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Cheap Fun Holiday Happenings!

Here are some cheap or FREE activity ideas for Winter break! **Seattle:**

- *Michelangelo and Calder exhibit at SAM:* October 15th- January 31st (First Thursdays of every month free to all)
- *Gingerbread Village:* November 24th – January 3rd (FREE) <http://www.gingerbreadvillage.org/>
- *Seattle Center Winterfest Ice Rink:* November 24th - January 3rd (\$5 for admission and \$2 for Skate rentals)
- *Holiday entertainment at the Pacific Place:* Snows inside daily at 6pm November 27th

December 31st daily musical acts and exhibits (FREE)

- *Winterfest at Seattle Center :* November 24th – January 3rd (FREE)
- *Fairmont Olympic Hotel Teddy Bear Suit:* November 26th- December 26th 10am - 7pm, Downtown (FREE)
- *Candy Cane Lane:* December 12th - January 3rd 4pm- 11pm (FREE) Northeast Park Road and Ravenna Boulevard Seattle, WA 98105

Bellevue:

- *Group Health Ice Center:* November 27th- January 10th (\$10 for skate rentals) http://www.magicseason.com/events/ice_schedule.html
- *Garden d'LIGHTS:* Novem-

ber 28th – January 2nd 5pm- 10pm (\$1/ person suggested donation)

- *Snowflake Lane:* November 27th- December 31st Nightly at 7pm (FREE) www.magicseason.com

South King County:

- *Point Defiance Zoo Lights:* November 27th – January 3rd 5pm- 9pm (\$6.50 online or \$7.50 at gate)
- *Christmas at Meeker Mansion:* 10am -4 pm Wednesday- Sunday until December 21st \$4 adults and \$2 Kids

Enjoy some of the great, cheap holiday events in the local area. You don't need to spend much to have a wonderful season!



Scholarship Tip #2: Don't Dwell on Your GPA

You Grade Point Average (GPA) is very important, but when writing an outside scholarship essay it is generally a good idea to avoid using your GPA as a testimony of your merit. You GPA is a factor when we award institutional aid here at Cornish and it will absolutely be essential if you plan to continue your education but when writing an outside scholarship essay your GPA is not going to speak volumes about you as a person and the judges will not understand your passion and dedication

through that number. Most, if not all of your fellow applicants will have above a 3.0 GPA. GPA loses much of its significance and ceases to matter when everyone's GPA is similar. In your scholarship essay you want to communicate your passion, discipline and mastery of your subject through your curriculum and outside of it. If you talk about all the extracurricular activities you participate in or how you are involved in multiple organizations it will then bring meaning to your GPA and

in turn cause you to stand out. A 3.5 is much more impressive if they know how and why you are working so hard in your discipline. Although having a stellar GPA is fabulous and absolutely represents your hard work, it simply puts you in the running for a scholarship; it does not set you apart from the rest of the applicants. So don't dwell on your GPA in your essay. Strive for good grades but simply leave it out of your scholarship essay - the numbers will speak for themselves.



**Check out the
HECB American
Indian Endowed
Scholarship!
Awards \$500-
\$2000**

Due: 02/01/2010

<http://hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/aies.asp>



Upromise and Sallie Mae Scholarship Search

Sallie Mae has some wonderful tools to help students and parents pay for a college education. Upromise is a great opportunity for students and parents to earn cash to pay for a college education. Upromise is a free service that helps members earn money by doing things they always do such as buying groceries, eating out and shopping online. The money you earn comes from Sallie Mae's partners and goes directly to your 529 savings plan, your Sallie

Mae student loan or in the form of a check paid directly to you. Upromise is partnered with over 21,000 Grocery and drug stores, 8,000 restaurants and over 600 online stores. All you have to do is register with the Upromise system, you will then link up your credit cards to Upromise so that when you use that account a portion of your applicable purchases will go into your Upromise account. When buying groceries you simply need to register your

store card with Upromise in order to earn money. This is a simple way to help pay for college. Another way Sallie Mae is helping students prepare for college expenses is by sponsoring a Scholarship Search engine. This is a good search engine that links your individual skills, interests and unique qualities and matches you with applicable scholarships. Take advantage of Sallie Mae's resources and be on your way to earning cash for college.

