.html.

Catawba College's First Family Scholarship – Scholarship is by invitation only with awards ranging from \$10,00 to full tuition. Competition will take place February 17th and 18th with a deadline for submitting the required materials of **January 13**. **The Presidential Scholarship Program** is a new program with awards ranging from \$5000 to \$8000. Consideration for the scholarship is automatic for those who apply for admission and meet the program requirements. **The Catawba Access Award** is a grant awarded to students in order to make a private college education more accessible to qualified low income and under-represented students.

East Carolina Academic Merit Scholarships – The EC Scholars program is a four year program offering academic, service, leadership, and cultural opportunities designed to enhance the university experience for selected students. The Early Assurance for the Brody School of Medicine offers assured admission to four merit scholarship winners who have expressed an interest in attending medical school upon graduation from East Carolina. The Preliminary Scholarship Application is available in college counseling and must be postmarked by **January 1**.

Elon University Leon and Lorrain Watson North Carolina Scholarship – provides high financial need North Carolina students a \$5,000 scholarship renewable annually for a total of \$20,000. Additional scholarships, grants, and loans will be

awarded with the goal of meeting the full cost of tuition, fees, room, and board, or the student's full financial need, whichever is less. Students also receive a one time study abroad grant of up to \$3,000 to participate in Elon's nationally recognized study abroad program. Applications are available in college counseling.

Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship – The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of North Carolina will award a scholarship of \$3,000 and a runner-up scholarship of \$1,000 to two North Carolina senior high school students to be used at any North Carolina college of university. The Wake County committee will also select a local winner to be awarded \$500 and a runner-up to receive \$250. The scholarship recipients will be selected based on character, need and scholastic record as well as the relative merit of a submitted essay. Applications are available in college counseling and the deadline for submission is **January 20**.

Gates Millennium Scholarship - These scholarships are awarded to students who: are American Indian/Alaska Native (Federally or State recognized), African American, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American; will enter a nationally accredited college or university as a full time freshman in the fall of 2006; graduate from high school with a cumulative 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale or must have earned a GED, meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (financial need) and demonstrate leadership abilities through participating in community service, extracurricular, or other activities. The application may be accessed online at www.gmsp.org or www.aigc.com. The deadline is **January 13**.

Ithaca College – Academically exceptional students interested in the communications field could be selected to receive one of twenty Park Scholar Awards at Ithaca College. These prestigious, full merit –based scholarships recognize students who have demonstrated academic and creative achievement in communications, involvement in relevant co-curricular activities, and significant community service. To be considered, students must complete two separate application processes. Application for admission to Ithaca College and the Park School of Communications must be submitted by **December 15** and a completed Park Scholar application must also be submitted to Matthew Fee, Roy H. Park School of Communications, by **January 15**.

Jagnannathan Scholarship – was established in 1996 by industrialist N.S. Jagannathan. He wanted to provide educational opportunities to North Carolina graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll as full time degree seeking students in one of the constituent University of North Carolina institutions. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities and leadership qualities. Students of employees of Universal Fibers, TIEPET, Inc., or a related company may apply through the personnel director of the company that employs their parent. RCHS may nominate one student. If you are interested please see Mrs. Atkinson by **January 15**. Postmark deadline is February 14. The CSS Profile must be completed by February 7.

Johnson & Wales National Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Scholarship - recognizes young community leaders of today and tomorrow. Winners of this competition will receive scholarships to Johnson & Wales University. Awards range from \$3,500 to full tuition and are renewable for up to four years of full-time, day school study at any of the campuses in Providence, North Miami, Denver or Charlotte. In addition, the grand prize winner will have the opportunity during his or her freshman year at JW to shadow an executive at one of America's leading business firms like Marriott, Hasbro, Saks Fifth Avenue, Walt Disney World Or Wyndham Hotels. Official entry form may be obtained in college counseling from Mrs. Atkinson.

National Co-op Scholarship Program – is awarding 113 merit scholarships for up to a total value \$2,260,000 sponsored by the National Commission for Cooperative Education & Pace University, Antioch College, Drexel University, Kettering University, University of Toledo, Northeastern University, Johnson & Wales University, University of Cincinnati, Rochester Institute of Technology and C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Guidelines and criteria: GPA of 3.5 or better, complete application including a typed one page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program; submit application by **February 15**. Minority and female students as well as students interested in Science-Math-Engineering-Technology are encouraged to apply. You must be accepted by one of the sponsoring colleges and universities. You may submit application online by visiting www.co-op.edu.

Ronald McDonald House Charities National Scholarship - is proud to help students who dream of going to college, but may not have the finances necessary to realize this dream.. More information is available at www.rmhc.org. Deadline for applications is **January 17**. In addition to a transcript, letter of recommendation and a copy of the IRS Form W2 filed by parents or guardians to document total income, applicants must submit a personal statement that provides information about their community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to their community. Applications are available in college counseling.

