

# Financial Aid Newsletter

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## Worthy Notes

### Sunday, February 22

North Dakota College  
Goal Sunday  
February 22, 2009  
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
DSU campus – lower level  
computer labs May Hall

Get free on-site professional assistance filing out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Come any time during event hours. Plan to stay about an hour to get your FAFSA completed.

Please bring with you:

- PIN numbers to sign FAFSA. Both you and a parent should register for separate PINs at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- 2008 Federal Tax Return and W2s for you and your parents, if you are a dependent student
- Your Social Security Number and your parents, if you are a dependent student
- Driver's license (if any)
- Copies of your 2008 1098-T form (these are provided by Universities you attended in 2008. The DSU Office of Business Affairs mailed the forms the end of January.)
- 2008 untaxed income records – payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans; IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans; child support received; tax exempt interest income; untaxed portions of IRA distributions; untaxed portions of pensions; housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others; veterans non-education benefits; other untaxed income not reported; or money received, or paid on your behalf
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself and your parents (if applicable)
- Your alien registration card (if you are an eligible non-citizen)

College Goal Sunday is a volunteer program that helps students and families who need assistance in completing the financial aid forms, with a particular focus on helping low-income, first-generation families. Through a grant process funded by **Lumina Foundation for Education**, College Goal Sunday has assisted thousands of families with access to higher education opportunities.

Lumina Foundation for Education is an Indianapolis-based, private foundation dedicated to expanding access and success in education beyond high school. Click on the link to learn more about College Goal Sunday at: [www.collegegoalnd.org](http://www.collegegoalnd.org)  
The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is available for the 2009-10 school year. If you completed a FAFSA last year, you should have received a renewal email reminder from the Department of Education.

## Countdown for the FAFSA

### Priority Deadline for Fall 09: March 15, 2009

Check out the Countdown on the DSU website at:

[http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial\\_aid.asp](http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial_aid.asp)

Returning students may complete a pre-filled FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Federal Work Study Positions available in:

**Athletic Department**

**Business Office**

**Department of Business & Management**

**Department of Nursing**

**EES**

**Multicultural Affairs**

**Office of Extended Campus**

**Strom Center**

If you completed your FAFSA by March 15, 2008, you may be eligible for Federal Work Study. Contact the Office of Financial Aid (Room 209 May Hall, 483-2371) about positions in the above departments.

Must be a U.S. citizen

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## NASFAA Today's News

Thursday, February 12, 2009

### Common Mistakes To Avoid When Completing The FAFSA

“The best way to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is early, and online – Jan. 1 is the earliest you can apply. Remember that some financial aid awards are granted on a first-come basis, so you may miss out on some aid if you wait to apply. Making mistakes on your FAFSA could delay your application and possibly cause you to miss out on some financial aid. The most common errors people make on the FAFSA are listed in this article. Students and parents should try to avoid these errors.”

## NASFAA Today's News

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

### Senate Passes Stimulus Package With Nearly \$14 Billion For Pell

“The Senate passed by a 61 to 37 vote a nearly \$14 billion increase for Pell Grants as part of its version of an \$838 billion economic stimulus package yesterday. After the bill was passed, the House and Senate appointed negotiators to work out the differences between the two bills. NASFAA is working to ensure the negotiated bill that comes from this conference committee includes the provisions from each bill that provide the greatest assistance to students and parents paying for college. “

## NASFAA Today's News

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

### NASFAA Commends Senate Passage Of American Recovery And Reinvestment Act

“The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) commends the Senate for passing historic legislation Tuesday to stimulate America's struggling economy and provide a meaningful investment in college student aid programs. On behalf of the 16,000 financial aid administrators NASFAA represents and the millions

of college students they serve, NASFAA President and CEO Dr. Philip Day expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Senators who worked to pass this bill with a significant boost for students and families paying for college.”

