

Financial Aid Newsletter

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Worthy Notes

2010-11 Foundation Scholarship Application is available now! Priority deadline is December 15

The 2010-2011 Foundation Scholarship Application is available for returning students at:

http://Dickinson.imodules.com/scholarship_app

Please apply for these scholarships by the priority deadline of Dec. 15, 2009.

Staff Senate Scholarship

Deadline: December 15

Be a dependent of a benefited staff member (this does not include faculty members)

- * Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- * Must be enrolled as a full-time student at DSU
- * Show good moral character

Contact the DSU Foundation office at 483-2004 with any questions.

Spring Semester Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1	New Year's Day Holiday
Jan. 9	Financial Aid Information Session 10 a.m. – 12 noon Beck Aud.
Jan. 11	Residual Registration
Jan. 11	Classes begin 3:00 p.m. (MT)
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan. 21	Last Day to Add a Class
Jan. 27-28	Fee Payment
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day Holiday
Feb. 21	College Goal Sunday 2-6 p.m. lower level May Hall
Mar. 15	FAFSA Priority Deadline After Jan. 1 complete 2010-11 Go to: www.fafsa.gov

(Use CTRL + click to follow each link)

NASFAA Today's News

Tuesday, November 10

[New Web Site Seeks to Help Veterans Pick College and Use GI Bill Benefits \(The Chronicle of Higher Education\)](#)

"The American Council on Education has created a Web site to help military veterans choose a college and obtain their education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, in the hope of encouraging more veterans to take advantage of the opportunities it offers," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports. "The Web site, unveiled today, provides information on benefits eligibility and advice on picking a college and career path, as well as stories about veterans who have completed postsecondary education."

NASFAA Today's News

Thursday, November 12

Panel Debates the Future of Student Loans

"Panelists representing various higher education interests debated the future of student loans and the merits of the Obama administration's proposal to eliminate FFELP during an event on Tuesday held by the Lexington Institute, an organization that actively opposes the unnecessary intrusion of the federal government into the commerce and culture of the nation. The event featured a panel with speakers who opposed and supported the proposal to move to 100 percent Direct Loans and discussed the benefits and drawbacks of converting for students, taxpayers and higher education institutions."

NASFAA Today's News

Friday, November 13

10 Secrets to Raising More Than \$15,000 for College (U.S. News & World Report)

"Grandparents are pitching in. Students are working more, and eating less. Parents are taking out more and bigger federal loans. As the economy has declined and college costs have risen, families have buckled down and become more resourceful to pay for college," *U.S. News & World Report* reports. "They have been so successful at funding tuition that college enrollment is up dramatically. A record 40 percent (or 11.5 million) of 18- to 24-year-olds are taking at least one college course this year. Add in all the adults returning to school because of the

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lousy job market, and the total number of college students is likely to exceed 19 million this year."

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Friday, November 13

[Higher Education Community Urges Congress to Eliminate Taxation of Certain Loan Forgiveness Programs](#)

"A group of 16 higher education associations, including NASFAA, sent a letter to Senators expressing the community's strong support for H.R. 2492, legislation that would ensure that federal student loan debt forgiven through the Income-Based Repayment (IBR) and Income Contingent Repayment programs is not taxed as income. The letter to Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Sen. Tom Harkin, chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, urges the lawmakers to incorporate this measure into the Senate version of H.R.3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act."

NASFAA Today's News

Tuesday, November 17

[Wanted: Obama's Help \(Inside Higher Ed\)](#)

"The leader of a major public university system called on President Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan to do more to accomplish the White House's goal of seeing the United States lead the world in postsecondary educational attainment by 2020," *Inside Higher Ed* reports. "William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland, said that colleges and universities need help in expanding the populations they serve and improving their graduation rates, and that the help must come from the highest levels of power."

