

# WESLEY CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

For further information on any of the following scholarships, please see Ms. Kiser in Room 424. This list is NOT all-inclusive. This is a compilation of all scholarships directly received by the school. *Please be sure to check this list monthly!* Students may use the WCHS Careers Lab to access scholarship applications online. See Ms. Kiser to schedule a time to use the lab before or after school.

**\*\*Beware of any scholarships that request an application fee. For more information on protecting yourself from scholarship scams, visit: <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/protecting.phtml>.**

*Senior Parents: The federal government requires the filing of a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to consider students for aid. Many other scholarships also require this form be on file. This CANNOT be filed before January 1, 2012, but must be completed as soon as possible after that date. Please plan now by logging into [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for further information.*

*All seniors will have the opportunity to apply for the Bright Futures scholarships in our computer lab in January. If you would like to check your status today towards an award, log onto [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org) and click on high school academic evaluation.*

*For all grade levels:*

## **American Legion Scholarships**

Amount: Various Award Amounts  
Deadline: Various Deadlines  
Description: The American Legion has several scholarships available for high school students. Visit [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships) for grade-level requirements and other eligibility criteria.

## **DeBartalo Family Foundation**

Amount: \$2,500  
Deadline: April 2, 2012  
Description: The DeBartalo Family Foundation awards scholarships to students who have achieved academic excellence despite financial obstacles. Visit [www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com](http://www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com) or see Mrs Larimore for more information.

## **“I Was Born in 1994” Scholarship**

Amount: Not specified  
Deadline: December 31  
Description: For students born in 1994. Respond in 250 words max: “What is unique about students born in 1994?” Explain. Apply at <http://scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

## **“I Was Born in 1995” Scholarship**

Amount: Not specified  
Deadline: December 31  
Description: For students born in 1995. Respond in 250 words max: “Share something we might not know about students born in 1995.” Apply at <http://scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

## **“I Was Born in 1996” Scholarship**

Amount: Not specified  
Deadline: December 31  
Description: For students born in 1996. Respond in 250 words max: "You were born in 1996. Tell us what will be going on in your life in 2026." Apply at <http://scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

### **"Valley Humanities Review" High School Scholarship**

Amount: Not specified  
Deadline: December 15  
Description: Submit an essay on a topic within a humanities field (history, literature, philosophy, fine arts, etc.). Apply at <http://scholarshipexperts.clickmeter.com/669248/>

### **WiseChoice.com "Find the Right College" Scholarship**

Amount: \$2,500  
Deadline: May 31, 2012  
Description: Open to US students graduating from high school in 2012-2015. For more information, visit [www.wisechoice.com](http://www.wisechoice.com)

### **Zinch \$20,000 Scholarship**

Amount: \$20,000  
Deadline: January 15  
Description: Open to US students with a GPA of 2.0 and above who will graduate from high school in 2011-2014. Visit [www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx) for more information.

*For juniors and seniors:*

### **Call Me MISTER Scholarships**

Amount: Up to full tuition  
Deadline: Not specified  
Description: This scholarship is for students from underserved, underprivileged, or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Students must be accepted into a participating college or university in which they plan to earn a teaching degree. Visit [www.callmemister.clemson.edu](http://www.callmemister.clemson.edu) for an application and more information.

### **Christian College Scholarship Drawing**

Amount: \$2,500  
Deadline: Not specified  
Description: [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com) is a FREE Christian college information service that will automatically enter students in a drawing for a scholarship just by logging in to request information on Christian colleges.

### **Naval ROTC Scholarships**

Amount: Up to full tuition  
Deadline: Not Specified  
Description: NROTC scholarships are available for several schools in Florida and across the country. High School Juniors are eligible to apply in the spring of their junior year. Visit <http://nrotc.navy.com> for applications and details on eligibility.

### **Northwood University Academic Merit Scholarships**

Amount: Various scholarships ranging from \$16,000 to \$36,000  
Deadline: Not specified  
Description: Northwood University has several scholarships available based on academic achievement and involvement with school activities. Visit [www.northwood.edu](http://www.northwood.edu) for eligibility requirements and an application.

### **Oglethorpe University**

Amount: \$3,500 per year, renewable for 4 years

Deadline: Not specified

Description: Oglethorpe University recognizes the academic achievement of Florida residents who graduate with a state GPA of 3.0 or higher. Visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu) for more information.

### **St. Joseph's College Brooklyn Campus**

Amount: Up to full-tuition

Deadline: Not specified

Description: All of St. Joseph's scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement. Visit [www.sjcnj.edu](http://www.sjcnj.edu) for specific award requirements.

