

From the Denison High School Guidance Office

Senior Scholarship Update #2-2009-10

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 will 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, 2010.**

*****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**

If for some reason you cannot do that, you can request a paper FAFSA by calling 1-800-433-3243 OR by going to www.edpubs.org

ATTENTION SENIORS/PARENTS: We will have representatives from the Iowa College Access Network in Denison on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. They will offer **free assistance** with filing the FAFSA. This is a great opportunity for those of you who will need help. This offer is being advertised for anyone in Western Iowa. The ICAN group will bring plenty of help, so **PLEASE** take advantage of it. You will go to Iowa Workforce Development Center in the Broadway and Main Mall. (Spanish speakers will also be available.) Get your taxes done, and then come get some help!!!

******* The February administration of the ACT is February 6. Late Registration deadline is January 15.

*****ALL Seniors: Use these 2 FREE websites for fantastic information about scholarships, colleges and careers: IHAVEAPLANIOWA.GOV and WWW.ICANSUCCEED.ORG Just create an account and you are ready to search.**

*****REMINDER:** Don't ever pay for a scholarship service. Everything you need to investigate scholarships is available for you here at school. Just take the time and find the personal ambition to do a little work.

*****You can find out about government financial aid programs by visiting this Website: www.ed.gov/studentaid**

*****Another GREAT site for information on over 600,000 scholarships and over 4000 colleges-- www.fastweb.com**

++++If you have not met with your counselor about future plans, please schedule an appointment immediately. College applications should be mailed by now. You may miss

out on orientation opportunities, housing availability, or financial aid opportunities if you delay.+++++

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All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship--You must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be planning to attend an Iowa college, university, or community college. You will complete an online application, and you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after Jan. 19, 2010. (This was worth \$6400 last year.) Apply at www.iowacollegeaid.gov **Application Deadline--before March 15, 2010.**

The Tim Dwight Foundation Scholarships--Established by former Iowa Hawkeyes (Go Hawks!!) football player, Tim Dwight, these scholarships may be worth from \$1000 all the way to full tuition. The scholarships will be awarded to "students with great potential who have overcome adversity or challenges to achieve success in their lives." You must be planning to attend U of I, ISU, or UNI. You need a short essay (500+ words) and 2 letters of recommendation. **Application Deadline--February 1, 2010.**

Midwestern College Alumni Memorial Scholarship--This scholarship will bring back memories for people who have lived in the Denison area for awhile. What you know of as Job Corps was originally built in the 1960's as a 4 year college named Midwestern College. Several teachers that you know attended this college including Mr. and Mrs. Menegay, Mrs. Watje Spencer, and Mr. Bergamo. It was an exciting time for Denison to have students from all over the United States living here. These \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to major in one of the arts-performing or visual. The application will require you to interview someone about Midwestern College and its impact on the Denison Community. **Application Deadline--March 1, 2010.**

ACACIA Leadership Scholarship--Available to any male who will attend Iowa State University. Preference will be given to those who plan to join the ACACIA fraternity, and financial need is not a criteria. This scholarship could be worth up to \$6800. A short essay is required. **Application Deadline--April 1, 2010.**

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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 \$15,000 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--April 5, 2010.**

The Leila Riggleman 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. **Application Deadline--April 1, 2010.**

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. **Application Deadline--February 10, 2010.**

Making It Count "Winning Characteristics" Scholarship. This scholarship is a follow-up to the presentation that all seniors will experience on January 13. It involves an application and a brief (600 words) essay. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Get details and an application at www.makingitcount.com/scholarship **Application deadline--June 11, 2010.**

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program (Monsanto)--Eligibility is similar to other ag scholarships in that you must be planning some type of career/major in agriculture. You do not have to be an FFA member. Average grades and a minimum ACT of 18 are also required. Your family must be actively engaged in production agriculture. There are 100 scholarships of \$1500 each available. You can get your application at www.monsanto.com **Application Deadline--February 22, 2010.**

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Iowa State University VEISHA Leadership Scholarship--6 \$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 **TYPED Application Deadline---February 15, 2010.**

Iowa State University VEISHA Community Involvement Scholarship--This is a scholarship which is meant to reward a student who has a great record of school and community involvement, but does not have quite as high of a grade point as is required by the other VEISHA scholarship. (Minimum GPA of 3.0, but again, service and involvement will be stressed.) Download an application at www.veishea.iastate.edu **TYPED Application Deadline---February 15, 2010.**

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 10, 2010.**

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. Pick up an application in the Guidance Office or download an application at www.rmhc.org **Application Deadline--February 16, 2010.**

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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 who has a good community service (volunteerism) record, give it a try. Apply on-line at www.bestbuy.com Scroll to the bottom of the page and go to Community Relations. **On-line Application Deadline--February 15, 2010.**

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, 2010.**

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship--This highly competitive scholarship is based totally on academic merit. You must have a very high GPA (top 10% of class) and a strong ACT (minimum of 28) to even consider applying. Other consideration is given to work experience, community involvement, and an essay about future goals. Award amount is \$1500, which may be renewable based on Congressional funding. You must have been accepted to a college at the time of your application. Apply at www.iowacollegeaid.org after January 19. **Application Deadline--May 1, 2010.**

Governor’s Iowa State Fair Scholarship--You must be/have been an active participant (worker, volunteer, exhibitor or performer) at the Iowa State Fair. You must plan to attend an Iowa college or university. A short essay, 3 letters of reference, and evidence of your participation are required. **Online Application www.iowacollegeaid.org Deadline--May 1, 2010.**

