Plainfield High School
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Scholarship Opportunities
Class of 2017

"Your guide to defraying the cost of your post-secondary education"

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Counselors Message

Dear Senior's,

This guide has been prepared in order to assist you in the search of finding scholarships to help defray the cost of your post-secondary education (College, University, Business School, Technical School, and Vocational School.) This information has been obtained from different sources and put together into a guide for you and your family. It is important that you read all the information in detail, select the scholarships that you are eligible, assemble all the criteria requested and meet the deadlines.

Meeting a scholarship deadline like any other project or assignment is very important. To meet the deadline means that the application has to be at its destination on the given date. Scholarship organizations do not accept excuses for not meeting their deadline.

Scholarships are free money for student's educational expenses. Some scholarships are a one-time deal while others might be renewable based on the sponsoring organizations criteria. Others might request for you to give back by volunteering and/or providing some kind of service to the organization and/or community.

The resources provided in this guide are just a few of many opportunities available; it is important that you stop by the guidance office after school at least once a week to see if your counselor has received new information. It is recommended that you check the Plainfield High School website at http://www.plainfieldnjk12.org/Schools/PHS/PHS.htm click on the Class of 2017 Tab, then click on Scholarship Opportunities Tab. In this section you will see this guide and will be able to link to all scholarships. The guide will be updated periodically so stay informed so you can obtain the maximum amount of money possible. I wish you luck focus and dedication. Let me assist you in this journey, stay connected it will all work out well.

Sincerely,

Anthony Galarza,
Professional School Counselor
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Types of Scholarships and Loans

Scholarships:

- **Academic Scholarships** – These scholarships can be provided by a college/university as well as an independent organization. Some colleges/universities provide you with a preliminary scholarship application with you college/university application; others send you a scholarship application after you have applied to the school; many utilize the information provided with the college application to make a determination and offer you a monetary opportunity. Most schools offer a variety of scholarships it is your responsibility to carefully read the information on their website and/or literature that is mailed to you.

- **Major and/or Career Specific Scholarships** – Are exactly just that some schools have scholarship opportunities for students majoring in a specific area of interest only. The GPA requirement might vary from major to major. This also applies to independent scholarship organizations.

- **National Scholarships** – are offered nation wide to students that meet the specific criteria. In this process you are competing against students in the Class of 2017 from throughout the United States. The application pull is larger but why not try and put yourself in the race. It is important that you always give yourself an opportunity. Some of these scholarships are The Bill Gates Foundation, National Merit Scholarship, Ronald Mc Donald's Scholarship just to name a few.

- **State, County and Local Scholarships** – These scholarships are from Businesses, companies, firms, fraternities, sororities, foundations, organizations, etc. within the state of New Jersey; our major scholarship program is The Plainfield High School Scholarship Program (more information about this scholarship will be announced later in the school year.

Federal and State Scholarships:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – These programs will consider you for grants (Free Money) and/or student loans at a low interest rate. The free grants are:

    - The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG).
    - Pell Grant – Basic Grant Federal Scholarship
    - The State Tuition Aid Grant Program (TAG).

- The Garden State Scholarship GSS, which is issued on the basis of, need plus academic achievement.
- College Work Study Program (CWSP). The Class of 2017 is eligible to apply beginning on October 1, 2017.

Special Programs:

Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF) or Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) – You can attend a public or private New Jersey college/university for minimal cost to you if:

1. Your family income is under the government established guidelines
2. You can get letters of recommendation.
3. You seem you really want to attend college.
4. You are willing to attend a summer session before you start college in September 2017.
5. You are judged to have good potential.
6. You apply for EOF (See your counselor)
7. You file the FAFSA

Scholarships for Minorities

Sports Scholarships and Internships
http://www.ncaa.org

Student Inventors Scholarships
http://www.invent.org/collegiate/

Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships
http://www.coca-colascholars.org/

Gates Millennium Scholarships
http://www.gmsp.org/

National Association of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ)
http://www.nabj.org/

More opportunities:

Siemens Westinghouse Competition
http://www.siemens-foundation.org/

GE and LuLac Scholarship Funds
http://www.lnesc.org

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund
http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org

Microsoft Scholarship Program
http://www.careers.microsoft.com/students/scholarships

Easley National Scholarship Program
http://www.naas.org/senior.php

Korean American Scholarship Found
http://www.kasf.org

Japanese American Citizen's League
http://www.jaci.org

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
http://www.cbcfinc.org

Diversity Scholarship
http://www.iesabroad.org/IES/Scholarships_and_Aid/financialAid.html

Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students
http:/ www.beanactuary.org/how/?fa=scholarships

More opportunities:

International Students Scholarships & Aid Help
http://www.iefa.org/

ScienceNet Scholarship Listing
http://www.sciencenet.emory.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html

Roothbert Scholarship Fund
http://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships.php

Alphonso Deal Scholarship Award
http://www.blackpolice.org/scholarship.html

AGI Minority Participation Program
http://www.americangeosciences.org/scholarship

Aid & Resources for RE-entry Students
http://www.back2college.com

The United Negro College Fund
http://www.uncf.org

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
http://www.poisefoundation.org/index.PHD

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
http://www.hsf.net

American Indian Movement
http://www.aimovement.org

Aspira (Latino youth)
http://www.aspira.org

Ronald McDonald House U.S. Scholarship Program
https://aim.applyISTS.net/RMHC

OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc.

- Hard copy only, stop by the Guidance Scholarship File cabinet before or after School for an application.

(Remember to check regularly the Scholarship application file cabinet for new scholarships)