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SCHOLARSHIPS

Cary Kiwanis Club Scholarship – Applicants must be a resident in the Cary- Apex area (pay Cary taxes). Besides the residence requirement, awards will be made based upon the candidates' adherence to the objects of Kiwanis International. Applications are available in College Counseling and the deadline is **February 28, 2006**.

Cary Woman's Club Merit Scholarship – Applicants must be an accredited high school senior, residing in the Cary /Apex area who plan to attend a four year college or university in the US. The student must rank in the upper fourth of the class or have a GPA of 3.1 or higher. Applicants must submit a completed application form, a recent photograph, a personal letter stating why the student desires an education and the student's future plans, two letters of recommendation – one must be from a business or professional person, and high school transcript including class rank, number of students in class, weighted and unweighted GPA, SAT scores, FAFSA forms or parent's tax return from the previous year and a list of extracurricular activities, including school, community and church. Applications are available in college counseling and must be returned to your counselor for processing by **February 28, 2006**.

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 Y 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 he 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.

Bob R. McGuire Memorial Scholarship – Criteria: at least one parent must be a member of the NC Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program, applicant must be a resident of NC and a graduating high school senior, applicant must have been accepted and attend a NC school of higher learning (applicant needs to attach a copy of acceptance letter), applicant must have maintained an overall C average or above during his/her high school career. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2006**. An application is available in College Counseling.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Scholarship Program – To receive the scholarship the applicant must: be in need of financial aid, be planning to attend a two or four year institution of higher learning in North Carolina full time beginning in the fall semester of 2006, have shown leadership capabilities by participating in activities such as: school sponsored extracurricular activities and volunteer work within church or community. Applicant must submit a completed application form, letter stating why this scholarship is needed, letter of reference from a teacher, counselor or administrator, letter of reference from a leader in the community or civic organization, and a transcript with gpa and SAT information. You must return the package to your counselor by **February 24, 2006**.

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.

North Carolina Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Memorial Scholarship Program - A potential recipient MUST demonstrate: satisfactory grades, good character, the intention to pursue a career in agriculture or in an agriculturally related field; financial need, leadership potential. Applicants must complete the Confidential Financial Form, County Farm Bureau Nomination Form and a recent photograph and official transcript. The scholarship is for \$3,000 per year and renewable as long as the student maintains a 2.0 gpa and continues a major in agriculture or in an agriculturally related field. An application is available in college counseling and the deadline is **March 15, 2006**.

Raleigh Bowling Scholarship - is sponsored by the Raleigh Bowling Association, the Raleigh Women's Bowling Association, the Raleigh Young American Bowling Alliance and private donations and shall be for the attendance to any recognized college, university or vocational technical school as approved by the Raleigh Bowling Scholarship Board of Trustees. The applicant must be a member of the Raleigh YABA and in good standing for the current season or parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are members of either the RBA or RWBA in good standing or is a child of a member of the RBA or RWBA deceased within one year of the application, must have an amateur standing in all athletics and must have a gpa consistent with good standing at the high school with expectations of admission to a recognized institution. An application, transcript and two letters of recommendations must be submitted. An application is available in college counseling and must be completed by **March 10, 2006**.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship - RCHS may nominate two students to be considered for this scholarship. It is based solely on SAT score, GPA (minimum of 3.5 on an unweighted 4.0 scale), transcript analysis and class percentile. Recipients and alternates are determined for each congressional district based on a weighted scale. Deadline for returning application (available in college counseling) to your counselor is **February 6**.

SECU FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP – RCHS may choose one student to compete for this scholarship. Charter Schools are awarded two scholarships state wide. The student must have been accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina, is a resident of North Carolina and is eligible for in-state tuition, best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit union, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement, demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale and may be deserving of financial aid, will use the scholarship to pay for full-time student tuition and other university approved educational expenses, agrees to continue as a full time student in good standing with the same university for eight consecutive semesters, is not a director, employee or family member of an employee of the State Employees Credit Union or the SECU foundation. Preference will be to a student whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina. The RCHS application is available in college counseling and should be returned to your counselor by **April 10**.

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@nrc.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.

Important Dates

OPEN HOUSES

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

February 11 – NCSU College of Textiles For more information visit www.tx.ncsu.edu

SCHOLARSHIP DAY FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY – February 11, 2006. For more information go to www.uncfsu.edu/PLRET/ScholarshipDay.htm

FAFSA DAY – February 18, 2006 – Meredith College (more information available at www.CFNC.org)

Financial Aid Information

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

www.fastweb.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.pin.ed.gov

Federal Direct Loans
Resources by State
Taxes for Students

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.

FAFSA Process:

Step 1: Assemble forms need to complete FAFSA

Social security number, current bank statements, driver's license, current mortgage and investment records, alien registration card, 2005 federal tax return (estimates are OK on tax questions), 2005 untaxed income records (if any), 2005 W2 forms and other record of money earned, parents' 2005 income tax return (if considered dependent)

Step 2: Complete the FAFSA

Complete the FAFSA on the web: www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order to maximize your amount of aid, fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Once finished, print the FAFSA summary (Step 6 online) as well as the "submission Confirmation" page (or write down your confirmation number and date). If completing the paper version, make a copy for your records.

Step 3: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR is proof that your FAFSA was received. You should receive your electronic SAR in 1-3 days if you signed with your PIN (paper in 2-3 weeks). If you find errors on the SAR, report them immediately to your financial aid office. You can also make corrections online at : www.fafasa.ed.gov. If you don't receive your SAR in 3-4 weeks, call 1-800-4330-3243.

FAFSA TIPS:

Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 2, and each successive year once you're in college: Early submission maximizes chances of receiving aid.

Fill out a "FAFSA on the Web" worksheet: Click "Before Beginning a FAFSA," the "Print a Pre-Application Worksheet." Use the print-out as a guide before committing answers online. DO NOT enter online answers directly from the paper FAFSA! Web vs paper FAFSA questions are in a different order!

Sign the application. If you are filing as a dependent, make sure your parents sign too. You can use your PIN if signing electronically.

Save your FAFSA online If you can't finish it in one sessions: Click the "Save" button at the bottom of each step to save info for 45 days.

Don't leave a field blank. If a question doesn't apply, enter "0".