

From the Denison High School Guidance Office: Senior Scholarship Update #3-2011-12

Please read the description of each scholarship. If you think you meet the criteria, either go to the website and apply online **OR** download an application, **OR** stop by the Guidance Office and pick up an application from the top drawer of the **gray file cabinet**.

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***You need to file the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. If your parents have someone prepare their tax return (and yours), check with them to see if they have made a tax appointment. **A great goal is to have your FAFSA filed by February 14, 2012.**

***You are expected to file your FAFSA electronically. (www.fafsa.gov) You will sign your FAFSA with a personal identification number (PIN). You and **one** of your parents must have a PIN #. You can register for PIN's at www.pin.ed.gov

fff If you need help with filing your FAFSA, please contact the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) toll-free at 877-272-4692, or contact your tax preparer.

******ATTENTION SENIORS/PARENTS:** We will have representatives from the Iowa College Access Network in Denison on **Saturday, February 25**, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. They will offer **free assistance** with filing the FAFSA. This is a great opportunity for those of you who will need help. No appointments necessary. The ICAN group will bring plenty of workers, so **PLEASE** take advantage of it. You will go to the Western Iowa Tech campus east of Denison on Hiway 30. (Spanish speakers will also be available.) Get your taxes done, and then come get some help!!!

Gathering FAFSA documents

Some financial aid is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. **Seniors: Know your school's priority filing deadline.** Here are some of the items you will need:

- Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent.
- Your driver's license number, if you have one.
- 2011 federal tax information for you and your parents if you are providing parent information. If you have not filed your taxes, you can still submit your FAFSA by estimating family income.
- Records of untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, welfare benefits, and veteran's benefits for you and your parents.
- Your alien registration or permanent residence card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- You can find a full list of the needed items [here](#). To get started, visit fafsa.ed.gov. Don't miss out!

++++If you have not met with your counselor about future plans, please schedule an appointment. College applications need to be mailed soon. You may miss out on orientation opportunities, housing availability, or financial aid opportunities if you delay.

***Other GREAT sites for information on over 600,000 scholarships and over 4000 colleges-- www.fastweb.com and www.finaid.com Free...Free...Free!!!

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√√√Type all scholarship applications...seriously, don't hand-write them.√√√



Seniors: All of you should look at this next section, because many of you may qualify for this free money:

The Iowa Financial Aid Application for the 2012-13 academic year is now available at IHaveaPlanIowa.gov. The Iowa Financial Aid Application combines applications for six undergraduate student financial aid programs into one application process. Collectively, these programs provided over \$7 million in funding for students in 2010-11 academic year. Students can apply for the following programs through the Iowa Financial Aid Application process:

- All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (\$7400 last year)
- Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP)
- All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant (FCG)
- Education Training Voucher (ETV)
- Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship

To complete the application, go to IHaveaPlanIowa.gov, create or sign in to your account, and click on the blue Iowa Financial Aid Application.

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Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship--This is a \$1000 scholarship which is available to students whose homes receive electricity through Denison Municipal Utilities. The application requires evidence of school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement about goals, and a statement about the benefits of our locally owned municipal electric utility. You will find the application at www.mrenergy.com **Application Deadline--March 15.**

Iowa Golf Association Scholarships-- Any senior is eligible for these \$4000 scholarships, but some preference will be given to those who have been involved in golf. A short essay about yourself, including your experience in golf or other sports, and your financial need, as well as recommendations from people who know about your interest in golf and your general character are required. **Application Deadline--June 15, 2012.**

The Clarence Bartlett Conservation Scholarship--This \$500 scholarship is given by the West Central Izaak Walton League of America to a Crawford County senior who plans to pursue a career in a conservation-related area. Some agriculture-related majors will also qualify. A short essay is required with the application. **Application Deadline--May 1.**

Knights of Columbus Council 2074 Scholarship--Traditionally these \$300 scholarships have been awarded to Catholic students. A very short application is required. The money is not granted until after completion of the first semester of college. Return application to the Guidance Office. **Application Deadline--April 18, 2012.**

FAC Cooperative Scholarship (Arcadia)--will be awarded to a student seeking a degree in some form of agriculture. You are expected to be a good leader and to have a reasonably good academic record.
Application Deadline--April 6, 2012

The Duane Goode Scholarship--This scholarship is in memory of Duane Goode who was a long-time educator in the Schleswig schools. You must live in the Schleswig school district. A short application and a letter of recommendation from a non-relative living in the Schleswig school district are required.
Application Deadline---April 25.