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Tuesday, November 17

[Luring Top Young Talent to Public Service \(Washington Post\)](#)

"The Roosevelt Scholars program would draw young people to key positions in the federal service with the promise of paying their college expenses,"

the *Washington Post* reports. "A student would be nominated by someone with knowledge of the candidate's academic experiences. A nonprofit foundation created by the legislation would conduct the selection process. Those chosen would win a scholarship that would cover full tuition and a stipend for living expenses and books."

*******FALL GRADS NOTE*******

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[Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need \(GAANN\): Notice Inviting Applications for FY 2010 Awards](#)

"Applications are now available for the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program. This program provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course of study at the institution.

Applications must be submitted by Dec. 18.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application system (e-Application) accessible through the Department's e- Grants site."

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[Computer Matching Program to Identify Children of Parents Who Died Performing Military Service](#)

"In order to ensure that students whose parent or guardian died as a result of performing United States military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001 receive the maximum allowable amount of Title IV, HEA program assistance, the Department of Defense and the Department of Education are implementing a new computer matching program to commence in the fall of 2009. This notice announces the new computer matching program and provides certain required information concerning the program."

NASFAA Today's News
Tuesday, November 24

[Where to Start if You Want to Be a Rhodes Scholar \(U.S. News & World Report\)](#)

"The Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest international fellowship. Established after the death of British colonialist, magnate, and statesman Cecil J. Rhodes in 1902, it brings outstanding students from many countries around the world -- with 32 each year coming from the United States -- to pursue studies in all of the fields available at the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world," *U.S. News & World Report* reports. "Rhodes scholars hail from a wide range of academic institutions and from all walks of life."

NASFAA Today's News
Tuesday, November 24

[How to Do More With Less \(Inside Higher Ed\)](#)

"The underlying thesis of the Lumina Foundation for Education's Making Opportunity Affordable initiative is that as colleges, states and the country strive to get more people into and out of postsecondary education with a meaningful credential (the 'big goal' embraced by President Obama), they will have to do so without significant new public funds," *Inside Higher Ed* reports. "As a result, Lumina argues, college leaders, with the help

(or at the prodding) of policy makers, must figure out how to do more with less."

NASFAA Today's News
Wednesday, December 2

[Advisers Cultivate Top Students for Plum Prizes \(The Chronicle of Higher Education\)](#)

"Fellowship advising, once an Ivy League trade secret, has become a sophisticated, widespread profession," The Chronicle of Higher Education reports. "Membership in the National Association of Fellowships Advisers has grown more than tenfold, to 300, since its founding, in 1999. Advisers not only scout talent but also act as mentors, helping students, if not to land scholarships for graduate study, then at least to lift their ambitions and define their goals."

NASFAA Today's News
Wednesday, December 2

[Recent College Grads Face Record Debt and Unemployment](#)

"College seniors who graduated in 2008 carried an average of \$23,200 in student loan debt. Meanwhile, unemployment climbed from an already challenging 7.6 percent in the third quarter of 2008 to 10.6 percent in 2009 -- the highest third-quarter rate for college graduates aged 20 to 24 this decade. The Project on Student Debt's new report, *Student Debt and the Class of 2008*, and an interactive online map include debt levels for the 50 states and District of Columbia and nearly 2,000 U.S. colleges and universities."

(Use CTRL + click to follow each link)

External Scholarships Available

The Office of Financial Aid will inform you of any external scholarships as they become available. The following external scholarships are available now; therefore, if you need an application or more information, please stop in Room 209 May Hall between the hours of 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Notice the deadline dates for the individual scholarships. Check out the "Scholarship Bulletin Board" located by the stairs for the Office of Financial Aid, Room 209 May Hall.

