



## **FIRST Scholarship News – 12/15/11**

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

Greetings Teams,

Between now and Kickoff is a great time for high school juniors and seniors to be researching *FIRST* Scholarship opportunities on the *FIRST* Scholarship web page. Just go to [www.usfirst.org/scholarships](http://www.usfirst.org/scholarships) and follow the link to the **FIRST Scholarship Opportunities**. Here you will find scholarship offerings from over 144 colleges, universities, corporations and associations. You can refine your search by using filters to help find *FIRST* scholarships for which you are interested in applying. Questions? Read how to use [Scholarship Search Filters](#). You can also find out lots about *FIRST* Scholarships by reading the [FIRST Scholarship FAQs](#).

We now have confirmed **NEARLY \$14 Million** in *FIRST* Scholarships made available to students on FRC teams. Students on FTC teams are eligible to apply for over **\$9 Million** of these scholarships.

**FRC Teams:** In your Kit of Parts that you receive after Kickoff, you will find an envelope of *FIRST* Scholarship Information. It contains the following:

- **2 FIRST Scholarship Brochures** – please share these with your students and parents. [Click here](#) to download a pdf file and print additional copies.
- **2 FIRST Scholarship Posters** – please post one of these in your *FIRST* meeting room for all to see. Consider giving the other to your high school guidance department to post on their scholarship board. There is a place at the bottom of the poster to fill in your meeting location and *FIRST* school contact. (This may help recruit new students for your team!) Click [here](#) to download a pdf file and print additional copies.

*"My FIRST Robotics Competition scholarship was very beneficial to my schooling. It definitely influenced my choice of which college to attend and my career choices. The scholarship will be a very necessary part for the financial needs of my college career."*

-- James Wilson, Team 2654, Itasca Community College, Class of 2013, Engineering, Winner of an Itasca Community College *FIRST* Scholarship

## New Scholarships

The following scholarship providers have recently joined the *FIRST* Scholarship Program and are offering a scholarship for 2012:

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name/Description	FRC	FTC
2/1/12	<b>Rutgers University (NJ)</b> – is offering \$5,000/year up to \$20,000 for any course of study	X	X
4/10/12	<b>Triumph Aerospace Systems-Seattle (WA &amp; NY)</b> – is offering several \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships for an Engineering or Aerospace related major at US school of your choice. For students from selected districts in Washington state and New York state.	X	X
1/16/12	<b>University of Michigan/Delphi</b> – is offering three scholarships of \$5,000/year up to \$20,000 for studying Engineering	X	X
6/1/12	<b>York University (ON, Canada)</b> – is offering two scholarships of \$3,000/year up to \$12,000 for studying Computer Engineering, Space Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Science, or Computer Security	X	

## Recently Confirmed Scholarships

The following scholarship providers have recently confirmed their 2012 *FIRST* Scholarship:

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name/Description	FRC	FTC
3/15/12	<b>ASME-ASME Auxiliary</b> – ten non-renewable scholarships for \$5,000 for use at an ABET accredited Mechanical Engineering school/program. Must be nominated by an ASME member.	X	X
2/27/12	<b>Southern California Regional Robotics Forum (SCRRF)</b> -- \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship for student from So California planning on studying Engineering, Math, Science, or Technology.	X	X
2/1/12	<b>Team San Diego/Time Warner Cable</b> -- \$1,000 non-renewable for use at college/major of your choice. Must be on a CA team from San Diego County, Orange County, Imperial Valley, or the Inland Empire.	X	
2/16/12	<b>University of Toronto</b> – up to five \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships to studying Engineering	X	X
5/1/12	<b>Westwood College (CA, CO, GA, IL, TX, VA)</b> -- \$2,500 non-renewable for use at any ground campus Associate or Bachelors Degree	X	X

## Recently Modified Scholarships

The following scholarship providers have recently modified their 2012 *FIRST* Scholarship:

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name/Modification	FRC	FTC
2/1/12	<b>Oregon State University</b> – changed the offering to five non-renewable scholarships, each for \$1,200	X	X
2/1/12	<b>St. Mary's University (TX)</b> – changed the application date from 4/1 to <b>2/1</b> . <b>TAKE NOTE</b>	X	X

## Scholarships with Approaching Deadlines

**Seniors:** Be sure not to miss the application deadlines below. For details about each individual scholarship, see [www.usfirst.org/scholarshipsearch.aspx](http://www.usfirst.org/scholarshipsearch.aspx)

Application Deadline	Scholarship Name	FRC	FTC
1/1	Adelphi University	X	X
1/1	Hampshire College**	X	X
1/1	Olin College of Engineering	X	X
1/1	University of Rochester	X	X
1/15	Case Western Reserve University	X	X
1/15	Itasca Community College	X	X
1/15	Texas A&M University	X	X
1/15	Washington University in St. Louis/Boeing	X	X
1/16	University of Michigan/Delphi	X	X
1/25	Harvey Mudd College	X	
1/31	Grand Valley State University	X	
1/31	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	X	X
1/31	University of Iowa**	X	X
1/31	University of Missouri - Kansas City	X	X
1/31	Washington State University	X	X

\*\* Last year, these schools did not offer all available *FIRST* Scholarships to students. This was typically due to a lack of qualified applicants. So if you are considering applying to any of these schools for admission, be sure to apply for the scholarship (if you meet the eligibility requirements). Your odds of winning the scholarship may be excellent!