Pride Foundation and Greater Seattle Business Association

The Pride Foundation is a wonderful scholarship program supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) community. This Scholarship program plans to give out around \$300,000 funding around 50 scholarships for deserving individuals. They are looking for students who are LGBTQ or support the LGBTQ community and advocate for equality. These may be children of LGBTQ parents or

simply a friend of the community with leadership skills that the Pride Foundation wishes to foster. There is one application for all 50 scholarships which means you are getting quite the bang for your buck. The Pride foundation partners with the Greater Seattle Business Association to award scholarships. By applying for one scholarship program you are in turn applying for the other. Again one application will put you

in the running for over 50 scholarships!!! It's a great program. In addition applicants must be a resident of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon or Washington. Lots of the scholarships awarded are for students who are preparing for a career in the arts, perfect for Cornish students! If you support the LGBTQ community be sure to apply for this scholarship!

<http://www.pridefoundation.org/>

Due: January 31st 2010

Utrecht Art Supply's Student Contest

Utrecht Art Supply store is offering \$1500 to the person who submits the best piece of art. The participants are judged on creativity, quality and originality. Students can submit either

a representational or non representational piece of art. Students must be matriculated and be working toward a degree in art or design. Students may not submit photography, a 3D

design or something that has been computer generated. This is a simple contest and is fabulous for art and design majors.

Due: January, 1st 2010

<http://www.utrechtart.com/studentcontest/>

Seasonal Surplus! Make the holidays your Cash Cow

Scrounging for extra money around the holidays can be stressful. Whether it is for a plane ticket home or simply gifts for loved ones, extra money is always nice this time of year. There are many ways in which you can earn extra money during the holiday season. You are all super talented and using your talents can be a great way to earn some extra cash. For all the artists out there www.Etsy.com is a great resource to sell your hand made creations. The site charges .20 cents to list an item for four months and a 3.5% fee when the item is sold.

Worst case scenario you don't sell your item and you are out .20 cents, not a bad deal. You can also sell old books on Amazon, ebay or halfprice books to pick up some extra cash. Textbooks earn you the most but even old novels will add up. Another way to earn some money is to freelance. This option may take some leg work but plenty of businesses can use your specialized services this time of year. Whether it is designing a holiday logo or performing at a holiday party, freelancing can earn you some quick cash for the holidays. Another way to earn

some extra cash is to enlist your child care services. Tis the season for date nights and holiday shopping, so volunteer to watch your family and friend's children for a reasonable fee. Take advantage of your time off and earn some cash for this holiday season. Again, remember that you all have uniquely sought after gifts so use them! Even singing or playing an instrument downtown can make you some quick cash! So take advantage of your time off and earn some cash for this holiday season.



www.care.com is a wonderful resource to find babysitting, housekeeping, pet care, and tutoring gigs! You can post your profile or search for others who are looking for your services!!



Mensa Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is *NOT* for Mensa Members exclusively. This scholarship is open to students who live near a Mensa Chapter (they are all over the place, so most likely you will qualify!) The average award is about \$1000 and to win this award you will be required to fill out an application and write

a short 550 word essay on your career path and why you chose that career. The Judges emphasize the importance of a goal statement indicating what you wish to accomplish and how you plan to reach your goals. You must persuade the judges that your past experiences and future planning will ensure that

you succeed in reaching your goals. In addition to the general awards offered, Cornish students can qualify for specialized regional and national awards. Take the time to look over this simple application and write a killer essay for this scholarship.

Due: January, 15th 2010

<http://www.mensafoundation.org/AM/Template.cfm>

Fred Rogers Memorial Scholarship

Talk about a big hitter. This \$10,000 scholarship is given to students wishing to pursue a career in children's media. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment through coursework in at least two of the following fields: early childhood education, child development/child psychology, film/

television production, music and animation. Students at Cornish have unique skills that may satisfy the requirements of this scholarship. This year three scholarships will be awarded. In addition to scholarship money the applicant will be paired with a mentor that will help guide the winner in his or her chosen ca-

reer path. Not only will this be wonderful financial support but the mentor/mentee relationship is priceless and will no doubt help you emerge successfully into your chosen career.

