

Scholarships for October and November

Outstanding Students of America

*Application Deadline: October 10, 2007

*\$1000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are participative in community/school involvement. Applications can be obtained online at www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com or picked up in the guidance office.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Program

*Application Deadline: October 30, 2007

*This program provides financial assistance to student who have financial need (gross family income of \$50,000 or less), a minimum 2.0 GPA, and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. It is awarded to high school seniors who are intending to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution in the state of Louisiana. Scholarships range in award value from \$1000 to \$20,000. Apply online at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

*Deadline: October 31, 2007

*This contest is open to individuals in grades 5-12 who have been involved in a volunteer service activity in the past year. The program recognizes students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service on a local, state, and national level. State honorees receive \$1000, national honorees receive \$5000 awards. For contest rules, visit www.prudential.com/spirit. If you have volunteered many service hours in the past year, pick up an application form in the guidance office.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

*Application Deadline: October 31, 2007

*In order to be eligible, you must be a current high school senior planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Children of employees of Coca-Cola bottling company are not eligible. The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is a merit-based scholarship awarded to 250 high school seniors each year (50 students receive \$20,000 and 200 students receive \$10,000). Only the completed online application is accepted. If you are applying, see Sr. Nina for program application guidelines. Apply online between September 1 and October 31 at www.coca-colascholars.org

CollegeSTEPS Program Scholarship Sweepstakes

*Deadline: monthly drawings from October to May

*The CollegeSTEPS Program helps you get a head start on planning for college. Once you're enrolled, you'll automatically be eligible for a chance to win one of 100 \$1000 tuition prizes through random drawings every month. Sign up at www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

Suntrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes

*Deadline: Drawings every two weeks from October 31-May 15

*Every senior is free to enter. \$1000 scholarships are given away every two weeks from October 31-May 11. Only one entry per person for each drawing; however, students can register after each drawing for the next scheduled drawing. Apply online at www.offtocollege.info

Discover Colleges Private Scholarship Drawing

*Discover Colleges provides a free private college information service as well as a \$2500 private college scholarship drawing. Log onto www.discovercolleges.com to request information and automatically be entered in the scholarship drawing.

Nelnet College Planning Sweepstakes

*Deadline: weekly drawings from September through March

*No qualifications or purchase necessary. \$1000 scholarship is given away weekly through a random drawing. Register online at www.nelnet.net/collegeplanning

Lela Scholarship Sweepstakes

*Visit the Lela website at www.lela.org for an opportunity to win one of four \$1000 scholarships awarded each quarter. Drawings will be held on December 31, March 31, June 30 and September 30. Winners will be selected randomly on the last day of each quarter. One entry per person allowed.

American Planning Association High School Essay Contest

*Contest opens October 2007

*Each year, the essay contest is open to juniors and seniors on a topic related to housing/community planning issues in the United States. The first place winner receives a \$5000 scholarship to the college or university he or she attends after graduation. Go to www.planning.org for official rules.

Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition

*Deadline: November 1, 2007

*The program is an audio-essay contest for high school students. Essays are allowed to be 3-5 minutes long when recorded. Winning essays range in scholarship prizes from \$30,000 to \$1000 given at the local, district, state and national level. The topic for this year's essay is "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans". The theme is broad in scope to allow for flexibility and creativity in writing. Last year's winning essay is available as a model online at www.vfw.org Registration forms with the rules and regulations can be picked up in the guidance office.

Intel Science Talent Search (STS)

*Deadline: Entry forms must be RECEIVED by Wednesday, November 14, 2007

*Students must have completed a research project in one of the science disciplines to enter. Winners are selected on the basis of their potential as future scientists and researchers. 300 semifinalists are chosen to receive a \$1000 award. The top prizes range from \$100,000 to \$20,000. Rules and regulations for entry can be found at www.intel.com/education/sts

Straightforward Media Scholarships

*Deadline: November 15, 2007/November 30, 2007

*Straightforward Media offers \$500 scholarships for an *essay contest*, for those planning to major in *art*, and for those who are planning to go to a *vocational-technical school*. To find out more about each scholarship and apply online, go to www.straightforwardmedia.com

First Freedom Student Competition

*Online Registration Deadline: Monday, November 26, 2007

*The First Freedom Student Competition is a national essay contest, offering an opportunity to compete for a \$3000, \$1500 or \$750 award, as students examine religious freedom, its history, current importance, and relevance in their lives. Students must register online plus print out the official entry form, which will be mailed with the essay entry. Students must work through their Social Studies or English teacher for sponsorship. The essay question is “Free exercise is an essential component of the First Amendment’s definition of religious freedom. What did free exercise mean when it was first ratified and became part of the Constitution? How is it interpreted today? Is the free exercise of religion adequately protected in America’s public schools today? Guidelines for the registration and essay are found at www.firstfreedom.org/education/students.html

LA-STEM Research Scholars Program

*This scholarship is offered to students planning on attending LSU. Eligible students are those who have a GPA of 3.5 or above and an ACT score of at least 24. Students must be planning on pursuing an undergraduate degree in the area of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). In addition, they must intend to pursue a PhD or MD/PhD in one of the STEM areas. The scholarship includes tuition, room/board, and books/supplies for the Summer Bridge Program their first summer and room/board, books/supplies, and cash stipend for the academic year, valued at more than \$9500. If interested in applying, see Sr. Nina for details.