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# Financial Aid Newsletter

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## Writing a Winning Scholarship Essay

When I was researching for this article, I read many winning scholarship essays. But I have to say Cornish students could do SOOO much better!! I was astounded by the grammatical errors and lack of coherency throughout many of the essays. So, here are some pointers to help you put your best foot forward. First and foremost, follow directions! The judges WILL throw out every application that does not follow the instructions to the 'T'. A very close second is to proof read your essay over and over. Have more than one person read your essay. If you can find an English guru, that is even better! One judge said that 90% of the essays had their share of grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. You want to be part of the flawless 10%, therefore your essay should be perfect by the time you send it to the committee. Another tip is to balance pride with humility; always respect your oppo-

nents. Remember that drawing comparisons with your peers makes you sound uppity. Simply tell the judges what you have done; tell *your* story. For exam-



ple, if you had to work a part time job to help your family make ends meet, write about it. That sort of hardship and learning experience may be more valuable than any sport or extracurricular activity. Judges want to hear about work ethic no matter if it was at Wendy's or drama rehearsal. While telling your story, be *specific*! It is absolutely pertinent to be specific. Make something average sound extraordinary by telling the judges *exactly* what

you did. Avoid information that applies to most everyone like your GPA, your name, where you were born or your age. Unless this information applies directly to the topic of your essay, leave it out completely. In addition, you don't want to come across as preachy. If you present controversial solutions as though they are easy or obvious, you are going to cause the judge's eyes to roll. Essentially you may come across as immature. Carefully decide whether you want to dabble in political or religiously-themed essays. Judges are human and if you get stuck with a judge that does not agree with the concepts in your essay, unfortunately you may be judged unfairly. If your goal is to win, don't offend the judges in ANY way. You will have a wonderful shot at receiving a scholarship if you follow these tips and write about what fuels your life, what **you** are passionate about!

## How to Beat the Stack

With thousands of scholarship applications submitted, how do you make your essay POP? Here are some tips from scholarship judges that may help you beat the stack of endless applications. *Always* use standard font and size. Include your contact information in a header or footer on *EVERY* page. If your application gets separated, the judges may not take the time to hunt for all the pieces. Use high quality paper; it looks much nicer and it

shows that you are willing to go beyond what is required. High quality paper does not tear or bend as easily as computer paper, therefore it will stay pristine much longer. Put your application in a thick glossy presentation folder. This will keep your application intact while keeping it clean, flat and winner-worthy! Don't use plastic page protectors that may prevent judges from making positive notes on your application before passing it on

to other judges. Send your application in an 8 1/2 X 11 envelope. Last, only use your name as an email address. You are going to look amateurish if you have an email address like [hottchick@gmail.com](mailto:hottchick@gmail.com); just don't do it. You want to dress up your scholarship application just as you would dress up for an interview. These subtle additions to your scholarship applications can make all the difference.



## Study Tools

Finals are coming up and we thought that we would give you some study tips to help combat all-night cram sessions. Although we all have found ourselves cramming for a test, there are some simple tools that can help to retain information more effectively. First take notes. Taking notes actively engages your brain. It forces you to process the information more than once which is essential for maximum retention. Furthermore, it is much easier for your brain to remember five headings with seven elements under each, than it is to remember

35 separate elements. So, break your material into core concepts and then place specific elements under each concept. You may transpose your notes to index cards. Carry these around to study in small time slots without having to whip out a cumbersome book. A great way to recall information is to use acronyms. It gives your material unique meaning that it did not have before. The wilder the better! Always take breaks while you are studying. Experts recommend a 15-20 minute break for every hour studying.

This gives the material time to sink in and it lets you de-stress! In addition study for recall not recognition. When taking a multiple choice test, students often are able to recognize the right answer but not necessarily come up with the right one on their own. Professors know this and may try to trick you on an exam by mixing in choices that look or sound like the right answer. If you can recall the material, you don't have to worry about trickery. By studying smartly and using tools that have shown to be effective, you can ace any midterm!

*Do not use the phrases "if the world would just..." or "if we could wake up and realize..." in a scholarship essay. They make you sound immature.*

**Don't Forget!**  
File your FAFSA  
by the priority  
deadline of  
**February 15th!!!**

<http://www.hispanicfund.org/scholarships/>

## The Seattle Foundation

<http://www.seattlefoundation.org/page32313.cfm>

The Seattle Foundation offers 60 scholarships to students of all backgrounds, education goals and economic status. Annually the Seattle Foundation awards around \$650,000 to over 200 students. The foundation's web site offers a useful search tool to help you nar-

row down their database of scholarships. Most, but not all of the scholarships are aimed for residents of west coast states including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and California. The Scholarships range from \$500 to \$17,000 dollars. In addition, Seattle Foundation

offers five scholarships solely for African American students. These five scholarships require one application in order to be put in the running for all five scholarships. Overall, this foundation makes searching and applying for scholarships simple!

