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# FINANCIAL AID

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## We are here for YOU!

We are so excited to get a Financial Aid Newsletter started! We thought we would start out by letting everyone know our goals for this newsletter. We want to get information out to you, the student. Our goal in the Financial Aid office is to provide our students with the most relevant, helpful, complete information out there. We want to provide you with relevant, up to date scholarship information. We would like to provide you with helpful tips and tools throughout the year. We want to inform, inspire, and most of all support you in the financial aid process. We want to make sure that



you have all the information needed to make your college and career aspirations a reality. We hope that by providing scholarship, work-study, and loan information at the click of a mouse, we

will give YOU the **UPPER HAND**. We will provide information about scholarships that we feel are worth mentioning. This newsletter will alert you with scholarships that are coming due in the near future. We feel that scholarships are a resource that more students should explore. The Financial Aid office does the research for you! We have a large database of over 200 scholarships that we hope will be utilized to its full extent. This newsletter will be a way for us to get the information to you, our number one priority.

## New Work Study position!

Kids Quest Children's Museum will be hiring work study students for the position of Visitor Experience Guide starting mid December. A Visitor Experience Guide is part of the Visitor Experience Team and is responsible for providing visitors with a fantastic and

memorable experience. Some of the duties include (if you have ability to work with kids and families): greet customers in a positive way, facilitate birthdays and other museum functions, or perform demonstrations on the museum floor. The hours are flexible

and include weekends and evenings. This job sounds like a ton of fun, and it would be an exciting way to earn money! Check the work study job listings at [http://www.cornish.edu/financial\\_aid/workstudy](http://www.cornish.edu/financial_aid/workstudy) for application information.

<http://thegsbascholarship.org/apply.php> (Pride)



Being a work study student may qualify you for Washington Basic Food Program!



### Three Critical Questions For the Gaia Scholarship

1. What is your purpose?
2. What do you love, and how do (or will) your actions demonstrate this?
3. What is your dream Job?

## Why Work Study?

What are the benefits of work study? Why would a student want to do work study rather than a regular job?

I'll tell ya why!

1. When you earn money from a work study job, that money gets subtracted out of your income on the FAFSA, therefore not affecting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and potentially qualifying you for more need-based aid (grants and interest-free

loans). The 2009/2010 FAFSA asks for the amount of money earned from a work study position on **question 46c**. If you report the work study money you earned in 2008, it will be subtracted out of your total income reported on question 39. In other words, if you earned \$5,000 dollars from work study in 2008 and report it on line 46c, your income will essentially be calculated as \$0 earnings. However, if you earn \$5,000 at a regular job, that income **will** be calculated into your EFC, potentially lowering your eligibility for need-based aid.

2. If you hold a work study position, you may qualify for the Washington Basic Food (food stamps) Program. So essentially, work study could not only help you pay your rent, it could cover your monthly food expenses. If you are hungry and need help paying for groceries, this benefit from work study may be your saving grace. For more information about the Washington Basic Food Program call 1-877-644-3663 or go online to <http://www.snap-step1.usda.gov/fns/> to find out if you qualify.

### Seattle Business Association and Pride Foundation Scholarships

(Pride foundation) <http://thegsbascholarship.org/apply.php>

The Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) scholarship is for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and straight-ally students. This scholarship is to promote diversity and leadership within the GLBTQ and straight-ally communities. The GSBA scholarship bases decisions on demonstration of leadership, academic strength/special skills or talents, and diversity. To qualify you must

be a Washington (WA) resident enrolled in an undergraduate program. **HOWEVER, GREAT NEWS!** This scholarship is associated with the Pride Foundation. Therefore, when you submit your application for this scholarship you are also applying for about **50 other scholarships!!!!** When we called the Pride Foundation they told us that the average applicant qualifies for 3-4 scholarships if not more! They also said it

is extremely uncommon for an applicant to only qualify for one scholarship. Scholarships range from 3,000 to 10,000 dollars and although the GSBA scholarship requires applicants to be WA residents the Pride Foundation is more general and requires residency in WA, OR, ID, MT and AL. Applications are due 1/23/09. Applying for this scholarship is actually applying for 50 scholarships in one, well worth your time!!

## Gaia Scholarship

Gaia scholarships are for those people who are pursuing their passions and inspiring others to live their lives in the same way. They promote change through pursuit of passions. As art students, you may have an unconven-

tional aspiration. Whether it is dance or theater, the world may sometimes seem against you for following your artistic passion. This scholarship encourages pursuit of passion at whatever expense. They will give a 1000 dol-

lar scholarship to the two individuals with the most inspiring answer to three critical questions. Deadline for this scholarship is December 31st. <http://scholarships.gaia.com/> Let the Gaia foundation help you follow your passion!

# MEET THE PRIORITY DEADLINE!!

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 is the first day you can complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Now, in order for you to get the best financial aid package you must meet the priority deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup> 2009. Although you will receive financial aid after the priority deadline, some funding is

limited and awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. For example if you usually get Pell but file the FAFSA late, you could miss out on the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and that would be costly.