U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship – You qualify if you are the son or daughter of a Marine on active duty or in the Reserve, the son or daughter of a former Marine or Marine Reservist who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical

Discharge, or who was killed while in the service of our country; the son or daughter of an active duty, reserve or former U.S. Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served, with the U.S. Marine Corps and you are a senior in high school, a high school graduate, currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or university; currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school and your 2005 family income is \$63,000 or less.

U.S. Navy ROTC Scholarships - Pay for full tuition, textbooks, lab/incidental fees, uniforms. Living allowance of \$250 per month and summer training that includes payment. There is no obligation to commit to the Navy until your sophomore year in college. Scholarships can be refused. Application is not a full commitment. Graduation and completion result in Commissioning in US Navy or USMC. Application available in college counseling. More information available by emailing nrotcral@cnrc.navy.mil.

University of North Carolina Greensboro Merit Awards Program – Minimum qualifications are 1200 SAT with cumulative GPA of 3.5. Awards are available in all majors. Eligible applicants must be admitted to UNCG and complete the Merit Awards Program application. Applications are available in college counseling or at <http://fia.dept.uncg.edu/meritawards/>

Youth Harbor Nana Fund Scholarship – Youth Harbor, a children's benevolence foundation, was founded for the sole purpose of making a positive impact on youth. The Nana Fund Scholarship Program seeks to recognize outstanding young people who have exemplified unselfish service to mankind and have strived to make a positive impact on their community. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 and must submit an essay and letter of support from 2 individuals. Application available in college counseling and the deadline for submission is **March 15, 2006**.

A copy of the ***Need a Lift*** book which lists scholarships, grants and loans for which students may apply is now available in college counseling. It contains extensive information on scholarships for veteran's dependents. It is reference only.

CONTESTS

American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest - National winners may receive awards from \$14,000 to \$18,000 and each state winner who is certified into and participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. For information about the contest, contact your local American Legion Post or State Headquarters. A listing can be found at www.legion.org. The subject must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligation of a citizen to our government.

2006 Holocaust Remembrance Project – A national essay contest designed to encourage and promote the study of the Holocaust. Students compete for all-expense paid trips to Washington, D. C. and scholarships up to \$10,000. Students responding to this year's writing contest should study the Holocaust and the, in an essay of no more than 1,200 words: (A) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of the Holocaust be passed to a new generation and (b) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today. Essays may be submitted and more information obtained at www.holocaust.hklaw.com.

2005-06 Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition - Students are asked to submit a research report that sheds light on a health problem, using the methods employed by epidemiologists. Topics ranged from the use of performance enhancement drugs to factors linked to teen obesity. Deadline for submission is **February 1 at 5:00 p.m.** More information is available at www.collegeboard.com/yes.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COLLEGES

OPEN HOUSES - February 18, May 17 and April 22 -Western Carolina - For more information call 1-828-227-7317

INFORMATION SESSIONS

January 8 – 12:00 Noon – North Carolina Museum of Art, North Dining Room - The School of the Art Institute of Chicago - An ideal event for student interested in learning about SAIC and their interdisciplinary curriculum. Admissions and administrative staff and faculty will be present to meet with you to address the application process, scholarship opportunities and questions about SAIC. You may bring a portfolio or documented work, sketchbooks, or project proposals to receive feedback. You may RSVP by calling 800-232-87242 or register online by going to www.artic.edu/saic/saicdays. **Reservations are required for portfolio reviews.**

Helpful Websites (Provided by FastWeb)

Information about Financial Aid

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Student Aid on the Web
FastWeb
FinAid
Mapping Your Future
Project Scholarship Scam

www.ed.gov
studentaid.ed.gov
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org
www.mapping-your-future.org
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Sources of Aid

FastWeb Scholarship Search
FAFSA (free App. For Federal Student Aid)
Federal Pin
Federal Direct Loans
Resources by State
Taxes for Students

www.fastweb.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.pin.ed.gov
www.ed.gov/DirectLoan
www.finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml
www.irs.gov/individuals/students

Calculators

College Cost Projector
Loan Calculators
Savings Plan Designer
EFC Calculator

www.finaid.org/calculators
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Remember that January 1 is the first day to submit FAFSA. A few paper forms are available in college counseling.

Admission Glossary: Key Terms

Award Letter: A letter telling you what financial aid (if any) your college is offering to you (includes types and amounts of aid offered, specific program information, etc.) You may choose to accept some or all of what is offered.

Credit (or Credit Hour): A unit of measurement institutions give for fulfilling course requirements. Most colleges require that you complete a certain number in order to graduate.

Cost of Attendance: Includes any cost associated with attending college: tuition and associated fees, room and board, books and supplies, etc.

Enrollment Status: Indication of whether you attend full or part time. In general, you must attend at least half time (or in some case full time) to qualify for financial aid.

Expected Family Contribution; Amount students and their family are expected to contribute toward cost of attendance.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must fill out the FAFSA each year to find out how much federal aid they are eligible to receive.

Open Admission: Students are admitted regardless of academic qualifications.

Rolling Admissions: there is no set admissions deadline date; qualified students are accepted until classes are filled.