## Hispanic College Fund

There is not a better scholarship scenario than submitting one application yet being considered for more than one scholarship. The Hispanic College Fund does just that! One application puts you in the

running to be one of the 600 students who receive scholarship money from the Hispanic College Fund. As you can tell by the name, you must be of Hispanic heritage to qualify for these scholarships. Not sure if you qualify? Simply get

online and register and the Hispanic College Fund will determine if you qualify. Awards range between \$500 and \$8000 dollars. If you are of Hispanic or Latin American descent, you **NEED** to check this out!



**Hispanic College Fund**  
*Developing professionals...one degree at a time.*

# Test Taking Tips

The pressure leading up to an exam can sabotage your ability to perform at your highest potential. Anxiety, stress, lack of sleep and eating poorly can all play into lower test scores. However, there are things you can do to ensure your hard work and studying get the grade you deserve. Start your morning off right by getting a good night sleep. Don't pull an all-nighter! Those extra hours of studying won't do you any good if you can't focus when you are taking the test. Give yourself plenty of

time in the morning. Shower, shampoo and eat a large breakfast. The morning of the test, eat proteins instead of carbohydrates. Proteins provide nutrition that feeds your brain. Carbs make you and your mind sluggish. Go into your test with confidence. Even if you have doubts, don't second guess yourself or your abilities. It's mind over matter! When you are taking the test, it's a good strategy to write down the answers before you read the multiple choices. This way the multiple choices can't

confuse you or mix you up. Most of all stay calm! Nerves can be your worst enemy. Meditate before or during the test if you need to calm down. Don't get worked up if you see people finishing before you; take your time! In the end, let it go. You have done your best and there is no use dwelling on the past. Look to the future and make note of what you need to do differently *next* time. Combining these test-taking skills with your own rhythm and strategy will help you succeed in the end.

Washington Women in Need is offering a special scholarship for Spring of 2009

That is NOW!

Applications are available by calling 425.451.8838 Feb 23rd-27th You must be a female WA resident with Financial Need to qualify

If you have any questions email hereforyou@cornish.edu

## College Prowler

During my senior year of college, I took a class where I had to write a paper and do a two-hour presentation on a topic of my choice. In the end, I had an amazing paper. I was so completely satisfied with the results that I almost hung it on my refrigerator! I wished I could have done more with this essay. Little did I know I could

have! Every month, College Prowler awards one student a \$2000 scholarship based on an essay submitted. The essay can be about ANYTHING! For example, it can be an essay that you submitted for another scholarship, an essay you wrote for class or something that you wrote specifically for this scholarship.

ANY essay that is your original work and 1000 words or less is fair game. Furthermore, College Prowler awards scholarships **once a month, every month!** There is no lengthy application, no references or transcripts and no stamp to lick. In other words there is no reason you should not submit your essay!!

<http://collegeprowler.com/scholarship/>

# NAMTA Foundation: Visual Arts Major Scholarship

**Attention Art majors!** The NAMTA foundation Visual Arts Major Scholarship offers around \$2,500 dollars to art majors who specialize in painting, drawing, sculpting or sketching. This scholarship requires applicants to fill out an application and submit transcripts. Along with the formal

application, students are required to submit 2-3 samples of their artwork. Contestants will be judged mainly on talent and artistic potential although financial need, extracurricular activities and academic achievement may be considered. Passion and enthusiasm for the arts are also viewed highly. Scholarships for

art students based mainly on merit are hard to find. **ART MAJORS**, take advantage of this excellent opportunity!



<http://www.namta.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3450>

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## HEY! Write us!

Ok now, I'm going to have to think of something else to put in this section if you guys don't start writing me! No, but seriously we do want to hear feedback from our readers. I really want this newsletter to serve the needs of Cornish Students. Therefore I need YOU to email me!! Anything really! If you want to get announcements out to the student population, if you have a comment or question. Simply write [hereforyou@cornish.edu](mailto:hereforyou@cornish.edu).