Due: January, 15th 2010

<http://cdn.emmys.tv/foundation/>



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Scholarships Coming Due Before 03/31/2010

2009 ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP (02/25/10) <http://academysnowboards.com/0809/scholarship.html>
Academy of Television Arts & Sciences: Fred Rogers Memorial Scholarship (01/15/10) <http://www.emmys.org/foundation/rogersscholar.php>
All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program (12/31/09) <http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>
American Atheists Founders' Scholarship (01/31/10) <http://www.atheists.org/family/html/scholarship.html>
Apply to The Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students (02/09/10) <http://www.thepointfoundation.org/apply.html>
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (01/18/10) http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_app/2007scholarapp.shtml
Best Buy scholarship (02/15/10) <https://bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org/index.html>
BMI Foundation's peer music Latin Scholarship (02/08/10) <http://www.bmi.com/pages/peermusic.asp>
BMI Student Composer Awards for Classical Composers (02/05/10) <http://www.bmi.com/pages/SComposer.asp>
Cape Playhouse/Ray Moore Found: Pond and Senn Scholarship (02/28/10) <http://www.capeplayhouse.com/ScholarshipInformation.htm>
Chinn Scholarship/ Life Member's Scholarship (01/31/10) <http://www.atheists.org/family/html/scholarship.html>
DAR: Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship (02/01/10) http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm
DAR: Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship (02/15/10) http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm
DAR: Occupational-Physical Therapy Scholarship (02/15/10) http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm
Equity foundation: Nike scholarship fund (02/28/10) <http://www.equityfoundation.org/scholarships.htm>
ESA foundation scholarship program (02/01/10) <http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/2009WebCoverPageApplicationGraduateGuidelines.pdf>
Foreclosure.com Scholarship program (12/31/09) <http://www.foreclosure.com/education/scholarship/index.html>
Gaia Scholarship (12/31/09) <http://scholarships.gaia.com/>
Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship (12/31/09) <http://www.gkscholarship.com/index.html>
Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund (02/19/10) <http://www.htsfund.org/guidelines.html>
Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship (02/02/10) <http://www.hmccoregon.com/scholarships/apply/>
IDTANA Scholarships 2009 (02/01/10) http://www.idtana.org/scholarship_information.htm
Imperial Sovereign Court Of Seattle: JC/Grayton Scholarship (01/15/10) <http://www.imperialcourtofseattle.com/court4.htm>
James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund (02/26/10) <http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp>
Lilly reintegration scholarship (01/23/10) http://www.reintegration.com/userimages/reintegration_application_2009-2010_final.pdf
Mensa Foundation Scholarship Application (01/15/10) <http://www.mensafoundation.org/AM/Template.cfm>
Military Children Scholarships (02/18/10) <http://www.militaryscholar.org/apply/apply.shtml>
National Press Photographers Assoc./ Alexia Foundation grant and Scholarship (02/01/10) http://www.nppa.org/professional_development/students/scholarships/alexia.html
Northwest Perspectives Essay (01/31/10) <http://www.oregonquarterly.com/essay.php>
NW Watercolor Foundation: Gold Grant Award (02/08/10) <http://nwws.org/dnn/Foundation/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarships (02/15/10) <http://getcollegefunds.org/eapp.html>
Point Foundation (02/09/10) <http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply.html>
Possible Woman Foundation International (02/01/10) <http://www.possiblewomanfoundation.org/scholarships.html>
Pride Foundation Scholarships (01/31/10) <http://www.pridefoundation.org/scholarships/apply/>
Rotary Club of Seattle (01/30/10) <http://www.westseattlerotary.org/>
Sodexo Stop Hunger Scholarships (02/27/10) http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp
The Fred Rogers Memorial Scholarship (01/15/10) <http://cdn.emmys.tv/foundation/rogersscholar.php>
The Greater Seattle Business Association Scholarship (01/23/10) <http://thebascholarship.org/apply.php>
The Links/Festival Sundiata Arts Scholarships (02/01/10)
Application available in the Financial Aid Office
The Opera Foundation/ The American-Berlin Scholarship (02/12/10) <http://www.operafoundation.org/apply.html>
The Opera Foundation/ The America-Turin Scholarship (02/12/10) <http://www.operafoundation.org/apply.html>
Two Ten Footwear Foundation Higher Education Scholarship (02/16/10) <http://www.twoten.org/Scholarships/Higher-Education-Scholarships/Application>
Union Plus Scholarship (01/31/10) <http://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/scholarships>
USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships (02/15/10) http://www.usafunds.org/planning/access_to_education_scholarship/index.html
Utrecht Art Supplies Student Contest (01/01/10) <http://www.utrechtart.com/studentcontest/>
World Bank International Essay Competition (02/22/10) http://www.essaycompetition.org/content/09_70_1
The John F. & Ann Lee Stacy Scholarship Fund for Art Education (02/01/10) <http://www.cowboyhalloffame.org/education/staceyfund/default.aspx>
AAUW Port Townsend (03/10/10) Email porttownsend@auw-wa.org for deadlines and application/information
Anchor Scholarship Foundation (03/15/10) <http://www.anchorsscholarship.com/application-active.htm>
Army Emergency Relief: Dependent Children Scholarship Program (03/01/10) http://aerhq.org/education_dependentchildren.asp
Army Emergency Relief: Spouse Education Assistance Program (03/01/10) http://www.aerhq.org/education_spouseeducation_StateSide.asp
ASCAP: Morton Gould Young Composers Awards (03/01/10) <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/scholarships.html>
Astraea Visual Arts Fund Award to Visual Artists (03/02/10) <http://www.astraeafoundation.org/grants/grant-applications-and-deadlines/>
Barbara Wiedner and Dorothy Vandercook Memorial Peace Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.grandmothersforpeace.org/scholarships/program>
California Strawberry Commission Scholarship Program (03/13/10) <http://www.calstrawberry.com/commission/scholarshipapplication.asp>
Colin Higgins Foundation Courage awards (03/01/10) <http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/deadlines.cfm>
College Planning Network: Linda Howard Scholarship Fund (03/15/10) <http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnnow/pnwguide/onlineaps/honap.htm>
California Strawberry Commission Scholarship Program (03/13/10) <http://www.calstrawberry.com/commission/scholarshipapplication.asp>

