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## Why Volunteer?

A lack of extracurricular substance can be a problem for college students. When you sit down to apply for a scholarship or a job, the lack of material can rear its ugly head. It is so easy to get wholeheartedly involved in your studies that you forget to save some time for extracurricular volunteering or memberships to non-academic programs. I wanted to outline some of the main reasons students choose to volunteer.

**1. Beef up your resume:** It will give you experiences to put in your leadership and extracurricular section or your scholarship or job application. Having volunteer experience says something fantastic about your personal character.

**4. Give back:** One of the main reasons people volunteer is to give back to the community. It

can give your free time value. Helping those in need can really be fulfilling. You can feel good about yourself and using your talents and skills to give back to society.

**2. Build a network of personal contacts:** Volunteering will expose you to a new network of people giving you one more niche in the community. Also this gives you a chance to meet leaders that may give you a letter of recommendation when the time comes.

**3. Find a new job:** Volunteering may lead to job opportunities. Say you volunteer your time at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Theater, if you do well you are going to be more likely to get a job when one becomes available. Also, it can help you test out a career that you are considering.

**5. Learn new skills:** Volunteering will expose you to skills that

you would not normally obtain had you not volunteered. It will open your eyes to a new world of ideas. It may give you compassion for a population that you had not been exposed to previously. Volunteering often gives people a new outlook on life. There is no better way to understand your blessings than to help people who truly have incomprehensible need.

**6. Beat boredom:** If you find yourself watching mindless TV and wishing you had something to do, then you should be filling your time with volunteer work. Fight the boredom!

Although you may have one specific reason you want to volunteer, you may come away with much more than you ever expected.

## Where to get started?

Okay so now that I have convinced you to volunteer, where do you get started? There are countless organizations out there for any interest! For example, you're a snowboarder?! SOS Outreach takes at-risk youth snowboarding for a week and they need volunteers to snowboard with the kids! Yeah, awesome I know! At [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) you type in the region where you would like to volunteer and a keyword related to your interests, and BAM you have tons of volunteer opportunities wait-

ing for fantastic people like you! Seattle Public Schools is also a great place to start volunteering. Not only does it offer opportunities in the school district but it gives links to great community organizations that dedicate their mission to helping adolescents and children. Community for Youth is an organization that provides mentors for at-risk high school students. This organization is wonderful for those of you who are free, nights and weekends. Another great organization mentioned is

Youthcare. Youthcare provides meals, sanitation and educational support for homeless and at-risk youth aged 13-21. This program has a range of volunteer experiences and can basically work with any schedule. These programs and many more can be found at the [Seattle Public Schools](http://SeattlePublicSchools.org) web site. Do yourself and your community a favor and volunteer!

# Beef up your Resume



Use  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to  
 search for volunteer  
 opportunities!

**VOLUNTEER  
 OPPORTUNITIES**

## Links

- [Seattle Public Schools](#)
- [Youth Care](#)
- [Seattle. Gov](#)
- [United Way](#)
- [www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com)
- [Youth Theater Northwest](#)

Youth Theater Northwest would love volunteers to help in the capacity of teachers, Assistant Stage Managers, and administrators. This would be a perfect volunteer opportunity for Theater and Performance Production majors!

In order to be selected for an interview or scholarship you need to look flawless on paper. You want to think of your resume as the skeleton of your application. If you are able to write an essay or you get an interview, that is the flesh on top of the bones. Unfortunately you are going to be chosen initially by your resume, so you need to make it look as good as you can! You want to include all activities and awards you have ever done or received. Make a list before you start your resume. Look through your day planner to remember conferences and meet-

ings you have attended, your volunteering activities and big projects that you have worked on. If your experience section is a bit skimpy, think about joining a volunteer organization. If you start looking at a scholarship now and the application is not due for two months, that's two months of volunteer experience you can gain before the judges even glance at your resume. Furthermore those two months of volunteering may be the thing that sets you apart from everyone else and gets you that interview or scholarship. Also there are lots of clubs

and organizations you can join online. For example if you are passionate about gay rights, you might think about joining Equal Rights Washington. All you have to do is go online and sign up to be a member! Simple, easy and it pads your resume! Not to mention, as a member you will now receive information on how to get involved. You can take your membership to the next level and really make your resume or scholarship application SHINE!