Robert D. Blue Scholarship--You are expected to demonstrate literary and scholastic ability, to have a sense of morals, and to be involved in your school and community. A 500 word essay is

required on the topic “Describe someone in your community who has demonstrated the responsibilities of being a citizen.” You also need 3 letters of recommendation. \$500-\$1,000 scholarships (Last year, 65 scholarships were awarded.) You must apply on-line for this scholarship at www.iowacollegeaid.org **Application Deadline---May 10.**

The 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, 2010.**

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AXA Foundation Achievement Scholarship--These scholarships are worth many thousands of \$\$\$, and will be awarded to students who are “well-rounded, committed to making a difference, who have demonstrated achievement. They are people who will succeed in life because they possess an extra element of grit and determination.” Get an application at www.axa-achievement.com **Application Deadline--February 15, 2010.**

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, 2010.**

Robert E. Byers Keep Iowa Beautiful Scholarship--Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students enrolling in an Iowa college or university who plan to major in **community enhancement or environmental studies**. Students should be able to tell how they show respect for the community and our environment. Application can be found at www.keepiowabeautiful.com **Application Deadline--February 1, 2010.**

Iowa Home Builders Association Scholarship--Awarded to any student pursuing a career in the home building industry and related trades, these are \$1000 scholarships. Many of you could fit your plans to include the home building industry. **Application Deadline--February 15, 2010.**

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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts--\$1000 scholarships are available to Iowa seniors planning to attend an Iowa college or university and majoring in one of the performing or visual arts. Apply online at www.iowaartscouncil.org **Application Deadline--February 9, 2010.**

U. S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program--30 \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to seniors selected through a **random drawing process**...No essays...no minimum GPA. Students can apply online at this website: usbank.com/studentloans **Application Deadline--February 28, 2010.**

Army Emergency Relief--MG James Ursano Scholarship Program--awarded to dependent children of soldiers on federal active duty, retired, or deceased while in active or retired or active service. **ON-LINE applications available after December 1, 2009. Application Deadline--March 1, 2010.**

HyVee Foundation Scholarships--If you are a HyVee employee, go to Hy-VeeNet. Click on the “for employees link” for more information.

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Gates Millennium Scholars--You must be a US citizen who is African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American. You must have at least a 3.3 GPA, and have demonstrated leadership abilities through community service and school activities. The

application is fairly complicated so please visit with your counselor about it. The Gates Foundation prefers that you apply online www.gmsp.org but we also have a paper application in our office.
Application Deadlines--paper OR online=January 11, 2010.

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 12/01/09 until 02/10/10.
Application Deadline--February 10, 2010.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund/General College Scholarships--You must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident of Hispanic background. The scholarship amounts range from \$1,000-\$5,000. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA and file the FAFSA. Apply online at www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=460 **Application Deadline--February 1, 2010.**

Wells Fargo Education Financial Services--Visit the web site, and register on line to win one of 250 \$1,000 scholarships. This will be a random drawing, so what do you have to lose?
www.wellsfargo.com/per/student/planning/steps.jhtml

The Iowa Newspaper Foundation--several scholarships of varying amounts awarded to students who are planning to study for a newspaper career at an Iowa college/university. You can apply online at www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php **Application Deadline--February 12, 2010.**

√√√√**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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The Christina Hixson Opportunity Award--Iowa State University--This \$10,000 grant (\$2500/year for 4 years) will be given to one student in every county in Iowa. You must have a good enough GPA and ACT to get accepted at Iowa State, but you do not have to be a superior student. Main criteria for eligibility: challenges of personal hardship (this is probably the strongest point), potential to succeed, financial need. If you think you qualify, see your counselor. You must apply online at www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application **Application Deadline--Feb 1, 2010.**

The Iowa State University MVP Award--is a four year full-tuition grant for 100 minority high school seniors. Any minority high school senior who demonstrates potential in ways that go beyond class ranking or test scores may apply. See your counselor for an application if you think you qualify. **Application Deadline--February 1, 2010.**

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Those of you with an interest in NURSING: Go to this great website for information on over 300 scholarships: http://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship_search.asp

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The Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship--From past experience, I know that this scholarship is highly competitive. **Only our best academic and most active students should apply for this one. (Very high ACT and class rank)** 100 of these scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2000 each to Iowa students. The principal criteria is service to school and community with special emphasis upon leadership roles in these areas. Academic record, communication skills, and financial need are also considered. Several short essays are required. To get an application, go to

www.gl-iowa.org and then click on “Scholarships of the Grand Lodge” or stop in the Guidance Office. **Application Deadline--February 1, 2010.**

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The Masonic Charitable Educational Corporation Scholarships....for students planning to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an Iowa Community College--These will be \$1000 scholarships awarded to winners who are chosen through an application process. Involvement in activities, community service, and financial need are all factors in the selection process.
Application Deadline--March 1, 2010

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, 2010.**

Iowa Credit Union Family Involvement Board Scholarships--You must have an account in your name at a credit union (Consumers Credit Union in Denison provided this information), submit an essay on this topic: *“Research continues to show if students receive financial education early in life, they will become more successful. How will being financially literate help you achieve your individual dreams?”* and complete a brief application. You can get a paper application in the Guidance Office or apply on-line at www.iowacreditunions.com **Application Deadline--February 5, 2010.**

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.iastate.edu/~fin_aid_inf

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Applying for scholarships is tedious and sometimes difficult work. However, with college costs rising, it is worth your time to search for all the financial aid that is out there waiting for someone to apply for it. **Don't let laziness or disinterest get the best of you.**