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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS EDITION

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Throughout the school year the Student Services Office publishes Scholarship Newsletters which are posted on the Student Services Website. It is important that seniors seeking financial aid for the 2010 - 2011 college school year check these newsletters for possible scholarships, loans, or grants. If interested in applying for any of this aid, students may get the appropriate forms from the Student Services Office. Many of these financial aid opportunities have specific deadlines which must be met. **SENIORS, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THESE DEADLINES.**

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (USING COMMON APPLICATION FORM)

The Common Scholarship Application Form is available in the Student Services Office. This is the *only* form used by about 25 local donor families and organizations. In order to compete for these scholarships, you must fill out **ONE** Common Scholarship Application and check off the specific scholarships for which you want consideration. *All Common Scholarship applications must be turned in to the Student Services Office by Monday, May 3, 2010.*

ANDREW SWIEDLER AWARD: \$1,000 award granted to a student who displays characteristics of kindness, empathy, and compassion in service to others. *Applicants must attach an additional essay.*

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LINDA MASELLA AWARD: \$500 award granted to a senior who plans to attend a four-year college and major in law, political science, or education.

HOME HEALTH – VISITING NURSES OF SOUTHERN MAINE: \$100 scholarship granted to a male *or* female student who will attend an accredited two or four-year nursing program.

JOLLY JOHN AUTO CITY SCHOLARSHIP: \$250 award granted to a student who plans to continue his or her education at a one, two, or four-year institution. Student should have shown a strong work ethic and the desire to grow.

KENNEBUNK SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 award granted to a senior planning to attend a four-year college.

LARRY d'ENTREMONT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 scholarship granted to a senior who demonstrates fine character, good scholarship and a desire to serve.

LAWRENCE ELLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,500 award granted to a student with strong athletic ability and a fine character.

MIKE FORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,250 renewable scholarship (up to \$5,000 in four years) granted to a student planning to attend a two or four-year college. Applicants should demonstrate leadership, academic and personal achievement, or service to the community. Applicants must fill out the Common Scholarship application as well as write a specific essay. Financial need is **NOT** a factor in the selection process.

NORMAN NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 scholarship granted to a male or female student who has participated in Southern York County Youth Hockey programs.

OGUNQUIT WOMEN'S CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARD: \$400 award granted to a student who is helpful in the school and/or community.

SENTRY HILL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 scholarship granted to a student who plans to pursue a degree in a health care field at a Maine college or university.

ST. ASPINQUID MASONIC DAVID ROCRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,500 award granted to a senior planning to attend a two or four-year college.

ST. ASPINQUID MASONIC ELIZABETH HASKELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,500 award granted to a student with a strong academic record who has participated in musical activities at York High School.

YORK ART ASSOCIATION AWARD: \$750 award granted to a student planning to pursue an art degree at a two or four-year college. This award is **NOT** based on financial need or academic excellence, but by the student's artistic talent.

YORK ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP: Two \$500 awards granted to seniors who have been athletes or managers and who plan to pursue a post-secondary education.

YORK KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP: Various awards granted to students planning to attend a two or four-year college.

YORK ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP – \$1,000 Renewable scholarships awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue a two or four-year degree. Students should demonstrate school and community service and good character (as per Rotary's motto of *Service Above Self*). **Note: Not open to students whose parents are current Rotarians, or who have been members within the past year. Finalists will be interviewed at the end of May by York Rotary Club members and the winners will receive their scholarship at a Rotary Club breakfast prior to graduation.**

YORK SOCCER CLUB: Two \$1,000 awards granted to soccer players planning to pursue a post-secondary education. Students must have "B" grade point average to be considered for this scholarship.

YORK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,500 award granted to a student planning to major in education.

BECAUSE NEED IS A FACTOR IN AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED BELOW, APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION PAGE OF THE COMMON APPLICATION FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY:

DON MORRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Two \$2,500 scholarships granted to well-rounded students planning to attend a two or four year college. Preference is given to first generation college students.

GEORGE N. PERKINS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 award granted to a student planning to major in the performing arts (music, theater, dance, technical theater). Applicants must fill out the Common Scholarship application **as well as answering specific questions about their performing arts involvement.**

JOHN F. WELCH SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 award granted to a student planning to attend a two or four-year college who demonstrates community and school service.

SANFORD INSTITUTION OF SAVINGS: Three \$1,000 scholarships granted to students planning to attend a two or four-year college who have significant financial need.

MARGARET S. SEWALL FUND: \$1,000 scholarship granted to a student who plans to attend a two or four year college.

STONEWALL KITCHEN SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,500 scholarship granted to a student who plans to attend a two or four year college.

WOLFRETT "SPORT" ELDREDGE MEMORIAL AWARD: \$1,000 award to a student planning to attend a two or four-year college.

YORK SAVINGS BANK OF MAINE: \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a student who plans to attend a two or four-year college. Applicants must be a well-rounded student with a solid academic record. The recipient must not be a relative of a Savings Bank of Maine employee.

YORK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Various awards granted to seniors who have been accepted to a two-year or four-year college, university, technical or vocational school. Students must have a good academic record, contribute positively to school and/or community, and show significant financial need.