External scholarships and the previous newsletters have been added to the DSU website:
www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial_newsletter.asp &
www.dickinsonstate.com/pdf/finaid/ExternalScholarships.pdf

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund

Deadline: December 15

This scholarship is awarded to women from other countries to study in the U.S. or Canada. You must be admitted to a full-time graduate degree program, plan to return to your native country, be free of financial obligations, and have a U.S. sponsor who will act as a non-academic advisor. Visit:

www.peointernational.org/about/ips-fact-sheet.pdf

Central Dakota Human Resource Association (CDHRA) Scholarship Award

Deadline: December 31

- Award Amount: \$500 (2)
- Must be at least a second semester sophomore enrolled in a business program at a college in the local area
- Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Provide a copy of your transcript
- Website:
<http://www.cdhra.com/scholarship.htm>

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) Deadline: December 31

Award Amount: \$500 awarded spring semester
* Applicant receives water from a member rural water system or is the dependent of someone who receives their water from a member rural water system

- * Submit an official application form
- * Submit transcript of past two years of high school education and/or college education
- * Include paragraph summarizing career goals
- * List extracurricular activities

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* Submit a brief essay on "How rural water has improved your quality of life"

Submit completed application to:

Melody Kruckenberg, CEO

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association
2718 Gateway Ave. Suite 201

Bismarck, ND 58503-0585

Questions: call 800-349-6951, email:

melkruck@ndrw.org, or website: www.ndrw.org

Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund

Deadline: January 2

Award Amount: Will award \$180,000 for the 2010 academic year

Deadline: January 2 or first 5,000 applicants processed

Requirements:

- * Be women currently residing in the U.S. or Canada
- * Be women who have earned a high school diploma or GED before Sept. 2000
- * Be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full- or part-time undergraduate course of study
- * Have at least two semesters (24 credit hours or more) remaining to complete an undergraduate degree.

Applications available at:

www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association Inc.

Deadline: January 11

Award Amount: \$1,000 - 5,000

Requirements:

- * Current enrollment and matriculation in a state approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic doctorate or generic master's degree, or enrolled in a RN to BSN, RN to MSN, or LPN/LVN to RN program.
- Download application at: www.nсна.org (click on the foundation/scholarships link) or send a .75 self addressed stamped envelope to: Foundation of the National Student Nurses Assoc. 45 Main Street Suite 606

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Any questions call: 718-210-0705

scholars@microsoft.com

Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Deadline: January 12

Award Amount: Varies

* Funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it offers scholarships to students of diverse backgrounds

* See website at www.gmsp.org

Contact:

Toll free: 800-944-9627

Lilly Reintegration Scholarship Applications

Deadline: January 19

* To help students with schizophrenia, related schizophrenia-spectrum disorders or bipolar disorder acquire educational skills and help them realize their full potential

Applications can be downloaded at:

www.reintegration.com or call 800-809-8202 to request a hard copy

Department of homeland Security

Deadline: January 15

Scholarship program

Undergraduate students

US citizenship

Scholarships and summer internships

Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty

<http://www.orau.gov/dhseducationprograms>

Email: dhsed@orau.org

Institute for Responsible Citizenship

Deadline: January 29

Internship for African American Sophomore Males

Michael.A.Chapman@nasa.gov

AT&T Bell Laboratories Graduate Research for Women

Deadline: January 31

* This fellowship provides an annual living stipend of \$23,800, tuition and fees, and textbook allowance. The grant provides \$2000 annually to be used in the following year in a way that benefits her professional development. Women college seniors may apply who will be pursuing Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering, chemistry, communications science, computer science/engineering, electrical engineering, information science, materials science, mathematics, mechanical engineering, operations research, physics, or statistics.