# Unmet Need Grant

It is extremely difficult to see a student struggle with finding funds to cover the last few thousand dollars of their tuition. The Sallie Mae Fund knows that gap can be extremely hard to fill. Due to this need, Scholarship America founded The Unmet Need Scholarship. This scholarship covers \$1000- \$3800 of a student's unmet financial

need. To qualify you must be a Washington State resident who makes less than \$30,000 a year. Students are selected by financial need alone. Although the scholarship is not open until April 1<sup>st</sup>, we thought that this would be an amazing opportunity for which students with unmet need should definitely apply. There are many recipients of

this award, which leads me to believe that if you qualify financially you will receive these funds. If you have questions, visit [http://www.thesalliemae.org/smfnew/scholarship/Unmet\\_need.html](http://www.thesalliemae.org/smfnew/scholarship/Unmet_need.html) or call 507-931-1682.

# Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships

The Worldstudio AIGA scholarships benefit minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying design or fine arts. The scholarships range from \$2000- \$3000 with a grand prize of \$6000. Honorable mentions will receive a \$200 cash award. **Art, Design, and Performance Production majors** will all benefit from this scholar-

ship opportunity. Last year, 31 scholarships and honorable mentions were awarded to worthy applicants. Financial need is a necessary factor in qualifying for the scholarship. Being a minority student is not an eligibility requirement but can influence the award decision. Therefore if you have financial need but you are not a minority you are encour-

aged to apply. However, if you are not a minority student you need to play up your financial need. Artists need to demonstrate commitment to giving back to their community through their work. This would be a perfect scholarship for many of our financially needy students dedicated to their art.

# Building a Superb Resume

Your resume should be a living document that changes depending on the task at hand. It should be specifically tailored for the purpose you wish it to serve. Because your resume represents you on paper, it's important for it to be completely flawless and telling of your qualifications and experience. To organize your resume, start with your contact information and name at the top of the page followed by the subject headings: career objectives, education, honors and awards, employment history and special skills. You want to be very simple and specific with your career objective. Think of the objective like the thesis to your essay. You are working to prove why

you deserve to obtain your career objective. Do not use philosophy-of-life objectives such as "To continue learning and growing in a nurturing environment". Everyone wants that. What *specifically* do you want? In the education section, only state your GPA if it is above 3.0. If you do not include a GPA, employers will assume it is below a 3.0. Furthermore if you have a skimpy resume that lacks experience it might be a good idea to include courses that are relevant to the position for which you are applying. You should qualify and quantify your work or volunteer experiences. Use reasonable measurements of your job duties. For example, instead of saying

you "handled a cash drawer", say "handled an excess of \$5,000 in cash a day". Mention any bonuses you received or goals you met at your job. Use strong action verbs to describe your daily tasks. Always proofread your resume over and over. Have a friend or the Writing Center read and edit your resume. You always want to include a cover letter and a list of at least three references with your resume. If you can, place your entire application package in a nice file folder. This will keep it pristine and presentable. For more resume advice visit the **Cornish Writing Center** or **Student Affairs**.

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## Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship

The Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship (TDRS) was established by the Stonewall Foundation in 2004 to assist lesbian identified students in their quest for higher education. Often times GLBTQ students do not have as much familial assistance as their straight counterparts. Because of this, these students may find it harder to fund their education.

The TDRS hopes to aid lesbian students with a \$3000 scholarship. The applicants may be judged on academic achievement, leadership, community service and commitment to impacting LGBTQ issues. The application requires two letters of reference, two essays with an optional third and university transcripts. The deadline for this scholarship is

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Just a note on scholarships designed for LGBTQ students: there are TONS of scholarships out there for you! Really, if you identify as LGBTQ or a student who supports the LGBTQ community, you should come check out the scholarships available to you. Start off by applying for this one!

