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Deadlines, essays, recommendations, counselor or secondary school report forms. Sound familiar? It seems these are the words or phrases that are dominating our conversations these days. It is that time of year when we as counselors are seeing a lot of our students as you bring us your application materials. We realize this is a busy and stressful time for all of us but we encourage you to be aware of the upcoming deadlines. You should have already asked teachers for recommendations and discussed with your counselors the schools where you are submitting applications. January 1 is a huge deadline. Please keep in mind that your counselors leave for the holiday break the same time you do so you should have your application materials in by December 1.

You should also be aware of merit scholarship deadlines for admission application. For example Appalachian State University and East Carolina University require students to apply for admission by December 1 to be considered for their merit scholarships.

Please keep us informed of any news you hear from the colleges. Some of you have already received notification of the admission decision and we are as anxious as you are to hear. We do not hear from the schools so we depend on you to let us know.

Have a great Thanksgiving break and we will expect to see you in our offices in the next week or two.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

East Carolina University Engineering Program provides a unique preparation for a career in the exciting and rewarding world of engineering. The ECU Bachelor of Science in Engineering curriculum develops fundamental engineering skills and four concentrations: **System Engineering** – an interactive approach to problem solving that examines all stages of a system's life cycle: design/development, production/construction, operation/maintenance, and retirement/disposal; **Engineering Management** – Engineering management graduates are skilled in critical technology management systems such as project management, production planning, and control, entrepreneurship, and logistics; **Bioprocess Engineering** – Bioprocess engineering is one of the fastest growing segments of the economy. Bioprocess engineers design and develop equipment, methods, and systems for the efficient and environmentally sound manufacturing of medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and biologically based products; **Biomedical Engineering** – Biomedical engineering draws upon all fields to deliver better patient outcomes, thus impacting modern healthcare. Students take engineering courses beginning in their first semester at ECU. The core curriculum consists of challenging courses centered around engineering, math and science. For more information visit www.tecs.ecu.edu/engineering.

Vanderbilt University has a new policy on need based financial aid. Vanderbilt is need-blind in the admissions process, they will meet 100% of demonstrated financial need for all admitted and returning undergraduates, and beginning the fall of 2009, need based financial aid packages offered to entering undergraduate students will not include need-based loans. For more information on the new "no need-based loan" program, please visit www.vanderbilt.edu/expandedaidprogram.

SCHOLARSHIPS

American University Frederick Douglas Scholarship – Scholars are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, leadership potential, demonstrated community service, and impressive co-curricular involvement.

Preference is given to first generation students, students with high financial need, and/or students from public high schools. Nominees must have at least a 3.2 GPA, rank in top half of class, have satisfactory SAT or ACT scores, and be a US Citizen. Students should complete a nomination form available from Mrs. Atkinson or online at admission.american.edu. Applicants must submit an application for admission and nomination form by **January 15**.

AXA Achievement Scholarship – The AXA Achievement Scholarship awards \$10,000 scholarships to one student from each state as well as \$15,000 scholarships awarded to 10 national recipients. Applicants should demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community. The application deadline is **December 15**. You can learn more by going to www.axa-achievement.com.

Burger King Scholars Program – Applicants must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need and plan to enroll in an accredited two or four year school by fall of application

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Applicants must be US citizens. Judging is based on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Completed applications must be turned in to the Elks Lodge nearest the applicant's permanent address no later than **January 9**. Applications are available at www.elks.org/enf/schoars.

Gates Millennium Scholarship – The process requires applicants to complete a Nominee Personal Information Form and to have a nominator who is an educator and a recommender who is familiar with their leadership and community service complete the respective forms. Applicants must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States; have attained a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; will be enrolling for the first time at a US accredited college or university as fulltime, degree seeking first year student in the fall of 2009; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria/ have all three required forms completed and submitted by **January 12, 2009**. It is recommend that parents and students register within the "Online Communities" tab on the homepage at www.gmsp.org. this site will provide information on the GMS program as well as provide information and techniques to prepare students for college and the GMS application process.

KFC Colonel's Scholarship – is dedicated to assisting students with financial need who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public institution within their legal state of residence. To qualify, a student must be: graduating from high school this academic year, maintaining a minimum high school GPA of 2.75 or higher, enrolling in a public, in-state college or university, pursuing a bachelor's degree, a U. S. Citizen or permanent resident. Application can be completed at www.kfcscholars.org and the deadline is **February 10**.

McKelvey Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship – Started by Andy McKelvey, former CEO of Monster.com and lifelong entrepreneur. To qualify: Graduate high school in spring of 2009, attend a 4 year college within the 50 states, own and operate a genuine business, non-profits are eligible, have at least one paid employee. Application available at www.mckelveyfoundation.org and deadline is **January 25**.

