

SCHOLARSHIPS
LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL

1. **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, 2013.**
2. **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 Click on "Receive" and "Scholarships." Deadline: March 1, 2013**
3. **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.**

GET HELP WITH THE FAFSA:

MCC offers Free FAFSA Friday sessions from 1-3 pm in Room 116A on Feb 8, 15, 22
And March 1, 8, 15, 22.

College Goal Sunday is February 10 at Baker College from 2-4 pm

4. **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, 2013.**
5. **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 at <http://www.buildingabetterworld.net/> Deadline: May 2013.**

6. **MARY JANE DOCKERAY SCHOLARSHIP/ Regional/ two \$1000 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 8, 2013.**
7. **MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Board of Trustees Scholarship Program/ other scholarships.** Local/\$ 500 per year, renewable for two years. Criteria: High School seniors with a GPA of 3.35 are eligible. **THESE ARE GUARANTEED AWARDS BUT YOU MUST APPLY.** Download the scholarship guide at: <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships> **Deadline: March 1, 2013.**
8. **MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMANCE-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS/ Local/ several tuition-only \$ 500 per semester awards.** Criteria: These tuition grants are available to students who demonstrate talent in the areas listed below. Each department sets the guidelines for the selection of students. Applications available at: <http://muskegoncc.edu/pages/528.asp> or select a specific link below. Deadlines vary, but are as soon as April 1, 2013.
9. **TIA M. PETERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/Oakridge/varying awards to \$5000.** Criteria: The Tia M. Peterson Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 to honor the 21-year teaching career of a dedicated Oakridge Public Schools educator. This memorial fund is intended to support future educators in their pursuit of service to children. If all other factors are equal, preference may be given to students interested in early elementary education in a program at Western Michigan University. **Applications available for download on the OHS Counseling website under the Scholarships link at:** www.oakridgeschools.org/HScounseling. **Deadline: March 29, 2013.**
10. **TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM/State/grant program.** Criteria: Students must have received Medicaid benefits for at least 24 months within a 36-month consecutive period of time. Must file the FAFSA form. Must verify personal information through submitting a paper application or by calling 1-888-447-2687. **Brochures available in the self-service files.**
11. **WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/Local/ Five \$1000 awards.** Criteria: Minimum 3.00 GPA; Must reside in Muskegon County; Must plan to attend MCC or Baker as a full-time student. **Applications available at** www.womensdivision.org **Deadline: April 17, 2013.**