



FIRST Scholarship News – 10/4/11

Team Contacts: Please pass this info on to your students, parents, and high school guidance counselors!

Greetings Teams,

Now is the perfect time for seniors to be researching what *FIRST* Scholarships they might want to apply for. Don't wait until the build season or competition season to start thinking about college scholarships – act NOW!

2012 *FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities List is Now on the Website

Currently, nearly 130 schools or organizations throughout the country are offering confirmed *FIRST* scholarships to FRC and/or FTC students ranging in value from \$500 to \$160,000. **Over \$13.6 million** in scholarship funding for FRC students (\$9.4 Million for FTC students) is offered from schools such as MIT, Florida Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale University, Carnegie Mellon University, Kettering University, University of Texas-Austin, University of Southern California, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, and Tulane University. You can see the complete list now by visiting <http://www.usfirst.org/scholarshipsearch.aspx>. Or go to the main *FIRST* Scholarship page at <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/scholarships> and click on "Scholarship list" in the Quicklinks section or click on "*FIRST* Scholarship Opportunities" in the Program Updates section.

There are scholarships specifically for engineering, computer science, technology, science, or math, and many others that can be applied to any course of study. Most scholarships are for academic achievements, but some are for financial need and others simply for participation on a *FIRST* team. There are plenty of scholarship opportunities for all students to consider.

We are still waiting for a few providers to update their 2012 Scholarship offerings. These listings show the 2011 scholarship information and are labeled "*Not Yet Confirmed*". Their actual offering and application deadlines may be similar to those listed for last year, but be sure to confirm this with the scholarship provider. As new scholarships are offered and existing ones are confirmed, the website listing will be updated. So check the Scholarship website frequently.

For general information about finding and applying for *FIRST* Scholarships, be sure to check out the *FIRST* Scholarships FAQs at: <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/content.aspx?id=15408>.

New Filters and Options Available to Aid You in Your Scholarship Search

New this year, we have provided additional filters and options to make it easier for you to narrow your search for college scholarships. For example, you can now search for scholarships that can be used at any school, or for scholarships that can be used for any course of study. And there are filters that will help women and ethnic minority students find scholarships specifically for them. For instructions on how to use these (and other) filters, click on the link in the first bulleted item at <http://www.usfirst.org/about/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities>.

New Scholarships for 2012

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name/Description	FRC	FTC
2/1	George Fox University (OR) - is offering a \$2,500/year scholarship for any course of study.	X	X
3/1	Georgia Institute of Technology – is offering a \$5,000 non-renewable scholarship for any course of study.	X	X
2/9	SMaRT Education (CA) – is offering four \$1,250 - \$2,500 non-renewable scholarships for any course of study at the college of your choice. For participants in the Inland Empire & Desert Regions of California.	X	X
3/1	University of Texas at San Antonio – is offering one scholarship for \$5,000 (non-renewable) for studying Engineering. (corrected 11/10/11)	X	X
2/1	University of Tennessee (Knoxville) – is offering four scholarships for \$1,000/year for studying engineering.	X	X
4/1	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology (NY) – is offering four scholarships for \$5,000/year for studying engineering or technology.	X	X
3/10	Yale University (CT) – is offering several scholarships of need-based aid up to full cost of attendance, for any course of study.	X	X
4/1	Youngstown State University (OH) – is offering one \$500/year scholarship for STEM majors.	X	

Scholarships with Approaching Deadlines

Seniors: There are five *FIRST* Scholarships, listed below, that have application deadlines dates that are approaching very quickly. For details about each scholarship, go to www.usfirst.org/scholarships and follow the link to the **FIRST Scholarship Opportunities**.

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name	FRC	FTC
10/28	Drexel University	X	X
12/1	University of Southern California	X	X
12/1	University of Texas at Austin	X	X
12/12	Teradata Corporation	X	X
12/15	Tulane University	X	X

Scholarship Requests

All Students: When talking to school representatives at colleges or college fairs, ask if they offer a *FIRST* Scholarship. If they don't, tell them about *FIRST* and why they should be trying to attract *FIRST* students by offering a Scholarship!

Team Contacts: Please help get *FIRST* Scholarship information into the hands of students, parents and your high school guidance counselors. There are additional materials to help you do this on the *FIRST* Scholarship Resources webpage at: <http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/first-scholarship-resources-for-mentors-and-coaches>. Check it out!