*For seniors only:*

### **The Art Institute High School Competitions**

Amount: Various amounts

Deadline: Not specified

Description: The Art Institute is sponsoring several high school scholarship competitions for future students. Competitions include, Photography, Best Teen Chef, Poster Design, and Passion for Fashion competitions. Visit [www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/high-school.aspx](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/high-school.aspx) for more information.

### **AXA Foundation Scholarships**

Amount: Various amounts

Deadline: Various deadlines

Description: The AXA Foundation awards over \$1 million in scholarships to high school seniors each year. Eligibility requirements vary by scholarship. Visit <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-access.html> for scholarship descriptions and online applications.

### **Bay News 9 Project Weather Scholarship**

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: January 7, 2012

Description: To be eligible, students must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5. To apply, students will submit a written essay of 500 words or less explaining why they believe they should receive the scholarship. Visit [www.baynews9.com/projectweather](http://www.baynews9.com/projectweather) for full application and instructions.

### **Big Sun Scholarship**

Amount: \$500

Deadline: June 22, 2012

Description: The successful applicant will be attending a post-secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community. Students must include a short essay answering the following questions with their applications: "How has your education contributed to who you are today? Why do you want to earn a college education?" For more information, visit [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)

### **Colgate-Palmolive "Make the U" Scholarship Program**

Amount: 10 scholarships for \$2,500 each and 1 scholarship for \$15,000

Deadline: December 31, 2011

Description: This scholarship is awarded to Hispanic students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The application process includes submitting 3 short essays of 500 words or less. Visit [www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau) for essay topics and complete application.

### **Gates Millennium Scholars Program**

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: January 11, 2012

Description: Students may be eligible if they: are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; have a cumulative GPA OF 3.3, have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. Visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) for complete eligibility information and application.

### **National Commission for Cooperative Education**

Amount: 155 co-op scholarships at \$6,000 each

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Description: Students must have a GPA of 3.5 above and must be accepted into one of the following colleges or universities: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, or Wentworth Institute of Technology. Visit [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) for more information.

### **St. Petersburg Times Career Journalism Scholarship**

Amount: \$2,500 per year, renewable annually

Deadline: January 5, 2012

Description: This scholarship is for students who plan to study journalism or mass communication in college. To find out more about this scholarship, go to [www.tampabay.com/scholarships](http://www.tampabay.com/scholarships). Students may print out copies of the application (a PDF file).

### **University of Florida Lombardi Scholarship and Stamps Scholar Program**

Amount: Not specified

Deadline: January 27, 2012

Description: To be eligible for this scholarship, students must have an admissions application on file with the University of Florida. Nominees for the award should rank at or near the top of their class, and demonstrate academic achievement through course work, writing or research. For more eligibility requirements, application, and nomination materials, visit [www.honors.ufl.edu/Lombardi-and-Stamps-Scholars.aspx](http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Lombardi-and-Stamps-Scholars.aspx).

### **University of Miami George W. Jenkins Scholarship**

Amount: Full tuition, room and board, and books – valued at over \$50,000 per year for 4 years

Deadline: See Ms. Kiser for a nomination by November 19

Description: Students must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.75 weighted GPA. In addition to these requirements, the scholarship will be awarded to a student that has overcome significant adversity. If you feel you would be a good candidate for this scholarship, please see Ms. Kiser by November 19 for a nomination.

### **University Honors Program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg**

Amount: \$1,000 per year, renewable for 4 years

Deadline: Not specified

Description: Candidates for the University Honors Program must have a high school GPA of 3.7 or above with a combined SAT math and verbal score of 1250 or higher, or ACT score of 29 or higher. Visit [www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/honors](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/honors)

This site is a free resource that does not gather personal information beyond name and email address. Log on to receive 1-5 scholarship notices each week.

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

This site is a key resource featuring a wealth of financial aid information and free scholarship searches.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Go here to create a profile for yourself. You will then receive regular email updates informing you of new scholarships to apply for.

[www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com)

In addition to providing virtual tours of over 1,300 college campuses, this Web site also offers a free scholarship search.

Remember to also check with the office of financial aid at the institutions you are applying to. There are many school specific scholarships and grants available this way. Some examples of these scholarships are listed by school at [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).

[Salliemae.com/scholarships](http://Salliemae.com/scholarships)

This free scholarship search provides students with access to an award database containing more than 3 million scholarships worth over \$16 billion. The site is expanded and updated daily.

<http://educatorsconnection.com/>

This Web site contains information on thousands of scholarships as well as information on over 600 schools and summer programs for high school students.

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)