## 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. 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](http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial_newsletter.asp) & [www.dickinsonstate.com/pdf/finaid/ExternalScholarships.pdf](http://www.dickinsonstate.com/pdf/finaid/ExternalScholarships.pdf)**

## Polar Communications Retiree Scholarship Deadline: February 17, 2009

Polar Communications has established the Polar Retiree Scholarship Program to recognize and reward students, who upon graduation, intend to work in the telecommunications industry within the state of North Dakota. These scholarships in the amount of \$1000 (minimum) or \$1500 (maximum) will be awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at an accredited four-year college or students entering their final year at an accredited technical school or two-year college and be enrolled in a curriculum studying the telecommunications field. Applications can be obtained and completed online at [www.thinkpolar.com](http://www.thinkpolar.com).

## Grand – Basin Electric Scholarships Offered Deadline: February 20, 2009

Grand/Basin Electric Cooperative will be offering two \$500 college scholarships to dependents of

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Grand Electric members in 2009. The scholarships are for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants for the scholarship must be a U.S. citizen and the dependent of a Grand Electric consumer. They must be planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school. The scholarships are for high school seniors or students already attending college. Previous winners are not eligible to apply. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a 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. 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](http://www.grandelectric.coop).

## **American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program**

**Deadline: March 1, 2009**

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program is receiving applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Scholarship is designed to encourage the best and brightest African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences. The ACS Program will award approximately 100 scholarships to undergraduate students interested in four-year degrees in the chemical sciences. The scholarship is valued at up to \$2500 per academic year for freshman, up to \$3000 per academic year for sophomores, and up to \$5000 per academic year for juniors and seniors. Their website, [www.acs.org/scholars](http://www.acs.org/scholars), contains additional information about the program and provides access to the on-line application form.

## **Jeanette Rankin Foundation**

**Deadline: March 1, 2009**

The Jeanette Rankin Foundation awards grants annually to low income women, 35 years of age or older, who are in an undergraduate or vocational training program and have a vision of how their education will benefit themselves, their families, and their communities. Visit the website at [www.rankinfoundation.org](http://www.rankinfoundation.org).

## **AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students**

**Deadline: March 6, 2009**

This scholarship program provides awards of up to \$5,000 to outstanding minority students to encourage their selection of accounting as a major and their ultimate entry into the profession. The program has been in existence for more than 20 years and has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships. For more information and to download an application go to [www.aicpa.org/aec](http://www.aicpa.org/aec).

## **Arthur S. Johnson Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 13, 2009**

For the twenty-fourth year, Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) is sponsoring this scholarship which was established in honor of previous manager, Art Johnson, who worked for NCC from 1951 to 1985. NCC will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships in 2009. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and students in post secondary institutions. Visit the website at [www.nccray.com](http://www.nccray.com) to download an application.

## **Kenneth Lund, Jr. Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 13, 2009**

For the seventh year, Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) is pleased to sponsor a technology scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of previous General Manager Kenneth Lund, Jr. who worked for NCC from 1969-2003. NCC will be awarding two \$1000 technology scholarships in 2009. These scholarships are

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available to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students enrolled in a curriculum studying the telecommunications and/or computer technology field at an accredited technical school or two-year college. Visit the website at [www.nccray.com](http://www.nccray.com) to download an application.

## **North Dakota Education Association Scholarships**

**Deadline: March 15, 2009**

For detailed information on each scholarship and applications go to: [www.ndea.org](http://www.ndea.org) then go to Teaching and Learning, then click on Handbooks, Grants & Scholarships.

## **Southwest Grain Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 26, 2009**

Southwest Grain will be offering eight \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing careers in an agriculturally related field. Any student planning to attend college or university for the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters may apply for a scholarship. Feel free to apply again even if you have previously received a Southwest Grain Scholarship before. Applications are available on the second floor of May Hall near the Office of Financial Aid, from your local Southwest Grain Agri-Service Center Manager, or contact Vi at 701-483-2971 M-F between 6 am and 2:30 pm. Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, March 26, 2009 to be considered. Winners will be announced in April.