# Scholarships Coming due before April 15th 2009

\* Scholarships in red have appeared in previous issues

**The Jeannette Rankin Foundation: Scholarships for Women** (03/01/09) <http://www.rankinfoundation.org/>  
**The National Italian American Foundation** (03/06/09) <https://www.niaf.org/scholarships/about.asp>  
**Scholarships for Vermonters** (03/01/09) <http://services.vsac.org/ilwcm/resources/file/eb5994b97845ba/Scholarships%20Booklet.pdf>  
**Navy-Marine Corps Relief Soc: Dependents of Deceased Service Members School.** (03/01/09) <http://www.nmcers.org/child-dec.html>  
**Glenn Miller Scholarship Competition** (03/15/09) <http://www.glennmiller.org/scholarships.html>  
**Grandmothers for Peace Int'l: Weidner/Vandercook Memorial Scholarship** (03/01/09) <http://www.grandmothersforpeace.org/scholarships/program>  
**Hawaii Community Foundation Scholarships** (03/01/09) <http://www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org/index.php?id=50>  
**Hispanic College Fund** (03/15/09) <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/>  
**Jeannette Rankin Foundation** (03/01/09) <http://www.rankinfoundation.org/apply/default.php>  
**National Press Photographers Association/ Reid Blackburn Scholarship and Bob East Scholarship** (03/01/09) [http://www.nppa.org/professional\\_development/students/scholarships/blackburn.html](http://www.nppa.org/professional_development/students/scholarships/blackburn.html)  
**National Press Photography Assoc./ Bob East Scholarship** (03/01/09) [http://www.nppa.org/professional\\_development/students/scholarships/undergrad.pdf](http://www.nppa.org/professional_development/students/scholarships/undergrad.pdf)  
**Brickfish** (Rolling) <http://www.brickfish.com/Lifestyles/ArtistsChoiceRound1?tab=overview>  
**Cape Playhouse/Ray Moore Found: Pond and Senn Scholarship** (02/28/09) <http://www.capeplayhouse.com/ScholarshipInformation.htm>  
**Army Emergency Relief Scholarships** (03/01/09) [http://aerhq.org/education\\_dependentchildren.asp](http://aerhq.org/education_dependentchildren.asp)  
**ASCAP: Morton Gould Young Composers Awards** (03/01/09) <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/scholarships.html>  
**United Way AAPI Scholarship** (03/07/09) <http://www.ocapica.org/>  
**American Atheists Founders' Scholarship** (02/28/09) [http://www.atheists.org/youth\\_and\\_family/scholarship](http://www.atheists.org/youth_and_family/scholarship)  
**Chinn Scholarship** (02/28/09) <http://www.atheists.org/family/html/scholarship.html>  
**College Planning Network: Linda Howard Scholarship Fund** (03/15/09) <http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnow/pnwguide/onlineaps/honap.htm>  
**Equity Foundation: Nike Scholarship Fund** (02/28/09) <http://www.equityfoundation.org/scholarships.htm>  
**Executive Women Int'l (Spokane) Scholarship Program** (03/09/09) <http://www.ewispokane.org/>  
**The Fred Rogers Memorial Scholarship** (02/27/09) <http://cdn.emmys.tv/foundation/rogersscholar.ppt>  
**Northwest Danish Foundation** (03/31/09) <http://www.northwestdanishfoundation.org/about-our-foundation/programs/our-scholarship-program>  
**Amer. Council for Polish Culture: Marcella Kochanska**

