

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

November 16, 2008

Kappa Delta Pi

Epsilon Kappa Chapter

AGENDA

- ④ Searching for Scholarships
- ④ Scholarship Information
- ④ Summer Opportunities
- ④ Letters of Recommendation
- ④ Resumes
- ④ Tips for Writing Personal Statements
- ④ Upcoming Events



SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

 FastWeb www.fastweb.com

... Matches your profile to scholarship criteria

... Find jobs and internships

... FREE service, just set up an account

 Google www.google.com

... Search to find scholarships

... The more specific the better

... Look for local and major specific scholarships



COLLEGE OF ED SCHOLARSHIPS

- ℵ Open Mid-November
- ℵ Due January 15, 2009
- ℵ Over 80 scholarships given– be careful to see which criteria you fall in to
- ℵ Some may need essays and up to three references
- ℵ <http://www.educ.msu.edu/students/undergraduate/scholars>



KAPPA DELTA PI SCHOLARSHIPS

- ⌘ Applicants **MUST** be active members from the stand point of nationals (meaning you must have paid your dues for the current year)
- ⌘ The applicant will write an original essay of no more than 750 words that portrays a personal vision of himself or herself as an educator and how he or she hopes to make a difference...
- ⌘ Must have reference letter from chapter counselor – talk to Kristy (chenek@msu.edu)
- ⌘ Deadline: April 24, 2009
- ⌘ <http://www.kdp.org/scholarships/list.php>



KDP SCHOLARSHIPS THAT YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR

- ✧ **Jerry Robbins Scholarship** for one undergraduate student in instrumental music
- ✧ **J. Jay Hostetler Scholarships** for two student teachers
- ✧ **Vincent McGrath Scholarships** for two undergraduate students in Elementary Education
- ✧ **Sandra Jo Hornick Scholarship for one for an undergraduate KDP member**
- ✧ **Jack Rosen Scholarship** for an undergraduate Elementary Education major with a science, math, or technology focus
- ✧ **Harold D. Drummond Scholarships** for four undergraduate or graduate students in Elementary Education
- ✧ **Frank and Virginia Marsh Scholarships** for one undergraduate and one graduate student who have written research papers based on issues that affect teachers and learning
- ✧ **Bank of America Scholarship** for an undergraduate or graduate student in Special Education



EF TOURS- KDP SCHOLARSHIP

- ☞ Partnered with KDP, EF tours awards 10 all-expense-paid trips for active KDP undergraduate members.
- ☞ Deadline: January 30, 2009
- ☞ <http://www.kdp.org/pdf/09scholarships/EFtoursi.pdf>



ROBERT NOYCE SCHOLARSHIP

- ℵ The minimum application requirements are:
- ... Admission to a teacher certification program in the College of Education at MSU
 - ... Senior standing (or about-to-achieve senior standing) or post-BA status
 - ... Major in mathematics or science for any secondary teacher preparation candidate
 - ... Major in mathematics or integrated science for any elementary teacher preparation candidate
 - ... Overall GPA of at least 3.0 and a GPA in the major and minors (if mathematics or science) of at least 3.0



MORE ABOUT THE ROBERT NOYCE SCHOLARSHIP

- Undergraduate students receive \$7500/year for one or two years. Post-BA students receive \$10,000 for the internship year. Upon receiving the scholarship, students are required to teach two years in a high-need district for every one year of scholarship support.
- Applications for the Robert Noyce Scholarship are available on-line for a limited period beginning late in the Fall semester and extending to early Spring semester. The application process includes an application form, statement of interest in, and, if selected, a signed promissory note, agreeing to abide by all the requirements stipulated by the granting agency
- <http://www.educ.msu.edu/students/undergraduate/scholarship>



TEACH GRANT

- ✧ The TEACH Grant Program provides up to \$4000 per year (\$16,000 total for an undergraduate program; \$8000 total for graduate studies) in grants to full time students who plan to teach full time in high-need subject areas at schools serving students from low-income families.
- ✧ Grant recipients agree to teach for at least four full years within eight years of finishing their teacher preparation program, and to teach high-need subjects in designated schools that serve low-income students. If you do not complete the teaching obligation, your grants will convert to an unsubsidized loan, which you must repay with interest.
- ✧ <http://finaid.msu.edu/teachgrant.asp>



SKANDALARIS SCHOLARSHIP

- ☞ Deadline: April 2009
- ☞ Requirements: Full-time student- preference given to Michigan residents
- ☞ Criteria: Carry a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 through the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year; Attend an accredited United States college or university in the 2008-2009 school year; Actively be involved in university, athletic or community services.
- ☞ How to Apply: Print application from website
- ☞ <http://www.skandalaris.com>



MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (MEA) SCHOLARSHIP (AMOUNT AND NUMBER GIVEN VARY)

- ☞ Deadline: February 18, 2009
- ☞ Requirements: Graduate of Michigan Public School & Attending MSU (or other college, see website for details)
- ☞ Criteria: Academic Achievement, Extra-Curricular Activities, School/ Community Service
- ☞ How to Apply: Print application from website
- ☞ <http://www.mea.org/awards/meascholarship.html>



BROAD SUMMER TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

- ℵ What: Teaching summer school in Detroit Public Schools
- ℵ Why: Great Opportunity to work in an urban setting
- ℵ Positions: Teaching Fellows
- ℵ Sessions: mid-June to late July 2009
- ℵ More information available in January 2009
- ℵ <http://www.educ.msu.edu/broadpartnership/>



JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH (CTY)

- ℵ What: Summer Employment (Internships)
- ℵ Why: Great Opportunity to work with students and colleagues while gaining education experience
- ℵ Positions: Variety available (all paid)
- ℵ Sessions:
 - ... June 25-July 18, 2009
 - ... July 18-August 8, 2009
- ℵ Application: Available online in early December
- ℵ Application File should include: Cover letter, resume, application, official transcripts, references
- ℵ <http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/employment>



STUDY ABROAD

- ✧ Education and Society in Europe (Germany, Netherlands)
- ✧ Education, Society and Learning (South Africa)
- ✧ Pre-internship Teaching in Australia
- ✧ Pre-Internship Teaching in Malaysia
- ✧ Pre-internship Teaching in South Africa
- ✧ Can use your current financial aid & additional scholarships to pay for your trip!
- ✧ <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/>



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- ℵ It is part of Professors' jobs to write letters of recommendation so don't be afraid to ask
- ℵ Ask as early as possible
- ℵ Verify that they will be able to write you a favorable/positive letter
 - ... Choose people who know you best and will be able to write about you in detail
 - ... Choose people who can provide information not on your transcript
 - ... All letters don't need to come from Professors but you should have at least one or two



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: WHAT TO PROVIDE

- ✧ Names and application due dates
- ✧ Delivery instructions
- ✧ Stamped envelope for mailed letters
- ✧ Additional information to help them write a strong letter
- ✧ Small picture of yourself
- ✧ Stamped postcard
- ✧ Thank you note



RESUME WRITING: BASIC TIPS

- ✧ No more than 2 pages
- ✧ Avoid using high school experiences
- ✧ Avoid vague language: Instead use “descriptive action words”
 - ... Examples of Descriptive Action Words: Observed, Analyzed, Supported, Assessed, Facilitated, Planned, Taught, Collaborate, Developed
- ✧ Know and Research the position, district, school you are applying for and tailor your resume to be specific
 - ... Urban, Suburban, or Rural School District
- ✧ Use a format that is visually appealing and easy to read
- ✧ College of Education Format
- ✧ Visit the Writing Center or Lear Center



TIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

☞ Read the Instructions

- ... List or Essay Form
- ... Follow the Word Limit

☞ Again, Know Your Audience

- ... Who has won scholarships in the past
- ... Read the past winners essays
- ... Are they a large organization, a non-profit, local, state, national, etc.

☞ Be Concise

- ... Only include what is relevant to this scholarship



TIPS FOR WRITING SCHOLARSHIPS: PERSONAL STATEMENTS

- ✧ The more personal the better
 - ... Tell your story
- ✧ Make sure the experiences you write about are relevant to the scholarship and the essay you are writing
 - ... i.e. don't tell a story about overcoming a sports obstacle for an essay about classroom management
- ✧ Why are you going to benefit from their scholarship?
 - ... Know your goals and specific details about why their money will help you
 - ... i.e. not simply you need help funding your school
- ✧ How will they benefit from your winning your scholarship?
 - ... Again what will you do with the money that will help them, the education field, MI, etc.
- ✧ How are you unique?
- ✧ Don't get discouraged; ask for help, go to the writing center



UPCOMING KDP EVENTS

E-Chapter Event

- ... Wednesday, November 19, 8pm, 252 Erickson
- ... Topic: Global Connections, Ideas and Resources for Incorporating International Content into Secondary Language Arts
- ... Learn how to meet cultural competency standards in your classroom from presenter Sarah Powley, English Department Chair and International Club sponsor at McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, Indiana. Powley, a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award recipient, led an academic and cultural exchange program with a secondary school in Pskov, Russia, from 2002-2005.
- ... Please arrive 10 minutes early
- ... This event is open to TE students not in KDP