## College Success Foundation: Leadership 1000 Scholarship

The Leadership 1000 Scholarship is funded by independent donors who have chosen to give back to their community. Generally the scholarships are \$5000 a year, for four years. Renewable scholarships are wonderful and difficult to find. This scholarship only requires that you maintain a **2.75 GPA** and com-

plete the FAFSA every year to remain eligible. In addition you must be a Washington resident to qualify for this award. The student must fall within an income bracket determined by the number of people in the student's household. For example, for a family of two the student's household must not bring in

more than \$58,000. If you fall within the income brackets and you are a Washington resident, the College Success Foundation urges you to apply... and so do I!



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## Scholarships Coming Due Before 5/15/2009

**Glenn Miller Scholarship Competition** (03/15/09)

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

**Hispanic College Fund** (03/15/09) <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/>

**Brickfish** (Rolling) <http://www.brickfish.com/Lifestyles/ArtistsChoiceRound1?tab=overview>

**College Planning Network: Linda Howard Scholarship Fund** (03/15/09) <http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnw/pnwguide/onlineaps/lhonap.htm>

**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.polishcultureacp.org/sembrich/sembrich09.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.bpwwsa.org/4a/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.freepiritgathering.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.thesalliemaeandfund.org/smfnew/scholarship/first\\_family.html](http://www.thesalliemaeandfund.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.htm>

**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 Metals Trade Association** (03/31/09)

<http://www.namta.org/4a/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)

**StraightForward 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)

<http://www.twinstarcu.com/youth/scholarships>

**United Negro College Fund & SLMA: American Dream Scholarship** (04/15/09) [http://www.thesalliemaeandfund.org/smfnew/scholarship/american\\_dream.html](http://www.thesalliemaeandfund.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/cpnw/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>

**Cancer for College Scholarship** (05/01/09) [http://www.cancerforcollege.org/site/c.huITLdMUJtE/b.2352607/k.6EA2/Scholarship\\_Information.htm](http://www.cancerforcollege.org/site/c.huITLdMUJtE/b.2352607/k.6EA2/Scholarship_Information.htm)

**College Success Foundation: Leadership 1000 Scholarship** (05/15/09) <http://collegesuccessfoundation.org/leadership1000/index.htm>

**Congressional Black Caucus: Spouses Scholarships**

(05/01/09) <http://www.cbccfinc.org/CBC%20Spouses/Scholarships/apply.html>

**Congressional Black Caucus: Spouses Performing Arts Scholarships** (05/01/09) <http://www.cbccfinc.org/CBC%20Spouses/Scholarships/apply.html>

**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship** (04/16/09) <http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/scholarship/scholarship.htm>

**Friends in Art Scholarships** (04/15/09)

Applications available by emailing [hhmiller@citcom.net](mailto:hhmiller@citcom.net)

**HECB American Indian Endowed Scholarship**

(05/15/09) <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/applications/aiesapp2.pdf>

**Kitsap Quilters' Fiber Arts Scholarship** (05/02/09)

[http://www.kitsapquilters.com/Scholarship\\_Information.htm](http://www.kitsapquilters.com/Scholarship_Information.htm)

**NACA Multicultural scholarship** (05/01/09) <http://forms.naca.org/NACA/Forms/Multicultural+Scholarship+Program.htm>

**National Council of Jewish Women College Scholarships** (05/15/09) <http://www.ncjwseattle.org/CollegeScholarships.htm>

**Oregon Jewish Comm. Found: Tarshis Memorial Scholarship** (05/01/09) <http://orjcf.org/pages.asp?ID=14>

**Peacock Productions' Audria M. Edwards Scholarship** (05/01/09) <http://www.peacockinthepark.org/scholarship/Default.aspx>

**Rotary Club of Seattle** (04/16/09)

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

**Soroptimist Int'l of Seattle: Avys Hathaway Endowment Award** (05/15/09)

Application available in the Financial Aid Office

**Women in Animation Foundation: The Phyllis Craig Scholarship** (04/29/09) <http://wia.animationblogspot.com/the-phyllis-craig-scholarship-fund/>

**Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation** (4/15/09)

<http://www.mcsf.com/atf/cf/%7B94FA8283-6CBB-4B4B-AB01-1D3682F7A924%7D/09-10%20ALL%20OTHER%20APPL%20081211.PDF>

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