**Sembrich Vocal Competition** (04/01/09) <http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/semblich/semblich09.html>  
**American Association of University Women of WA-Anacortes** (04/11/09) Application available in the Financial Aid Office  
**American Indian Services Scholarship** (Rolling) <http://www.americanindianservices.org/students.html>  
**Anne D Maloof Scholarship- The Seattle Foundation** (03/31/09) <http://seattlefoundation.org/page32313.cfm> (use criteria to search for scholarship)  
**BECU Foundation Scholarships** (03/30/09) <http://www.becu.org/default.asp?pid=scholarships>  
**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** (04/07/09) <http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/index.html>  
**Career Advancement Scholarships - Business & Professional Women's Found.** (04/15/09) <http://www.bpwsa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4553>  
**DAR American Indian Scholarship** (Rolling) [http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm)  
**DAR: Nellie Love Butcher Scholarship** (04/15/09) [http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm)  
**Cappex Scholarships** (Rolling) <http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>  
**Edmond Arts Festival Visual Arts Scholarships** (03/31/09) <http://www.eaffoundation.org/pdfs/2009scholarship.pdf>  
**Free Spirit Gathering Community Scholarship** (04/01/09) <http://www.freespiritgathering.org/scholarship/index.html>  
**GFWC Scholarships** (Rolling) <http://www.gfwc-ofwc.org/September%202007%20revision/Scholarships.htm%20Sept07.htm>  
**Hispanic College Fund & SLMA: First in My Family Scholarship** (04/15/09) [http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/scholarship/first\\_family.html](http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/scholarship/first_family.html)  
**International Furnishings & Design Association Scholarships** (03/31/09) <http://www.ifdaef.org/scholarships.html>  
**KarMel Scholarship** (03/31/09) <http://www.karenandmelody.com/KarMelScholarship.html>  
**Kids' Chance of Washington - Scholarship Application** (Rolling) <http://www.kidchancewa.com/application.htm>  
**Lake Oswego Crafts & Arts League Women's Art Scholarships** (04/05/09) [http://www.local14.org/scholarship\\_jury.htm](http://www.local14.org/scholarship_jury.htm)  
**National Art Materials Trade Association** (03/31/09) <http://www.namta.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3450>  
**National Sculpture Society Scholarship** (04/11/09) <http://www.sculpturecompetition.info/competition/app.cfm>  
**Native Hawaiian Higher Education Program** (Rolling) <http://www.luv2hula.com/luv2hula/PAGES/news.html>  
**NFB - National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program** (03/31/09) [http://www.nfb.org/nfb/scholarship\\_program.asp?SnID=861717](http://www.nfb.org/nfb/scholarship_program.asp?SnID=861717)  
**Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce- Seattle Chapter** (03/31/09) [www.nacc.no](http://www.nacc.no)

**RFB&D: Mary Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Award** (04/14/09) [http://www.rfbd.org/applications\\_awards.htm#saa](http://www.rfbd.org/applications_awards.htm#saa)  
**Seattle Association for Women in Communications Scholarship** (03/17/09) <http://seattleawc.org/scholarships.html>  
**Seattle Metals Guild: Sharron Broadway SMG Scholarship** (Rolling) [http://www.seattlemetalsguild.org/scholarships/scholarship\\_boardwayMatriculatedGrant.html](http://www.seattlemetalsguild.org/scholarships/scholarship_boardwayMatriculatedGrant.html)  
**Soroptimist Int'l of Anacortes: Lottie McGovern Continuing Ed. Schol** (04/09/09) Application available at the Anacortes Public Library  
**Stonewall Foundation- The Bee Winkler Weinstein Fund** (Rolling) <http://www.stonewallfoundation.org/beesfundapplication2008.pdf>  
**Stonewall Foundation/ Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship** (04/15/09) [http://www.stonewallfoundation.org/grantprograms\\_scholarships.php?Section=Scholarships&lid=2](http://www.stonewallfoundation.org/grantprograms_scholarships.php?Section=Scholarships&lid=2)  
**Straight Forward Media - Minority Student, Media Art and Dale E Fridell Scholarship** (Rolling) <http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/sfm/scholarships.html>  
**Student Loan networks 10,000 Scholarship drawing** (03/31/09) <http://www.studentloannetwork.com/10K/>  
**The Center for Education Solutions: Charnon Scholarship** (03/31/09) <http://www.cesresources.org/charnon.html>  
**The Sunshine Lady Foundation's Women's Independence Scholarship** (Rolling) <http://www.sunshineladyfdn.org/wisp.html>  
**Twin County Credit Union Scholarship** (03/31/09) <https://www.twinstarcu.com/youth/scholarships>  
**United Negro College Fund & SLMA: American Dream Scholarship** (04/15/09) [http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/scholarship/american\\_dream.html](http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/scholarship/american_dream.html)  
**Urban League of Seattle: Edwin T Pratt Memorial Scholarship** (04/15/09) <http://www.urbanleague.org/docs/etrprattscholarship2007.pdf>  
**Walter Meyer/ Garry White Memorial Scholarship** (03/31/09) <http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnow/pnwguide/onlineaps/mwonap.htm>  
**Washington State County Farm Bureau Scholarships** (Rolling) <http://www.wsfb.com/programs/scholarships>  
**Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships: Art, design, and Technical Theatre** (04/11/09) <http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/>  
**YMCA of Greater Seattle: Dottie Eley, Marie E Jenner and Theresa E lee Scholarships** (04/04/09) <http://www.seattleyymca.org/page.cfm?id=Scholarships>