## **North Dakota Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

Scholarships will be offered to persons in the field of general education who have completed two or more years of college toward that education level. Applicants must be enrolled full time for two semesters or three quarters of the school year for which the application is made. The applicant must be a resident of North Dakota. At least one parent or guardian of the dependent student must be a North

Dakota resident. The applicant must also submit letters of reference, official transcript, and a 100-300 word essay. Recipients are encouraged to teach in North Dakota schools for one year for each scholarship received. Applications are located on the second floor of May Hall near the financial aid office or contact the NDPTA office at 701-297-9268 or [NDPTAoffice@702com.net](mailto:NDPTAoffice@702com.net).

## **National Federation of the Blind**

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

The annual National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program offers thirty scholarships from \$3000 to \$12,000 and includes additional gifts for each winner. By completing the one scholarship application, eligible students are applying for all 30 awards in the 2009 program. To be eligible, students must be legally blind, living in the United States, enrolled in accredited universities here, and, if they are winners, must attend the NFB annual convention in July 2009, at which time awards are presented. Go to [www.nfb.org/scholarships](http://www.nfb.org/scholarships) to read all the details and to find the online application form.

## **Student Loan Network Scholarship**

**Deadline: drawing on March 31, 2009**

Student Loan Network has helped millions of students and their families access financial aid, student loans and scholarships. We're giving you the chance to win a \$10,000 college scholarship simply by entering our semi-annual scholarship drawing and becoming a [ScholarshipPoints.com](http://ScholarshipPoints.com) member. Go to [www.studentloannetwork.com/10k](http://www.studentloannetwork.com/10k) to enter. For other free resources go to [www.studentloannetwork.com/resources](http://www.studentloannetwork.com/resources).

## **Academic Business Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Academic Business Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing bachelor level degrees related to business management, information systems management, marketing, finance,

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accounting, human resource management, and entrepreneurship. Go to [http://degreedirectory.org/pages/business\\_scholarship.html](http://degreedirectory.org/pages/business_scholarship.html) for more information and to download an application.

## **AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2009**

Accountemps is proud to partner with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ([www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)) to provide \$2,500 scholarships to five (5) outstanding students pursuing a degree in Accounting, Finance or Information Systems. The scholarships will be awarded based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership activities and future career interests. To be eligible, you must be:

- An AICPA student affiliate member
- A declared accounting, finance or information systems major with an overall *and* major GPA of at least 3.0
- A student who has satisfactorily completed at least 30 semester hours (or equivalent), including at least six (6) semester hours in accounting
- Enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (12 semester hours or equivalent), at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Download membership application and information at <http://ceae.aicpa.org/Membreships>. For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.accountemps.com/portal/site/at-us>

## **AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship Program Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship program provides financial assistance to liberal arts degree holders pursuing graduate studies in accounting and the CPA designation. Up to ten \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually. For eligibility information and to download an application, go to [www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm](http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm)

## **Army Nurse Corps Association Nursing Scholarship Program**

**Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Army Nurse Corps Association is accepting applications for the 2009 Army Nurse Corps Scholarship program. The purpose of this program is to award scholarship grants to colleges and universities with established and qualifies baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs. The school uses the scholarship grant to provide financial assistance to one or more nursing students. Previous grants have been between \$3000 - \$3500 per school. The school chooses the scholarship recipient(s) based upon the established criteria of the school. Scholarships cannot be directly awarded to students, but schools of nursing can make application on behalf of a particular student(s). For more information and an application go to <http://sacn.edu/documents/2009ScholarshipApplication-PDFFile.pdf>

## **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women studying business at the undergraduate level who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Twelve \$5000 scholarships are offered to women students registered to enter their third or fourth year of a business related undergraduate degree program. Women of any nationality pursuing an undergraduate business degree who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field are eligible. For complete information and to download an application visit the website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

## **St. Vincent Healthcare Career Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The St. Vincent Healthcare Volunteers, Ralph Nelles, Judy Wallinder, and other generous donors have made numerous scholarships available for qualified students pursuing careers in healthcare. Learn more about these opportunities, including

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application forms, by visiting the website at [www.svfoundation.org](http://www.svfoundation.org) . If interested in applying, please print off the application form and submit it.