National Commission for Cooperative Education Scholarship - As the largest independently sponsored merit co-op scholarship in the United States, the National Commission on behalf of ten NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities will award two hundred merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each. Additional information and applications are available at www.co-op.edu. To be eligible for a merit co-op scholarship a student must apply and be accepted at one of the ten partner colleges and universities listed: C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Johnson & Wales University, Northeastern University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Toledo, Drexel University, Kettering University, Pace University, University of Cincinnati, Wentworth Institute of Technology. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Deadline for submitted application and essay is **February 15**.

North Carolina State USBC Association, Inc. Youth Scholarship - This scholarship is provided by the North Carolina State United States Bowling Congress Association, Inc. (NCS USBCA); a non-profit organization. The award is \$1,500. Applicants must be a current member of the NCS USBCA and bowling in a certified USBC North Carolina youth league. Applicant must have an unimpaired amateur standing in bowling and must have a grade point average with expectations of admission tot a recognized institution. Deadline is February 28. Application available in college counseling or may be downloaded from www.ncbowls.com.

North Carolina State University College of Education – There are a number of scholarships available from the College of Education. Applications can be downloaded at http://ced.ncsu.edu/student_services/scholarship_info.php. **The deadline is February 2.**

Robertson Scholars Program – The Robertson program awards 36 scholarships a year – 18 at Duke and 18 at UNC-Chapel Hill. This program recognizes students with superior academic achievement and intellectual curiosity who demonstrate strong leadership potential and behavior that is grounded in ethical principles and an active commitment to helping others. All applicants to the two universities are considered for the scholarship program but interested students may complete the Supplemental Materials Form to provide additional information. The supplemental forms are available online at www.robertsonscholars.org. The deadline for these materials is **December 1.**

Ronald McDonald House Charities U. S. Scholarship - offers scholarships to students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Eligible students must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific heritage (RMHC/Asia Scholarship) or at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage (RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship) or at least one parent of Hispanic heritage (RMHC/HACER scholarship) or the RMHC Scholars program which is open to anyone of need. Applications are available in college counseling or at www.rmhc.org. The deadline is **February 16.**

SAE International Engineering Scholarships – Applications are accepted September 1 through December 1 and must be postmarked by **December 1.** For full details and an application please visit www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm.

School of Visual Arts in New York invites applications to the Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship Program. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Decisions are based on a review of the applicant's creative and academic accomplishments. All materials must be submitted by **February 1.** For more information visit www.sva.edu.

Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts such as : fighting drugs, crime and violence; cleaning up the environment; and working to end discrimination and poverty. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest. Application available in college counseling and the deadline is **January 1.**

Sun Trust Scholarship Sweepstakes – Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Apply online at www.offtocollege.info. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31 through May 15. Students may begin registering on September 15.

UNC Greensboro Merit Awards – Awards available in all majors. Minimum qualifications are 1200 SAT (critical reading and math) or 27 ACT and a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Applications are available at www.uncg.edu/fia/meritawards. **January 5, 2009.**

CONTESTS:

Scholarships for the Congressional Seminar National Essay Contest: Sponsored by the National Patriotic Service Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. The prize is a week in Washington D. C. , June 20-26. Attendance at a Congressional Seminar Workshop planned and coordinated by the Washington Workshops Foundation. The seminar is a unique experience in the study of American National Government with emphasis on the concerns and activities of the United States Congress. Essay Title: "Over the Course of History, Which American Leader Has Provided the Greatest Visionary Leadership?" Deadline is **January 15.** Visit www.nscda.org for essay title, contest rules, regulations and more details. Two applications are available in college counseling.

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – The subject to be used must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. For more information visit www.legion.org. Rewards range from \$1500 to \$18,000.

Open Houses

December 1

Mount Holyoke College Shadow Days

Register at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents

April 2

UNCG Teaching Career Day

Registration opens January 2009.

Admissions Receptions

December 9

Campbell University

At North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, 6:30 -8:30 pm.
Register at www.campbell.edu/receptions.

SAT TEST DATES

Test Dates

December 6
January 24
March 14
May 2
June 6

Registration Dates

November 5
December 16
February 10
March 31
May 5

Late Registration Dates

November 18
January 6
February 24
April 9
May 15

ACT TEST DATES

Test Dates

December 13
February 7
April 4
June 13

Registration Dates

November 7
January 6
February 27
May 8

Late Registration Dates

November 8-20
January 7-16
February 28-March 13
May 9-22