Executive Women Int'l (Seattle): Adult Students In Scholastic Transition School (03/07/10) Application available in the Financial Aid Office
Executive Women Int'l (Spokane) Scholarship Program (03/09/10) <http://www.ewispokane.org/>
Dolphin Scholarship (03/15/10) <http://www.dolphinsscholarship.org/Index.cfm?pageid=howtoapply>
Glenn Miller Scholarship Competition (03/15/10) <http://www.glennmiller.org/scholar.htm>
Grandmothers for Peace Int'l: Weidner/Vandercook Memorial Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.grandmothersforpeace.org/scholarships/program>
HAMSA Dream deferred essay contest (01/17/10) <http://www.hamsaweb.org/essay/>
Hawaii Comm. Foundation: Blossom Kalama Evans Memorial Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>
Hawaii Community Found: Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>
Hawaii Community Foundation: Ida M Pope Memorial Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>
Hawaii Community Foundation: Ka'ulani Trust for Girls Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>
Hawaii Community Foundation: OHA Educational Foundation (03/01/10) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>
Hispanic College Fund (03/15/10) <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/>
National Press Photographers Association/ Reid Blackburn Scholarship (03/01/10) http://www.nppa.org/professional_development/students/scholarships/blackburn.html
National Press Photography Assoc./ Bob East Scholarship (03/01/10) http://www.nppa.org/professional_development/students/scholarships/undergrad.pdf
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Soc: Dependents of Deceased Service Members School (03/01/10) <http://www.nmcrs.org/child-dec.html>
Scholarships for Vermonters (03/05/10) <http://services.vvac.org/ilwcm/resources/file/eb59994b97845ba/Scholarships%20Booklet.pdf>
The National Italian American Foundation (03/06/10) <https://www.niaf.org/scholarships/about.asp>
The Nolan Moore Scholarship (03/01/10) <http://www.piamidam.org/scholar.php>
The Jeannette Rankin Foundation: Scholarships for Women (03/01/10) <http://www.rankinfoundation.org/>
The Seattle Foundation (03/01/10) <http://seattlefoundation.org/page32313.cfm>
Jeannette Rankin Foundation (03/01/10) <http://www.rankinfoundation.org/apply/default.php>
Frame my Future Scholarship contest (03/15/10) http://www.diplomaframe.com/pages/705_frame_my_future_scholarship_enter_now.cfm
Marin Education Fund Scholarship (03/02/10) http://www.marineducationfund.org/scholarships/undergraduate_scholarships.shtml
Equity Foundation: GREGORI JAKOVINA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS (12/31/09) <http://www.equityfoundation.org/scholarships.htm>
HECB American Indian Endowed Scholarship (02/01/10) <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaaidprgm/aies.asp>