SPECIAL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

(Application is SEPARATE from the Common Scholarship Application Form)

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 scholarship granted to a graduating senior who is a child of an educator. Deadline for applying is **May 14, 2010**. Return completed application to the Student Services office.

BILLY CHEVERIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 scholarship granted to graduating senior athletes who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership, community service, and academic effort. Eligible YHS students are **strongly** encouraged to apply. Billy Cheverie was a senior at YHS at the time of his death. Deadline for applying is: **April 23, 2010**.

MATTHEW E. CRUZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,000 award granted to a York High School senior planning to attend a two or four-year college to study liberal arts and sciences. This award is **NOT** based on financial need, but on the applicant's involvement in the school and community as well as responses to several short essays. **Application to be turned in to the Student Services Office by May 3, 2010.**

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SEACOAST SCHOLARS PROGRAM: Various Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and merit. Apply **ONLY** online at: www.nhcf.org. Click on "Grants and Scholarships for Students", then "Apply for a Scholarship" and then click on "Seacoast Scholars Program". This is the only NHCF Scholarship available for YHS Students. Deadline: **April 15, 2010**.

OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE THEATER GUILD SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 scholarship granted to a senior with a strong academic record planning to attend a four-year college. The recipient must be involved in theater and/or music in high school. Preference is given to a student who plans to pursue a major in the performing arts. This scholarship is **NOT** need based. Application due: **May 1, 2010**.

OGUNQUIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Scholarship offered to a student who has volunteered at Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce events or worked in Ogunquit. Deadline for applying is **April 9, 2010**.

ROBERT C. PACITTI SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000 award granted to a 2010 York High School graduate planning to attend a two or four-year college. This award is **NOT** based on financial need or academic excellence, but by applicants' responses to several thought-provoking statements. **Applications to be turned in to the Student Services Office by May 3, 2010.**

YORK HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP: Three \$3,000 scholarships granted to students who plan to pursue a degree in a medical or health care field. **Deadline: April 15, 2010.**

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern Maine Women's Golf Association: Four \$1000 scholarships granted to young women who have participated in some aspect in the game of golf; such as leisure play, competitive play, caddy experience, proshop employment, or golf course maintenance. Deadline for applying is **July 15, 2010**.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarships: \$3,000 to \$10,000 renewable scholarship granted to students with financial need who display academic excellence, a commitment to serving others in the school, community, or home, and a strong work ethic. The application will be available on the web site www.phillips-scholarship.org by January 1, 2010. Deadline for applying is **May 1, 2010**.

Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest: \$25 to \$500 awards granted to high school seniors in Maine who win this annual essay contest. This year's topic concerns national health care. Deadline for applying is **April 1, 2010**. Apply online at www.mcslibrary.org/program/edu/essay.htm.

Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship: \$1,250 renewable scholarship granted to graduating Maine seniors. Eligibility is based on academic performance/potential, community service, and financial need. Preference is given to students who plan to attend college in Maine. **A York graduate WILL be a recipient of this scholarship.** Applications are available in Student Services or from the web site: www.mitchellinstitute.org. Deadline for applying is **April 1, 2010**.

BigSun Scholarship: \$500 scholarship granted to a student athlete. Compose a short essay answering the following question: "How has your participation in sports affected the person you are becoming?" Send essay to: athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com by **June 24, 2010**. For more information, go to www.bigsunathletics.com.

CMP Scholarship Fund: scholarship awarded to the college-bound children of Central Maine Power employees or retirees. Deadline for applying is **May 1, 2010**. Additional information is available at www.maineef.org.

Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund: Scholarship assistance to seniors who plan to pursue their artistic, athletic, vocational, or life's passion outside of the traditional school environment (i.e. experiential education, tuition for summer programs of studies, athletic instructor, but not college tuition.) Deadline for applying is **May 1, 2010**. Further information at www.maineef.org.

Maine Vietnam Veterans Scholarship Fund: Scholarship granted to Maine veterans or children of veterans of the Vietnam or other conflicts. Deadline for applying is : **May 1, 2010**. Additional information at www.maineef.org.

Joseph W. Mayo Scholarship: Scholarship awarded to children, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren of ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) patients. Deadline for applying: **May 1, 2010**. Additional info at www.maineef.org.

Guy P. Gannett Scholarship: Scholarship granted to a senior who plans to pursue a major in print or broadcast journalism. Deadline for applying is **May 1, 2010**. Additional information is available at www.maineef.org.

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce: \$500 scholarship granted to a student who is either employed by a Chamber business member or whose parent is employed by a company that is a member of the Chamber. Deadline for applying is: **April 30, 2010**.

York County Federal Credit Union: Two \$500 scholarships granted to students who plan to attend a two or four year college. Applicants must be a member of the YCFCU maintaining a \$25 savings balance. Deadline for applying is **April 15, 2010**.

Seacoast Artist Association: Scholarships granted to students who submit three original works of art. See your art teacher or student services for further information. Deadline for applying is **April 27, 2010**.

