Dear Students,

Welcome back! We hope you are having a great first week of classes!

Homer Tate Fall Initiative Scholarship

We are looking for students who are graduating in December 2015! The Homer Tate Fall Initiative Scholarship is a University Scholarship which, if awarded, will cover the remaining balance due on a student’s billing account (refunds will not be issued). You must be a 15/16 financial aid applicant with a FAFSA or TASFA application on file. The Homer Tate Application is now a paper application you can find on our website. The deadline is September 16, 2015. Apply today!
General, Departmental, and Endowment Scholarships

The Scholarship Portal in MyLeo is currently closed. We will soon be gearing up for the 2016/2017 Academic Year. You can expect the Portal to reopen in January for General, Departmental, and Endowment Scholarships.

Outside Scholarships

There is a growing list of outside scholarship opportunities on the Outside Scholarship List. Remember to keep checking the list, as scholarships are added all the time. During the month of August, we worked to add 55% more opportunities.

There are several with deadlines in September and October. Remember to always prepare early enough to meet the deadlines! These deadlines are now also posted on the University Calendar as part of the Financial Aid & Scholarships Calendar. You can subscribe to the calendar’s RSS Feed, too.

Also you can use the websites listed on the Outside Scholarship Directories page to search for scholarships from all across the nation.

September Outside Scholarships

September 7th is the deadline to apply for the Love Your Career Scholarship. This scholarship is open to all majors and classifications. Applicants must write a 500-1000 word essay outlining at least 3 steps they plan to take in the next year to start a path towards having a career they love.

The Ideapod Scholarship is not your typical essay scholarship. To apply, just answer the following question on ideapod.com about the future of work, using the #futureofwork: “What will Artificial Intelligence mean for work?” Applicants with the most “supports” for their idea will be chosen as finalists. This scholarship is open to all majors and classifications. The deadline is September 15th, but get your idea posted soon so you can gain support.

All majors and classifications can apply for the ShipDig Scholarship by Submit a 500-1000 word essay about the most interesting item you have ever received in the mail. The deadline is September 15th.

The U.S. Bank Scholarship Program is offering five awards to undergraduate students who apply and complete the requirements by September 17th. Applicants must complete eight Financial Genius for Life education modules, each taking about 15 minutes.

Freshman agriculture majors who are Texas residents and graduates of Texas high schools can apply for the Texas Wildlife Association’s College Natural Resource Scholarships. Applications are due September 30th.
October Outside Scholarships

Attention sports fans! The Fantasy Sports Daily Scholarship Program offers a scholarship each semester. The Fall 2015 application includes four essay-type questions, one of which is a sport-related article. This scholarship is open to all majors and is due October 1st.

Apply for the Texas Garden Clubs Scholarship Program by October 1st. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., gives annual scholarships to Texas resident students who are college-level juniors or above. The applicant must have at least a 3.25 GPA and be majoring in a field of horticulture. An applicable TAMUC major is Biology.

Will you be studying abroad in Spring 2016? If you are a U.S. Citizen currently receiving a Pell Grant, you may be eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Applications are due October 6th.

The College JumpStart Scholarship Program is available to students who are committed to using education to better their lives and those of their families and/or communities. Apply for Fall 2015 by October 17th.

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply for the Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest. Applicants must submit essay by October 23rd, which must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length, on Atlas Shrugged topic listed on website.

Each semester Abodo offers the I Heart My School Scholarship. To apply, submit a 1,000 word essay that describes five great things you love but most people don’t know about your school. The deadline for Fall 2015 is October 31st.

Engineering and computer science students are eligible to apply for the Build U Scholarship. You would need to submit a 1,000 essay that best exemplifies how ownership leads to a better company. The deadline for Fall 2015 is October 31st.

Conclusion

I hope you enjoyed this scholarship update. Look for the next one near the beginning of November! Check the scholarship pages before then though, because many scholarships are added in between these updates.

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