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Those decision letters are arriving and you may be asking yourself how are you going to decide. A few suggestions are listed below.

Make sure you read the fine print. Focus on the details of each school.

Does the school meet your academic needs? If you decided to change your major would you be able to find something else you would like to study. Look at the catalogs and web sites of each school.

Will they have the social life you desire? Make sure you are comfortable with how far you will be from home.

Can your family make the investment? Make appointments with the financial aid officers at the schools to discuss your aid letter. Knowing the details of financing college is a good idea.

Have you visited the campus?

Get feedback from people you trust. Ask teachers, club advisers, employers and parents why they think a certain college is the best choice for you. Listen but you don't have to be persuaded by their advice.

You are in the driver's seat. There is no such thing as the wrong choice. College is what you make of it and your decision will be the right one.

Remember that your counselors are as anxious as you are to know the college decisions and scholarship awards. We are also available to talk with you about your decision process.

SCHOLARSHIPS

American Chemical Society Scholars Program – This scholarship is designed for African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students who will pursue degrees in the chemical sciences. The scholarship is valued at up to \$2500 per academic year for freshmen, \$3000 per year for sophomores and up to \$5000 per year for juniors and seniors,. Additional information is available at www.acs.org/scholars.

Capital Area USBC Association Scholarship - Applicant must be a graduating senior in high school and a member of the Capital Area USBC in good standing and must currently be active in a youth league or whose parent or legal guardian are members of the Capital Area USBC Association in good standing or a child of a member of the Raleigh USBC Bowling Association and/or the Capital Area USBC Women's Bowling Association deceased within one year of the date of application, overall grade point average must be at least 2.5 or higher and must have an amateur standing in all athletics. Deadline for application is **April 4, 2008**. Application available in college counseling.

North Carolina Bar Association Scholarship Program – The North Carolina Bar Association continues its program of awarding scholarships to children of North Carolina law enforcement officers killed or permanently

disabled in the line of duty. The application can be accessed at www.ncbar.org or by contacting Jacquelyn Terrell at jterrell@ncbar.org or at 1-800-662-7407. The deadline is **April 1, 2008**.

North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship - At least one parent must be a member of the North Carolina Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program. Applicant must have been accepted by a North Carolina school of higher learning: college, university, community college or technical school. Deadline is **April 30**. An application is available in college counseling and the award is \$1,000.

North Carolina Society of Accountants Scholarship - Applicants must be a resident of North Carolina, must enroll in an accredited school of higher education in North Carolina, must enroll in an accounting degree program with six or more credit hours per semester, must show a firm intention to continue into the field Accounting. Applications are due by **April 15**. An application is available in college counseling.

State Employees Association of North Carolina's Scholarship - Applicants' parents or guardian must be a member of SEANC in order to be eligible for these scholarships. Sixteen merit based and sixteen financial need awards will be given for four year college students. Eight awards are \$500 annual scholarship (5 merit based, 3 financial need) for those students enrolled in a junior college, community college or technical school. One application will be available in college counseling but additional applications may be downloaded from the SENC website, www.seanc.org. Deadline is **April 15**.

Sterling College Environmental Steward Scholarship - Covers tuition expenses for four years of study to incoming students who have demonstrated and exemplary commitment to environmental service and volunteerism. For details go to www.sterlingcollege.edu/scholarship.

Contests

AMVETS National Americanism Essay Contest: The 2007-2008 Theme: My Favorite American Hero Is..... More information is available at www.amvetsnc.org under Americanism. Deadline is **March 30**.

Open Houses

Connect with Tech (Georgia Tech)
April 13-14

Register at www.visits.gatech.edu

Preview Georgia Tech
April 7, 2008

North Carolina State University Engineering Open House
April 12, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Savannah College of Art & Design

April 5, 2008
Register for either at www.scad.edu/visit

Savannah

University of North Carolina Asheville
April 5, 2008

8:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Register at www.unca.edu/admissions