Maine Innkeeper Association: Scholarship awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in the hospitality industry. Deadline for applying is **May 7, 2010**.

Maine Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction: \$500 to \$1,000 scholarship granted to a male or female students who plan to enroll in a post-secondary program in a construction related course. Examples of majors include carpentry, civil engineering, architecture, welding, electrical, plumbing, or construction management. Deadline: **May 1, 2010**.

Maine State Employees Association Scholarship: Various scholarships awarded to the children of MSEA Member. Note: Children of Maine School Teachers are not eligible for this award. Deadline for applying is **April 16, 2010**.

Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 scholarship granted to a graduating senior. Apply online at www.mesfoundation.com. Deadline for applying: **April 16, 2010**.

Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: \$1,500 scholarship granted to a student who plans to major in business. Apply online at www.mesfoundation.com. Deadline for applying is: **April 16, 2010**.

Maine State Products Association: Various scholarships granted to students who plan to major in machine trades or metalworking. Deadline for applying is: **April 16, 2010**.

Paul Goodman Essay Contest: \$1,000 prize for winner of an essay contest. The topic is, "What is one of the pressing social and political issues of our times and how would you address it?" Deadline for applying: **May 1, 2010**. For more info go to www.dissentmagazine.org/essaycontest/.

Alpha One "Powering Education" Scholarship: Three \$2,000 scholarships granted to people with disabilities who wish to pursue a college education. For more information, go to www.alphaonenow.org. Deadline for applying is **March 26, 2009**.

Maine Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society: George Soule Scholarship: \$3,000 scholarship to a student who will study Wildlife Conservation, Conservation Law Enforcement or Forest Management in college. Deadline for applying is **April 9, 2010**. Application available electronically at www.ruffedgrousemaine.com.

Portland Sea Dogs "NextGen Field of Dreams Scholarship": \$1,000 scholarship granted to the winner of an essay contest. Deadline for applying is **June 18, 2010**.

York County Council of Realtors: \$1,500 scholarship granted to a York County graduating senior who plans to pursue a business career. Applications are available online at <http://realtorscholarship.com> or via a paper application through the Student Services office. Deadline for applying is **April 23, 2010**.

Seacoast Crime Stoppers Scholarship: Scholarship granted to a student who plans to pursue a career in law enforcement or a related field. Deadline for applying is **May 14, 2010**.

Maine State Grange Agricultural Scholarship: \$500 awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally-related field. Possible majors include such fields as: forestry, biotechnology, horticulture, fish and wildlife study, equine science, or animal science. Deadline for applying: **April 30, 2010**.

Arthritis Foundation: \$1,000 scholarships granted to students who have juvenile arthritis or another rheumatic disease. Applications available by email at info.nne@arthritis.org or call 800-639-2113. Deadline for applying is **April 16, 2010**.

Alumni Band: \$1,000 scholarship granted to York County residents who plan to major in music in college. Deadline: **April 24, 2010**.

AGC of Maine Education Foundation: Scholarship granted to a student who plans to pursue a college degree in a construction-related field of study. Deadline: **March 31, 2010**.

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship: \$1500 renewable scholarship for outstanding Maine students who are also involved in community service. Deadline: **May 1, 2010**.

Educators for Maine Program: \$3,000 renewable merit-based, forgivable loan program for Maine students pursuing careers in teaching, including speech pathology and child development, who return to work in Maine after completing their education. Deadline: **May 15, 2010**.

Maine Driver Education Association MEDEA Scholarship: \$500 scholarship granted to the winner of an essay contest. Applicants must have been instructed in Driver Education by an instructor who is a member of MEDEA. Deadline: **April 15, 2010**.

Rainbow Business and Professional Association (RBPA) Scholarship: This scholarship grants funds to students who plan to further their education beyond high school. RBPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the vitality, productivity, and growth of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender business/professional community in Maine. Deadline for applying is **April 1, 2010**. For more information, visit the following web site: http://rbpa.org/rbpa_scholarship_fund.php. The scholarship may be completed online.

York County Retired Educators' Association Scholarship: three \$1,300 scholarships granted to graduating seniors who plan to enter the teaching profession. Deadline: **April 22, 2010**.

NEW MERIT AID RESOURCE

Many colleges offer merit aid scholarships for students based on their interests, their academic profile, their intended majors, leadership and community service. MeritAid.com is a new **free** resource that is dedicated to helping students and families discover merit aid scholarship opportunities nationwide.

Log on to www.meritaid.com and begin your search today!!

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The York High School Student Services Office has excellent links to college financial aid and career planning resources through its website www.yorkschoools.org/yhs/services/guidance.htm. Additional scholarships, available *for Maine student only*, may be found by using the scholarship search program at the website for the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) at www.famemaine.com. **Other free scholarship search sites include:**
www.college-scholarships.com
www.scholarships.com
www.theoldschool.org
www.scholaraid.com
www.fastweb.com
www.fastaid.com

Finally, by subscribing to www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org, students (or parents) will receive 1 to 5 scholarship notices per week. Several prominent national scholarships are currently available.

Financial aid has become a very complicated process and a great deal of information is available only on the web. A diligent search can yield good results.