The Reginal Lally Memorial Scholarship--This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans to become a teacher. Preference will be given to those candidates who plan to teach Pre-K through 2nd grade, but others will be considered. A brief application which includes several short essays, a transcript, and 1 recommendation are required. **Application Deadline--May 1, 2012.**

Crawford County Cattlemen's Association Scholarships and The Norman Christensen Ag Scholarships--awarded to seniors who are farmers and/or who plan a career in some kind of agricultural field. You or your parents must be Association members to qualify for the first one. **Application Deadline--February 8.**

The Denison Education Association Scholarship--Funded entirely by donations from those teachers in the Denison Community School District who are members of the Denison Education Association, these \$500 scholarships are awarded to students who will attend some type of further education. If there is an acceptable pool of applicants who plan to attend various education institutions, one scholarship may be awarded to a student attending a community college or trade school, while another will be awarded to a student attending a 4 year school. It is anticipated that 3 scholarships will be awarded to the Class of 2012. An application and short essay are required. An interview may be required of the finalists.
Application Deadline--April 1, 2012.

The William and Elsie Bandow Scholarship--You must be interested in becoming a pastor of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church **OR** you may be planning to become a teacher in a Lutheran school. Others are encouraged to apply, but first preferences will be given to those who fit the above criteria. An application and 2 letters of recommendation are needed. **Application Deadline--May 1, 2012.**

The Crawford County Farm Bureau Scholarship--Your family must have membership in the Crawford County Farm Bureau. (The leaders tell me that there are over 1,000 members in Crawford County. Perhaps you don't live on a farm, but if your parents have Farm Bureau insurance, they are members.) The committee hopes to award 10 of these \$200 scholarships to deserving students in the county. You must be planning to major in some aspect of agriculture/ag business/conservation or something related. However, you may also qualify if you plan to pursue a degree which will help you contribute to rural Iowa in some way. (Example: you plan to teach in a small town, or start a business in a rural area, etc.) **Application Deadline: March 1, 2012.**

The Masonry Institute of Iowa is interested in more than just building schools. If you're a high school senior or college or university student and you are interested in a career in: • Masonry • Construction • Design • Architecture, you may qualify for a Masonry Institute of Iowa Scholarship. Complete the 2 form and return it to us, with the needed documents. **Application Deadline: April 15.**

The Western Iowa/Eastern Nebraska Car Council's Paul High Memorial Scholarship--\$300 scholarships awarded to anyone planning to enroll in an automotive technology program. A short application includes a brief essay on why you plan to major in some area of the automotive industry.
Application Deadline--April 15, 2012.

The Maria Araujo Memorial Scholarship--established after the tragic death of Maria, this scholarship serves as a memorial to her wonderful kindness and generosity. You must be planning to obtain a degree in **Nursing or Teaching**, and you must have a minimum GPA of 2.75. A short essay, application, and 2 letters of recommendation are required. **Application Deadline--April 23, 2012.**

Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship-- You must be planning to major in any field of agriculture or natural resources. The application **must be typed**. Several short essays are required. Applications available in the Guidance Office or at <http://www.cdiowa.org/awards.html>
Application Deadline: March 2, 2012. Send the application to Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District Office, 3707 Timberline Drive, Suite 1, Denison.

The Dale Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Program--Meant for students who live in small town Iowa (population below 10,000) these scholarships could be worth up to \$17,000 per year. Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and plan to attend U of I, ISU, or UNI. You must complete an online application at www.act.org/daleschroeder **Application Deadline--March 28, 2012.**

The Ace and Ruby Nelson Scholarships--Two \$300 scholarships (one to a male and one to a female) will be awarded to students who have been involved in school and community activities. Your GPA and financial need are not important in the selection process. The Nelson family wants to reward students who have really participated in their high school experience. An application and recommendation will be required. **Application Deadline---April 15, 2012.**

Iowa State University VEISHA Leadership Scholarship--4 \$500 scholarships and 1 \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to winners. You must plan to attend Iowa State University, rank in the upper 15% of your class, have an ACT of at least 26, and show involvement in school and community activities. Preference will be given to those who have held leadership positions. A recommendation and 2 short essays are required. Download an application at www.veishea.iastate.edu/scholars **Application Deadline---February 17, 2012.**

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship--36 \$1000 scholarships will be awarded throughout the state. You must be a child of a Farm Bureau member and be able to be accepted into a 2 or 4 year college. You must be planning to pursue a degree in some area of agriculture and/or agribusiness or education. Grades, Financial Need, Recommendations, and an essay will be used to determine winners. **Application Deadline---March 1, 2012.**

The Metro Omaha Oncology Nursing Society--Two nursing scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to students who plan a career in nursing, with preference given to students with an interest in or special commitment to Oncology (cancer) Nursing. You must have a 3.25 or higher GPA and complete a short application which includes answers to 3 questions. **Application Deadline--March 2, 2012.**

The Leila Riggelman Scholarship--This is a \$1000 scholarship which is paid in 4 equal payments over 4 years. All students are eligible, but you must be planning to eventually pursue a BA degree. A short application and letter about goals will be required. Applications available in the Guidance Office. **Application Deadline--March 1, 2012.**

The Charles Christiansen Memorial Scholarship--Created in memory of a 1951 graduate of Denison High School, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who has at least a C+ GPA, who has participated in any Varsity sport, and who has taken at least 2 years of a foreign language. The application requires responses to a few questions about your high school experience and your plans for the future. **Application Deadline---April 1, 2012.**

