



COACHING FOR COLLEGE e-Tip Sheet for parents who have a student preparing for college

Scholarships...Give It a Try - January

After completing those applications and waiting to hear from the colleges, seniors might be ready to stop and rest. Well, there could be one more item on your list...investigating scholarship opportunities. Remember the line, “\$how me the money!” The price tag for college might encourage you to apply for a few scholarships. Some scholarships found online have taken a creative approach to attract applicants who cannot bear to write one more essay on their goals or aspirations.

There are some basic categories of scholarships for students to consider:

College Scholarships – generally you are invited to apply or you might be offered a grant, especially from a private college.

Employee Scholarships for Sons and Daughters – I remember applying for one of these with my father’s employer and being a winner. It still is one of my most memorable achievements. Large employers usually have this incentive to encourage higher education for the sons and daughters of the employees. Check with the Human Resources Dept.

Local Scholarships from the Community – Local scholarship dollars exist for scholars, athletes, musicians, performers, leadership skills, service to the community, and so forth. From the local banks, to the Lions, the Rotary, the Fire Department, or the high school memorial scholarships, it’s worth a try. It’s a way for the community to recognize the achievement of its high school seniors.

www.fastweb.com – ah, what can’t you find here...there’s a plethora of scholarships here from ROTC, Milk Mustaches, 3M Duck Tape Prom Apparel, citizenship and essay contests. There are a few other scholarship websites and books on this topic, but a website is faster and up-to-date resource.

Time is running out, so trying for a few before spring break might be a fun challenge. You will enjoy yourself over break knowing that “you pulled out all of the stops.” Having a scholarship or two is definitely the “frosting on the cake” and makes going to college just a little sweeter for you and your parents. Now, go catch up on some sleep, catch some rays, read for fun, or make some money over your break! **Remember, time is running out, Do It Now!**

Feel your teen could use a jumpstart for the college planning process? Perhaps as the parent, you realize you could use a tune-up on your career path as well or want to prepare to become an *Empty Nexter*®. Contact Beckon Call and let’s talk!

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