

SCHOLARSHIPS
LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL

ATTEND THE OHS STUDENT AND PARENT FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION JANUARY 18 AT 6 P.M. IN THE OHS CAFETERIA.

1. **AYN RAND – THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY CONTEST/National/Several varying awards.** Criteria: Write an essay consisting of 800-1600 words in response to one of three topics regarding *The Fountainhead*. **For more information and to submit your essay online, go to www.aynrand.org/contests Deadline: April 26, 2012**
2. **BAKER COLLEGE CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS AND BOARD OF REGENT SCHOLARSHIP/ Local/ several \$4,800 awards.** Criteria: All seniors planning to attend Baker College are eligible to apply. **Fill out a Request for Information Card, available in the Counseling Center’s self-service files. Deadline: May 1, 2012.**
3. **BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY MICHIGAN SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP/ State/ several \$3,480 awards.** Criteria: Only Michigan residents may apply. Must have 3.0 GPA OR ACT of 21 OR SAT of 1000. All incoming freshman who meet above requirements receive the award. **Application is automatic when applying for admission.**
4. **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MUSKEGON COUNTY/ Local/ several varying awards.** Criteria: Most scholarships provide aid to students who are academically and financially eligible. Copies of tax returns and W-2 form are required. Several scholarships are available for vocational/tech school applicants, as well as two and four year college applicants. Only one application is required, as the Community Foundation matches applicants to certain scholarships. Students pursuing degrees less than four years, minority students and students with significant involvement in church and community are strongly encouraged to apply. **Applications available online only at www.cffmc.org/receive/scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2012**
5. **FAMILY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP/ Local/ One \$1000 award.** Criteria: Student must be a member and have a savings account at FFCU. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Immediate family members of FFCU employees are ineligible. **Applications available in self-service files. Deadline: April 9, 2012.**
6. **FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY/ several awards.** Criteria: Many of these scholarships are related to a specific academic interest or being first in your family to attend college. These scholarships require a separate application. Applications available online under *Incoming Freshman* at <http://www.ferris.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarships.html#freshman> or in the self service files. **Deadline: May 1, 201**

7. **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)/ National/ required for need-based aid.** Criteria: This is the one financial aid form ALL students should fill out and continue to file through the college years. Any student wishing to receive federal funding in the form of grants or loans must file the FAFSA. Additionally, most schools and private scholarships require the FAFSA to be filed in order for the student to receive any form of scholarship. **The FAFSA is available in self-service files, but is best filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** **Deadline: Must be received by federal agency by March 1.** **ATTEND THE OHS STUDENT AND PARENT FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION JANUARY 18 AT 6 P.M. IN THE OHS CAFETERIA.**
8. **GERBER FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/ Local/ \$1,700 one-time award.** Criteria: GPA of 3.7 OR BELOW. Preference is given to students with little or no scholarship support. **Applications available online at www.gerberfoundation.org** **Deadline: February 28, 2012.**
9. **GLOBAL AWARENESS: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD/Local/Three awards of varying amounts.** Criteria: Open to OHS students only! For graduating seniors; two scholarships for use in post high school studies, one for independent travel. **Applications available online at: <http://blogs.muskegonisd.org/bwood/building-a-better-world-scholarship/>** **Deadline: May 2012.**
10. **KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS/ National/ several varying awards.** Criteria: GPA of 2.75, plan to enroll in a public college or university pursuing a bachelor's degree. US Citizen demonstrating financial need. **Applications online at www.kfcscholars.org** **Deadline: February 8, 2012.**
11. **MARY JANE DOCKERAY SCHOLARSHIP/ Regional/ two \$1500 awards.** Criteria: Any graduating senior from Kent, Ottawa, or Muskegon Area Intermediate School Districts who is pursuing a career in science at a two-or four-year college is eligible. Personal Essay required. **Applications available in self-service files. Deadline: March 9, 2012.**
12. **MICHIGAN OIL & GAS PRODUCERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ State/ five \$500 awards.** Criteria: High School senior with a 3.0 GPA; accepted at a Michigan university or community college; must pursue a degree in an energy-related field. **Applications online at www.mogpef.org** **Deadline: April 2, 2012.**
13. **MICHIGAN RETAILERS ASSOCIATION/ State/ several \$1000 awards.** Criteria: Either the student or a parent/ guardian must be employed at a business that is a member of the Michigan Retailers Association. **Applications available online at www.retailers.com** click on Education and Events, then Scholarships. **Deadline: April 1, 2010.**

14. **MICHIGAN SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIP/ State/ varying awards.** Criteria: Open to all students. Students must request an application by email at robyn@aastr-mi.org or phone at 1-800-340-4060. **Deadline: February 20, 2012.**
15. **MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/Local/several varying awards** Criteria: Students should go to the link below and download a copy of the scholarship guide for full listings of the available scholarships. Note that Board of Trustees scholarship is an automatic \$500 for students with a GPA of 3.35 or better, but you must apply. **Applications available at** www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships **Deadline: March 1, 2012.**
16. **MUSKEGON COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP/ Regional/ varying awards.** Criteria: Applicant must be a member, child of, or under guardianship of a Muskegon County Farm Bureau member. Resume, Letter of Recommendation and essay required. **Applications available in self-service files. Deadline: March 1, 2012.**
17. **ROSA PARKS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION/ State/ \$2000 award.** Criteria: GPA of 2.5 or above; documented community activities; essay on a social issue you believe in and the principles that guided Rosa Parks; three letters of recommendation. **Applications available in self-service files or at** www.rosaparksscholarshipfoundation.org **Deadline: March 1, 2012.**
18. **UNIVERSITY CLUB OF GRAND RAPIDS/ State/\$500.** Criteria: Two letters of reference, Muskegon county student with a 3.0 GPA. **Applications available in self-service files. Deadline: February 1, 2012.**
19. **WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ Regional/ Five \$1000 awards.** Criteria: 3.0 GPA or higher, must plan to attend MCC or Baker college, must complete a personal interview with the committee. **Applications online at** www.womensdivision.org **Deadline: Postmarked by March 15, 2012**

WEB-BASED SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

You can search for many more scholarships online through a variety of websites. The Internet is a valuable tool for identifying available scholarships. The free, secure scholarship search website the OHS Counseling Center recommends is:

www.finaid.org

You create your own user profile

This site was recently recommended over all others for scholarship searches by a state-level committee presentation on acquiring financial aid.

www.fastweb.com

You create your own user profile

Quick and easy to use, simply answer questions related to demographics, academics, extracurricular activities and interests. Fastweb will match you up with possible scholarships. Spend at least one hour a week on Fastweb for best results!