AT&T Labs Fellowship Administrator

Room C103

180 Park Ave.

Florham Park, NJ 07832-0971

www.research.att.com/academic/alfp.html

Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 15

Award Amount: \$300- \$1,000

Requirements:

* Applicant must be intending to enroll in an accredited U.S. institution

For information: www.mensafoundation.org click on the scholarship link

Microsoft – Various Scholarships

Deadline: January 15

* Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering, or a related technical discipline, such as math or physics, with an interest in computer science

* Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

Microsoft Scholarship Program

Microsoft Corporation

One Microsoft Way

Redmond, VA 98052

www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships

Scholarship Experts

Deadline: January 31

Award Amount: \$5,000

*US citizens or legal residents

*Enrolled at (or recently graduated from) a 2-year or 4-year college or university in the US

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Complete list of rules and submit online application to:

<http://campusdiscovery.com/start>

Scholarshipexperts.com

Campus Discovery

Deadline: January 31

Award Amount: chance to win \$5,000 for school

Requirements:

US Students

*enrolled at a 2 or 4 year college or university

Campusdiscovery.com/start

Presidential Forum on Renewable Energy Essay Contest

Deadline: February 1

Award Amount: \$10,000

The contest will engage college students in the issues of renewable energy, sustainability, and conservation.

* The contest is open to students who, as of January 1, are between the ages of 18 - 24

* Enrolled, full-time or part-time, in an undergraduate college program

* Citizen of the U.S.

* Submissions must be completed by February 1 and will be evaluated on their originality, on their political, economic, and technical feasibility of thinking, but we will also consider the ability to present those ideas in a concise, persuasive, and compelling manner. www.2008EnergyForum.org.

National Research Council of the National Academics Research Associateship programs National Research Council of the National Academics

Deadline: February 1

Applications sought for graduate, postdoctoral and senior research awards

*infields of chemistry, earth, atmospheric, and space sciences; engineering, applied sciences and computer science; life and medical sciences; mathematics; and physics

*open to graduate students, recent doctoral recipients and senior investigators

*must contact the research advisor/mentor at the proposed sponsoring lab; including discussion of the proposed project before the deadline.

*www.national-academics.org/rap

Fellowship Programs Office, Associateship Programs

500 5th street NW, Keck 568, Washington DC 20001

[Tel:\(202\) 334-2760](tel:(202)334-2760) Email: rap@nas.edu

NASA MUST Scholarship

Deadline: February 1

* Must be a U.S. citizen

* Must reside in the U.S. or Territories of the U.S.

* Must be studying and hold full-time academic status at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or U.S. Territory for the upcoming academic year

* Be a rising college freshman, sophomore, or junior during the time of application who plans to attend or enroll in an accredited U.S. higher education institution as a full-time student for the upcoming academic year

* Must have earned and maintain a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (un-weighted)

* Must be pursuing a degree in a physical science, technology, engineering, or mathematics

<http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications>

The Fund for Theological Education (FTE)

Deadline: February 1 for nominations, March 15 for application

FTE offers young adults, who may be drawn to religious leadership, a network of support, both financial and relational. To be considered for the FTE Undergraduate Fellowship, candidates must:

* Be nominated by a professor, school administrator, current pastor or campus minister

* Be a current sophomore or junior with a 3.0 minimum GPA at a North American college or university

* Be a U.S. or Canadian citizen under the age of 30

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- * Have an interest in exploring ministry as a vocation
 - * Demonstrate leadership ability in a church or school community
- For more information about FTE and to download a nomination and application form, go to:
www.thefund.org

Miss Montana Scholarship Program

Deadline: February 2

- * Montana's young women, ages 17-24
- For information visit: www.missmontana.org

Western Cooperative Credit Union

Deadline: February 5

Award Amount: \$250

- * High school senior or college freshman
- * Must be a Western Cooperative Credit Union CU succeed member

Return the application to:

Judy Billehus

Western Cooperative Credit Union

PO Box 2237

Williston, ND 58802

Call: 800-584-9220

IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) National Scholarship Program

IMA Memorial Education Fund Scholarships (MEF) and Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship (SCMS)

Deadline: February 15

All IMA student members who have not previously received an IMA Scholarship in the classification category to which he/she currently resides or from another IMA Scholarship Program are eligible to apply for the MEF-sponsored scholarships.