In addition, when you meet the priority deadline you leave enough room for processing. If you are selected in

a process called verification (one in three students are) it will take some time to get and process your paperwork and complete your financial aid file. Consequently, if you wait too long to fill out the FAFSA and something goes wrong, that may push your application back further. And, as we have learned waiting too long can mean less cash in your pocket!

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**online at**  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**Use School Code**

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## Preserve our Planet Film and PSA contest

The National Geographic channel is challenging students to create a video that addresses the necessity of taking care of our planet. They are asking students to create a short film about how “together we can make a difference”. The film is then judged on creativity, the use of the theme “together we

can make a difference”, and production value. The winner of the scholarship contest will receive \$5000. In addition an online voting winner will receive \$1,500. This scholarship program gives students an opportunity to earn money for college while giving them a

voice for change. This creative outlet is a great way for students to harvest their artistic talents while making money for school. Visit the site at <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/preserve-our-planet/film-fest/>.

## Brickfish

By far, Brickfish scholarships are my favorite scholarships that I have come across. Brickfish releases many scholarships many times a year. As of today there are 18 scholarships coming due in December!! They are all EASY, fun ways to express your creativity. The scholarship amounts are usually between

\$500 and \$5000 dollars depending on the scholarship. The entries I have looked through... are not that great, so I know our Cornish students will leave the judges star struck! Usually the prompt requires participants to take a picture or short video that answers that scholarship prompt. One of the good things

is that you don't have to put the money directly towards tuition. You can use the money for living expenses or to buy that laptop you have been dying to have. Check out the site!

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

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Have no fear...

OMG! You have to go to Brickfish.com!

Brickfish is HERE!!

Need Money? But you want to have fun making it? Log on or register now at Brickfish.com, enter campaigns and spread the word so people will vote for you!

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Alright Cornish students, we want to hear what you think! We want to know what you thought of this newsletter. Tell us what you liked and disliked. We want to make this newsletter as helpful as we can, which means we need **YOUR INPUT**. Please contact us with any questions!! If you have questions about something you saw, please shoot us an email. **In the future we would love to have a Q&A section here. SO PLEASE** ask questions!



## Scholarships coming due before Feb 15, 2009

### All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program (12/31/08)

<http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>

### Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (01/12/09) <http://www.apiasf.org/>

[http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship\\_app/2007scholarapp.shtml](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_app/2007scholarapp.shtml)

### Brickfish "Artist's Choice: Round 1" Promotion (12/28/08)

<http://www.brickfish.com/Lifestyles/ArtistsChoiceRound1?tab=overview>

### EasyAid.com : Frank O'Neill Scholarship (12/31/08)

[http://www.easyaid.com/scholarship\\_form.html](http://www.easyaid.com/scholarship_form.html)

### Gaia Scholarship (12/31/08)

<http://scholarships.gaia.com/>

### Mensa Foundation Scholarship Application (01/15/09)

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

### Mensa Member Award program (01/15/09)

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

### New England Patriots Charitable Foundation Totally Patriots Scholarship (12/06/08)

[http://library.kraftsportsgroup.com/2008\\_TotalPatriots\\_ScholarshipRules.html](http://library.kraftsportsgroup.com/2008_TotalPatriots_ScholarshipRules.html)

### Preserve Our Planet Film and PSA contest (12/31/08)

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/chann>

[el/preserve-our-planet/film-fest/](http://www.preserve-our-planet/film-fest/)

### Soroptimist Int'l of Seattle: Women's Opportunity Award (12/15/08)

Application available in the Financial Aid Office

### Talbots Women's Scholarship (01/02/09)

<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/>

### The Phillips Foundation/ Ronald Reagan Scholarship (01/15/09)

<http://www.thephillipsfoundation.org/index.php?q=node/3>

### Lilly Reintegration Scholarship (01/23/09)

<http://www.reintegration.com/>

### Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarships (02/16/09)

<http://getcollegefunds.org/eapp.html>

### Point Foundation (02/09/09)

<http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply.html>

### Possible Woman Foundation International (02/01/09)

<http://www.possiblewomanfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

### Pride Foundation Scholarships (01/23/09)

[http://www.pridefoundation.org/programs\\_scholarships\\_main.php](http://www.pridefoundation.org/programs_scholarships_main.php)

### The Greater Seattle Business Association Scholarship (01/23/09)

<http://thegsbsbascholarship.org/apply.php>

### The Opera Foundation/ The American-Berlin Scholarship (02/12/09)

<http://www.operafoundation.org/applic.htm>

### Union Plus Scholarship (01/31/09)

<http://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/scholarships>

### Best Buy Scholarship (02/15/09)

<https://bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org/index.html>

### DAR: Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship (02/01/09)

[http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholarcfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholarcfm)

### DAR: Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship (02/15/09)

[http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholarcfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholarcfm)

### ESA Foundation Scholarship Program (02/01/09)

[http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship\\_application2009.html](http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application2009.html)

### Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship (02/02/09)

<http://www.hmccoregon.com/scholarships/apply/>