

The Gates Millennium Scholars

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS), funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding low-income American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest.

Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars can request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following disciplines: education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

Are you applying for a GMS scholarship? Applications must be submitted online by Jan. 12, 2009, at 11:59 p.m. EST or the paper application postmarked on or before Jan. 12, 2009. Visit www.gmsp.org for more information.

The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by:

- Reducing financial barriers for American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need
- Increasing the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of education, engineering, library sci-

ence, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented

- Developing a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees
- Providing seamless support from undergraduate through doctoral programs for students selected as Gates Millennium Scholars entering target disciplines.
- The GMS award provides:
 - Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help
 - Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress
 - Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science
 - Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities

On Oct. 28, Alissa Lane, Tribal education specialist, and Patty Paul, Title VII Indian Education specialist from Siletz Valley Early College Academy (SVECA), took a group of students to Toledo High School to listen to a presentation on the Gates Millennium Scholars awards.

The overview of the 2009 scholarship application and nomination guidelines



Chris Garza and another student (above) and Aden Perkins, Alissa Lane and Patty Paul (right photo) learn about the Gates Millennium Scholars program.



Photos by Fish Martinez

and forms was organized by Fish Martinez, Title VII Indian Education specialist at Toledo High School.

A group composed of Indian Education students from SVECA, Eddyville Charter School and Toledo High participated in the hour-long overview of this exciting scholarship program.

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College Readiness Resources for Oregon Students

Student and Parent College Planning



Family Firsts - Student Booklet

A booklet for students. It explains why students should go to college, what they need to do to get there, who can help, how to choose a college, how to succeed in college, and how to pay for college.

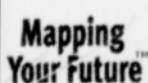
Available at: <http://www.act.org/path/secondary/pdf/FamilyFirstsStudent.pdf>



Family Firsts - Parent Booklet

A booklet for parents. It explains why students should go to college, what they need to do to get there, who can help, how to choose a college, how to succeed in college, and how to pay for college.

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Mapping Your Future

Onestop site for students, parents, and counselors, with information on college planning, financial aid strategies, and career options.

Available at: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/>



Making High School Count

This 12-page guide helps students transition from middle school to high school...and beyond! The brochure describes how you can plan for your education after high school — starting in the eighth grade.

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Preparing for the ACT

This booklet includes descriptions of the skills measured by the ACT, test-taking strategies, general information about test day, and complete practice tests, including a writing prompt. A sample answer document, scoring key, and scoring instructions are also included. Free copies are available through your high school counseling office or by downloading it from www.actstudent.org.



The Real ACT Prep Guide

This book is the official guide to the ACT — written by ACT — and contains accurate, reliable information, including three retired ACT tests. To order, visit our website at: www.actstudent.org or contact ACT Customer Services at 319-337-1429. The cost is \$25.00 (includes shipping & handling).



Get Set for College

This guide was created to help students successfully manage the task of planning for college by viewing the process as a series of six logical steps.

Available at: <http://www.act.org/path/secondary/pdf/GetSetforCollege.pdf>

Find it at www.act.org

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Webpages for Students Taking The ACT www.actstudent.org

ACT's webpages for student-oriented information. The sites include information about ACT registration, test preparation, the college admission process, career planning, and understanding ACT score reports.

ACT Student Blog www.actblog.org/

Features student stories to help students understand the college planning process.

ACT Parent Newsletter www.act.org/path/parent/news

A monthly newsletter to help parents guide students from middle school and high school toward college and careers.

ACT Online Prep www.act.org/path/secondary/onlineprep.html

ACT Online Prep is the only Internet-delivered ACT test prep program designed exclusively by ACT test development professionals. The program offers practice tests with real ACT test questions, a diagnostic test and personalized Study Path, and comprehensive content review for each of The ACT's four tests - English, math, reading, and science.

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- * Accepted nationally
- * Curriculum-based
- * No penalty for incorrect answers
- * All multiple-choice
- * Basic Fee: \$31.00
- * Writing Essay: Optional * - last section tested (add \$15.00)
- * Writing Essay: 30 min.
- * Perfect score 36
- * Pre-ACT: PLAN (10th), EXPLORE (9th)
- * Career Interest Inventory

* Writing essay is required by Oregon public colleges and universities

SAT

- * Critical Reading, Math, Writing
- * Accepted nationally
- * Reasoning
- * Penalty for incorrect answers
- * Math grid-ins
- * Basic Fee: \$45.00
- * Writing Essay: Mandatory - first section tested
- * Writing Essay: 25 min.
- * Perfect score 2400
- * Pre-SAT: PSAT (11th)

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