

# CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**American Legion Post 294 – National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program** – Each February, Post 294 presents this scholarship program for high school students in north Cobb County. The purpose of the program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. All high school students in all grade levels are eligible to participate. If you are the local Post winner, you will then progress to the District, and possibly, Area and State level contests – and along the way, you can accumulate as much as \$2,500 in cash winnings! For more information, visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), or contact Ms. Donna Redner at 770-439-0180 or 770-846-5503.

**Deadline – first week of January.**

**The John F. Kennedy Profile In Courage Essay Contest** – The 2011 *John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest* marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kennedy Presidency. This program challenges students to consider the quality that JFK admired most in public life – political courage. This contest invites high school students from across the nation to write an original essay about an U.S. elected official who has spoken truth to power by standing alone in the face of overwhelming political opposition. Students are asked to identify an act of political courage, locate reliable and varied source material, and synthesize this information into a compelling essay. Essays must be 1,000 words or less and demonstrate an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in his book, *Profiles in Courage*. The first-place winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award and \$5,000 to grow in a John Hancock Freedom 529 College Savings Plan (\$10,000 total!). Visit [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org) for complete guidelines and additional information. **Deadline January 8, 2011.**

**Gates Millennium Scholars** – The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation presents its annual scholarship award for undergraduate and graduate students. This award is intended to identify outstanding students who have significant financial need and have demonstrated leadership skills. 1,000 students will be selected for the GMS scholarship based on the following eligibility criteria:

- You are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American
- You are a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States
- You have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- You will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college/university in the Fall of 2011
- You have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities
- You meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (determined only through submission of a FAFSA)

This renewable, need-based scholarship provides financial support throughout the winner's undergraduate career and into graduate school for those who choose to study in one of the seven approved graduate disciplines. Interested students are strongly advised to have all parts of your application completed online. (If you must apply on paper, you may download and print the application). Go to [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) to apply online and for additional information. **Deadline January 10, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. EST for online applications – this is also the POSTMARK deadline for paper applications.**

**Burger King Scholars Program** – is pleased to offer its annual scholarship to all eligible high school seniors. The Burger King Scholars awards are \$1,000, \$5,000, or \$25,000 each and may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Qualifying students must be a high school senior and a U.S. resident that meets specific eligibility criteria. Interested students should visit [www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger\\_king\\_scholars\\_program.html](http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html) for specific scholarship details and how to apply. **Deadline January 10, 2011.**

**BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship Program** – Six scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded this year. Award recipients will be selected based on their overall integrity and character, personal achievements, contributions to their communities and schools, academic accomplishments, and a written essay. The

scholarships are open to every high school senior attending our school! For more information, email Ms. Pamela Meyer at [scholarships@atlanta.bbb.org](mailto:scholarships@atlanta.bbb.org) or by phone at 404-419-8767. Applications are available online at [http://atlanta.bbb.org/student\\_scholarships/](http://atlanta.bbb.org/student_scholarships/). **Deadline January 31, 2011**

**Columbus State University Servant Leadership Program** - Each year, high school seniors have the opportunity to apply for a stipend of \$1,250 per semester in the Servant Leadership Program - \$2,50 per year, renewable for up to eight semesters. A limited number of stipends are awarded to qualifying students through a competitive selection process. Qualifications include: 3.0 GPA, current or previous leadership positions, academic ability, service to the community, extracurricular activities, and commitment to developing self and others. For more information and an application, visit <http://servant.colstate.edu/apply.php>. **Deadline January 31, 2011.**

**Betty Gray Scholarship** - Foundation 2000 For Children is pleased to provide The Betty Gray Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Applicants must attend an accredited college or university (two-year or four-year) in Georgia, and must have at least a 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale in order to qualify for the scholarship. Applications available in the BT Counseling Office in the Scholarship Drawer. **Postmark deadline February 4, 2011.**

**John McEachern High School PTSA Scholarship** – Every year, McEachern recognizes several deserving seniors with a monetary scholarship. Scholarship money may be used at any vocational/technical school or four-year college or university. To be eligible, students must be a current member of the MHS PTSA as of 12/31/10 and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications available in the BT Counseling Office. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. Royer in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 30, 2011**

**Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship Fund** – Given by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA), these scholarships are open to GA high school seniors who will be entering a GA college (2 or 4 year school) in the Fall 2011. CBA will award at least four (4) \$1000 scholarships to each scholarship winner. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association through a CBA member community bank. Interested students should contact the CBA to obtain a listing of member community banks in your area, and then you (the student) must contact the bank to request their sponsorship. Applications available in Counseling Office. **Deadline to turn in application to a CBA member bank: April 1, 2011.**

**The Balanced Man Scholarships (UGA)** – The Georgia Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is sponsoring three (3) Balanced Man Scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 to three outstanding freshman males entering The University of Georgia next year. To qualify, you must embody the principles of the Balanced Man. The aim of this scholarship is to recognize and reward men who strive to achieve balance and all-around excellence. You must be attending UGA in the Fall of 2011 – but students applying for this scholarship are in no way obligated to join Sigma Phi Epsilon. Applications currently available in the Counseling Office, or online at [www.sigepuga.com](http://www.sigepuga.com) (available online after January 15). **Deadline May 1, 2011.**

**Auburn University Freshman Scholarships** – Auburn University is excited to announce many scholarships for the incoming freshman class of 2011. Detailed information about all Auburn scholarships is available in the scholarship drawer, or by visiting [www.auburn.edu/scholarship](http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship). If you have additional questions, you can call the Office of University Scholarships at (334) 844-7570.

**Tech Promise (Georgia Tech)** – The G. Wayne Clough Tech Promise program allows eligible students to graduate from Georgia Tech debt free. The program picks up where the HOPE scholarship and other financial aid options leave off, allowing eligible students to attend GA Tech without the burden of debt after graduation through scholarships, grants, and job opportunities. The program is intended to assist Georgia residents whose families have an annual income of less than \$33,000. For additional information, call 404-894-0345. Visit [www.promise.gatech.edu](http://www.promise.gatech.edu) for an application.

**\*\*Please note that not all scholarships have been researched and that it is the student's responsibility to investigate the information\*\***

**INFORMATION ON MANY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOLARSHIP DRAWER, IN THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE. PAPER COPIES OF MANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE AS WELL.**