Completion of this application also entitles candidates to be considered to receive the prestigious Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000

- * Full and part-time students (must carry at least six credits per semester) are encouraged to apply.

SCMS Scholarship requires that students must carry 12 credits per semester

- * Scholarships are awarded to students who are physically located in the U.S. or Puerto Rico, studying at regionally accredited institutions
- * Applicant must be an IMA Student Member with the membership number included on the application form

- * The applicant needs to have the expressed intent of pursuing a career in management accounting, financial management, or information
 - * A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required between all institutions attended throughout the applicant's undergraduate/graduate academic career
- Application is available online at:

www.imanet.org/scholarships

ISA – The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society

Deadline: February 15

Award Amount: Varies

ISA is an association of industry professionals focused on promoting and advancing the field of automation and control. ISA is committed to assisting future automation professionals prepare for, kick off, and make the most of their careers. They do this by offering scholarships, discounted student memberships, opportunities to publish papers, student activities, and mentoring among other activities

For complete details go to

www.isa.org/scholarships or call: (919) 549-8411

Polar Communications Retiree Scholarship Program

Deadline: February 15

Award Amount: \$1,000 (min) or \$1,500 (max)

- * This program recognizes and rewards students, who upon graduation, intend to work in the telecommunications industry within the state of ND
- * These scholarships will be awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at an accredited technical school or two-year college

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- * Be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies and equipment for instruction at the accredited institution of higher learning
- * Submit a one-page essay describing your future plans in the telecommunications industry
- * Submit two letters of recommendation, one from a local community leader (telephone company personnel, elected officials, or local business representatives) and the other from one of your current educators
- * Include your official transcript with your application Visit the website at:
www.thinkpolar.com

Soroptimist International of the Americas North Central Region (NCR) Past Governors Award **Deadline: February 15**

Award Amount: \$1,500

- * Female student engaged in or entering post graduate education
 - * U.S. citizen and resides in the NCR (IA, MN, NE, ND, SD) or attends a NCR four year college or university
 - * Soroptimist members and immediate family are not eligible
 - * Should be outstanding academically
 - * Preference will be given to women working toward a career in public service, international studies or in a non-traditional field for women
- Visit the website at:
www.soroptimistncr.org
Applications along with required personal recommendations must be submitted by Feb. 15

Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarship Program

Deadline: February 20

Award Amount: \$2500 (30)

- * This scholarship is available to rural high school seniors only
- For all the information visit the website at:
www.frs.org , or call 703-351-2026

Grand – Basin Electric Scholarships

Deadline: February 20

\$500 (2 offered)

- * Must be a dependent of a Grand Electric consumer
 - * Must be a U.S. citizen
 - * Must be planning to enroll or already enrolled in a full time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school.
 - * Selection is based on recipient's combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals and an applicant appraisal.
 - * Previous winners are not eligible to apply.
- For more information or a scholarship application form, contact Helen Aaker at Grand Electric (605-244-5211 or 1-800-592-1803), the Guidance Counselor at your school or download an application at www.grandelectric.coop.

U.S. Bank Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 31

Award Amount: \$1,000

- 40 - \$1000 scholarships will be awarded
- High school and undergraduate college students are eligible
- Winners will be selected at random
- Apply online at:
www.usbank.com/studentbanking then click on internet scholarship

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Dates to Remember:



Financial Aid Information Session

Saturday, January 9, 2010

Beck Auditorium (Klinefelter Hall)

from 10:00 - Noon



College Goal Sunday

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Computer Labs 1, 7, & 19

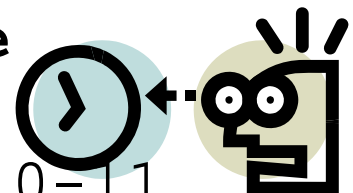
(lower level May Hall)

from 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

FAFSA Priority Deadline

March 15, 2010

After January 1 complete 2010-11



<http://www.fafsa.gov>

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