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Cargill Community Scholarship Program--You must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be involved in activities and volunteer work. A 500 word personal statement is required. There are 350 \$1000 scholarships to be awarded. Go to www.cargill.com OR www.ffa.org for an application. **Application deadline--February 15, 2012.**

Western Iowa Power Coop (WIPCO)--This group is offering \$4000 in scholarships. Two of the scholarships will be designated for students going to a vocational/technical school. Your parents must have electrical service with WIPCO. An application, short essay, and letters of recommendation are required. You can get applications in Guidance Office or at www.wipco.com **Application Deadline--February 8, 2012.**

ACACIA Leadership Scholarship--Available to any male who will attend Iowa State University. Financial need is **not** a criteria. This scholarship is worth \$1000, and it can be renewed. A short essay is required. **Application Deadline--April 1, 2012.**

HyVee Foundation Scholarships--You must have been a HyVee employee since at least September 15, 2011, or one of your parents must have been a HyVee employee for at least 6 months as of September 15, 2011. You must submit recommendations and a personal written statement. That written statement carries a lot of weight in the judging. **Application Deadline--February 10, 2012.**

KFC Colonel's Scholars--You must have a 2.75 or higher GPA to apply for this \$5,000 scholarship. You must plan to attend an Iowa school with the intent of getting a bachelor's degree. The application is available online at www.kfcscholars.org from 12/01/11 until 02/8/12. **Application Deadline--February 8, 2012.**

The Best Buy Scholarship--\$1,000 scholarships that will be awarded nation-wide to "well-rounded students who have given back to their community." You must apply on-line. If you are a good student (GPA must be at least a 2.5) who has a good community service (volunteerism) record, give it a try. Apply on-line at <http://bestbuy-communityrelations.com/scholarship.html> **On-line Application Deadline--February 15, 2012.**

Wal-Mart Dependents Scholarships--scholarships are available through the Wal-Mart Foundation. These scholarships are available only to students whose parents work at Wal-Mart. You can get information about the scholarship at <http://walmartstores.com/communitygiving/8736.aspx> No paper applications are available. **Application Availability and Deadline--January 3-March 15, 2012.**

Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship--You must plan to attend the University of Iowa, and you must be of a Protestant faith(non-Catholic.) At least one scholarship will go to a male planning a career in banking, and one will go to a member of the Episcopal Church. The scholarship is renewable. Financial need is considered as well as personal references and recommendations. Get more details in the Guidance Office. You can also request an application through emailing this address: llovelace@midwestone.com **Application Deadline--May 1, 2012.**

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The Mediacom Scholarship-- Over 50 of these \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to seniors in a five state area (including Iowa). Selection of the winner is based on academic achievement and leadership.

An application, references, and a 450 word essay on the topic of leadership in your school and community are required. If the applications are all gone from our office, you can download your own at www.mediacomworldclass.com **Application Deadline--February 15, 2012.**

Ronald McDonald House Charities--Scholarships for students "who face limited access to educational and career opportunities." Minority students should definitely apply for this scholarship. Awards are based on grades, ACT, financial need, and recommendations. Download an application at www.rmhc.org after November 11. **Application Deadline--January 27, 2012.**

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Hispanic/Latino Students--If you have at least a 3.0 GPA and are a US citizen or legal permanent resident, look into the Hispanic Scholarship Fund for a wide variety of scholarships. Apply online at www.hsf.net There are various application deadlines.

Morningside College Celebration of Excellence Scholarships--These scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$50,000, depending on ACT scores, activities, coursework, and recommendations. An interview is required for these awards. If you know someone who had graduated from Morningside College, that person can earn you \$500/year for 4 years simply by recommending you to Morningside. See your counselor for details. **Application Deadline--Variable....See the Morningside website** www.morningside.edu

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√√√√**Note: If you have been in foster care and/or under the care and custody of the Iowa Department of Human Services and/or under the care and custody of Iowa Juvenile Court Services, please see your counselor about scholarship opportunities.**

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Asian/Black/Hispanic/Latino Students--Come to the Guidance Office to look at the booklet of scholarship opportunities available. The application deadlines vary, and you will be directed to various websites to download current applications with deadlines.

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Iowa State University Scholarships for New Undergraduates--There is a bulletin listing many scholarships that are available at Iowa State, and some of you will automatically be mailed that bulletin from Iowa State, if you have applied and/or you had your ACT scores sent to Iowa State. If Iowa State is one of your top prospects for a college choice, visit their web site to get detailed information on **EVERY** scholarship they offer: www.financialaid.iastate.edu

Western Iowa Tech Community College has an amazing number of scholarships available to students, including some full tuition scholarships. Check the WITCC Scholarship Booklet in the Guidance Office or go to www.mywitcc.com for more information.

•••••The scholarships described above ARE NOT just for “smart kids” or “poor kids” or minorities. There is something available for almost anyone, but you definitely won't win anything if you don't try. Take the time to read through some of the offerings and then get to work.