## Scholarship Suggestions

**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>. Note that the *FIRST* Scholarship Program PowerPoint presentation has been recently updated for 2012 and includes speaker notes. With this tool you can easily give a 30 minute “*FIRST* Scholarship Program” presentation to your students and parents.

**Seniors:** We hope that you apply for a *FIRST* Scholarship. But don’t limit yourself to only *FIRST* Scholarships. Your participation in *FIRST* provides you with skills that make you more likely to be successful in college. Many schools are aware of this and take it into consideration when making admission and scholarship decisions. Many *FIRST* Alumni feel that their *FIRST* experience helped them win other (non-*FIRST*) scholarships. See information on the *FIRST* Scholarship Resources webpage about [Sources of Other College Scholarship and Financial Aid Information](#).

*“The FIRST Scholarship gave me the financial opportunity to attend the school of my dreams. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University was a perfect engineering school for a student like me. Tuition was very expensive. However, thanks to this wonderful scholarship, I am attending my dream school and studying my dream major (aerospace engineering). This is a great opportunity for all FIRST students to try.”*

-- Jaron Wong, Team 2504, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ campus, Class of 2015, Aerospace Engineering, Winner of an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University AZ *FIRST* Robotics Scholarship

## Messages from Some of our Scholarship Providers

**NOTE:** The following are special messages from some of our *FIRST* Scholarship Providers. These messages may contain links to the provider’s web site. Note that if you click on a hot link below, you will be outside the realm of the *FIRST* email community and you may be giving that organization the right to communicate with you via email.

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### Adelphi University

Adelphi University offers numerous scholarship opportunities—one of the reasons it has been recognized as a “Best Buy” by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* for the sixth consecutive year.

The For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (*FIRST*) Scholarship is one of those opportunities.

Adelphi's *FIRST* Scholarship is awarded to one full-time incoming freshman who has participated in a *FIRST* Robotics Competition or *FIRST* Tech Challenge or who has been a mentor for a *FIRST* LEGO League team during his or her high school career. Apply at [ecampus.adelphi.edu/sfs/pdf/first\\_application.pdf](http://ecampus.adelphi.edu/sfs/pdf/first_application.pdf).

Interested students should first file an admissions application and then file the *FIRST* Scholarship application no later than January 1, 2012 to ensure maximum eligibility. Moreover, an essay and a letter of recommendation must accompany the completed scholarship application.

For further information, contact the Office of Student Financial Services at **516.877.3080** or visit [ecampus.adelphi.edu/sfs](http://ecampus.adelphi.edu/sfs) for Adelphi scholarships and grants.

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## Milwaukee School of Engineering

Hey there *FIRST* participants!

Milwaukee School of Engineering is excited to see so many eager faces ready to learn and compete in *FIRST* Robotics this year. We love to see the hard work and dedication you put into these competitions.

MSOE offers an annual \$1,000 scholarship for all college students who participated in *FIRST* in high school. Attending college is a milestone, and we hope you'll consider MSOE. You could even join our College-Level *FIRST* Robotics team, which won the inaugural College Aerial Robotics Demonstration in 2011.

Join Bridge, MSOE's new online admission community, to research the degrees we offer, learn more about MSOE's campus life, meet current students and faculty members and apply online. Check it out at [admissions.msое.edu](http://admissions.msое.edu).

You can also call us with any questions. We look forward to speaking with you!

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## Oregon Institute of Technology

Oregon Tech has been a beacon of excellence in engineering and technological sciences since 1947. Modern engineering techniques and hands-on learning make it easy to see why Oregon Tech has been repeatedly honored in *U.S. News & World Report's Annual Guide to America's Best Colleges*.

This exceptionalism advantages Oregon Tech graduates in their future careers. Ninety percent of OIT students find work in their chosen field within 6-months of graduation and on average their starting

salary is 13% higher than the national average. Small class sizes and professors with industry experience contribute to the quality education that places Oregon Tech graduates in such high demand.

Two renewable \$1,500 scholarships are available to eligible FIRST students. In addition, Oregon Tech's financial aid office hosts a competent and compassionate staff that works personally with students to match financial aid to their individual needs.

Learn more at [www.oit.edu](http://www.oit.edu)

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## Purdue University – Computer Science

Make an impact with Computer Science! Whether you want to work in healthcare, social networking, security, or something different, a computer science degree can help get you there. And with top faculty in virtually all areas of computing, Purdue is a great place to study computer science.

Machine learning, digital communication, and medical imaging are all based in computer science. You could help revolutionize the latest versions of these products—or create something completely new. All it takes is a dream, problem-solving skills, and some hard work!

What is your dream? To learn more about Computer Science at Purdue and take the first step toward success, visit [www.cs.purdue.edu/futurestudent](http://www.cs.purdue.edu/futurestudent). Awards are available for *FIRST* participants who study Computer Science at Purdue.

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## Texas A&M University

HOWDY! In support of the *FIRST* mission, the [Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station](#), Texas is offering one (1) merit-based scholarship, for \$1,500, to high school seniors who have participated on a *FIRST* team during their school career. **This scholarship must be utilized for undergraduate course of in either Computer Science or Computer Engineering in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.** Each recipient must meet the regular academic requirements for admission to Texas A&M University and the College of Engineering.

Among [our noted faculty](#) are

- the [Creator of C++ language, Dr. Bjarne Stroustrup](#)
- [Dr. Robin Murphy, director of Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue](#)

Please join us at [Texas A&M University](#) – become a part of a [campus full of traditions!](#)

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