

**THOMAS STONE HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER CENTER NEWSLETTER
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Winter Break is almost upon us. Hopefully, you will take advantage of this extra time to fine tune your career plans and finish up your applications and essays. Borrow materials from the Career Center to help you complete your applications, but be sure to return them as soon as possible.

Federal Financial Aid

Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be distributed to interested seniors before Winter Break. Paper copies can no longer be ordered in bulk, so if you prefer to fill out the paper application, you will have to call 1-800-4-FED-AID to request a copy or download a PDF copy at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. However, on-line application is the preferred method. If you choose to file the electronic FAFSA, you will need to get pin numbers (one for parent, one for student) at www.pin.ed.gov. You can request your pin numbers at this time. As soon as possible after January 1 you should submit the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. With the on-line application you will get a much quicker response regarding your aid and most common errors are eliminated.

BEWARE!

**FAFSA.com is a paid service;
You want FAFSA.ed.gov.**

Special Interest Items

These programs are listed for your information. The staff of Charles County Public Schools and Thomas Stone High School does not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information on any of these programs, please see Mrs. Bilmanis in the Career Center.

- Academic Treks and Broadreach offers summer study abroad programs in marine science, language, environmental studies and/or community service.
- Cornell University (NY) offers its "Summer College Programs for High School Students", for enrichment in several curriculum areas, and for college credit. Visit summer_college@cornell.edu for information and applications.
- Northfield Mount Hermon School (MA) also offers summer study abroad programs.
- The Washington DC Joint Steamfitting Apprenticeship Committee is accepting applications for training in HVAC and Environmental Systems in January at their Landover, MD location.
- People to People Leadership Summit is now accepting nominations. See Mrs. Bilmanis, if interested.

Federal Aviation Administration Hiring Notice

The FAA is now hiring Air Traffic Controllers
(high school diploma required)
<www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers/>

2008 Science and Engineering Education Program
is now accepting applications on-line at www.asee.org/seap
from high school students (16 yrs. or older)
for paid 8-week summer research opportunities.

\$\$\$ Scholarships and Awards \$\$\$

The following institutions have sent information on scholarships that can be used at that particular school:

Emory University (GA) Washington & Lee University (VA)
College of Notre Dame of Maryland Art Scholarships
Salisbury University (MD) Theatre Scholarships
University of Maryland College Park Dance Scholarships

Sam Walton Community Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, GPA \geq 2.5
Award: up to \$3,000
Deadline: Jan. 31, apply on-line at www.walmartfoundation.org (access code SWCS)

Sam Walton Associate's Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, GPA \geq 2.5, work for Wal-Mart or be dependent of someone who works for Wal-Mart
Award: up to \$3,000
Deadline: Jan. 31, apply on-line at www.walmartfoundation.org (access code SWAS)

SMECO

Eligibility: senior
Award: \$1,500
Deadline: March 2

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Eligibility: senior
Award: \$2,000
Deadline: Feb. 15, apply on-line at www.axa-achievement.com

National Co-op Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, attend a participating Co-op college (see list in Career Center)
Award: \$6,000, renewable
Deadline: Feb. 15

Masonic Charities Scholarship

****Can be used at any college or trade school****

Eligibility: senior, community service and leadership
Award: not stated
Deadline: return to Mrs. Bilmanis by March 13

Ronald McDonald House Scholarships

****Can be used at any college or trade school****

4 individual scholarship programs:
RMHC Scholars – open to any senior
RMHC / Asia – at least one parent must be Asian-American
RMHC / African American Future Achievers – at least one parent must be African-American or Black Caribbean
RMHC / HACER – at least one parent must be Hispanic

Eligibility: senior, see above for each scholarship
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: Feb. 16

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Hunt Competition

Eligibility: high school student
Award: not stated
Deadline: Feb. 14

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship

Eligibility: senior
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: Feb. 27

NASA Must Project Award

Eligibility: senior, major in science technology, engineering, or mathematics, GPA \geq 3.0
Award: up to \$10,000
Deadline: Feb. 1, apply online at www.nasa.gov/education/must

Janice Scott Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: senior, GPA \geq 2.5, leadership, extra-curricular activities
Award: \$2,500
Deadline: received by Mar. 31

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