## **American Indian Education Foundation**

**Deadline: April 4, 2009**

The American Indian Education Foundation was established to support educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Applicants must be Native American or Alaska descent, attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or technical/vocational school, be enrolled as a full-time student, have a GPA between 2.0 and 3.4 (is desirable, but all current or future undergraduate college students are encouraged to apply, and an ACT score of 14 or above is desirable. Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies only – online colleges/courses are not applicable. Applications are available at [www.aiefprograms.org](http://www.aiefprograms.org).

## **The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation**

**Deadline: April 15, 2009**

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's mission is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. For complete details, eligibility, and an application visit the website at [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org).

## **Women in Need Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 15, 2009**

The Board of Trustees created the Women in Need scholarship in 2000 for women who are beginning their third, fourth, or fifth year of academic pursuit and require financial support to complete their degrees. This \$2,000 scholarship is renewable for one additional year upon satisfactory completion of course requirements. The Women In Need scholarship is available to incoming, current, or reentry juniors, with a commitment to the goal of

pursuing a degree in accounting, including evidence of continued commitment after receiving the award. Visit the website [www.efwa.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.efwa.org/scholarships.htm) for more information and an application.

## **Orphan Foundation of America Scholarships**

**Deadline: April 16, 2009**

Founded in 1981, the Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) serves thousands of foster teens across the United States. Whether we're providing them with college scholarships, connecting them with mentors and internships, sending them care packages, or testifying before Congress, OFA is a passionate champion of foster youth. Each year 25,000 young people "age out" of the foster care system. We're committed with our partners and sponsors to help foster teens become tomorrow's productive good citizens. We're working to maximize support for their post-secondary education goals and mobilize the community at large to assist them. Applicants must have been in foster care for one consecutive year at the time of their 18th birthday OR Have been adopted or taken into legal guardianship out of foster care after their 16th birthday OR Have lost both parents to death before the age of 18 and not been subsequently adopted. In this instance, copies of the death certificates must be provided. Applicants must be accepted into or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program at the undergraduate level (university, college, community college or vocational/technical institute). Applicants must be under the age of 25 on March 31, 2009. NOTE: Although U.S. citizenship is not required for the OFA Scholarship, domicile is. Applicants must have been in foster care or have grown up in the United States of America and must reside in the U.S. at the time of their application. Visit [www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org) for more information and to apply.

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### **Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 17, 2009**

The Elizabeth Nash Foundation (ENF) awards scholarships to assist persons with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 are awarded annually. The Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship program is open to individuals with CF who are in-going or current undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited US-based college or university. Given limited resources, the program is currently only open to US citizens. Visit the website at [www.elizabethnashfoundation.org](http://www.elizabethnashfoundation.org) to download an application.

### **North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare Inc. Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 30, 2009**

Each year the NDCSW selects up to one (1) graduate and eight (8) undergraduate students for up to a \$500 scholarship. The scholarships are awarded at the annual conference, which is held in September each year. The scholarship selection is based on the student's interest in: 1) social welfare reform; 2) advocating for the underprivileged; and 3) being a leader in social welfare issues. The student must write an essay of 1000 words or less about their interest in the three areas listed above; why you would like to be a member of the NDCSW; what benefits there are to membership in the NDCSW; what committee you would like to serve on; and, how you would like to or intend to become involved as a member of the NDCSW. Students may access the NDCSW website at [www.ndcsw.org](http://www.ndcsw.org) for information on the organization and its committees. Scholarship recipients will attend the fall conference late in September to receive their award. An application can also be downloaded on the website.

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