

How to earn a college scholarship

The cost of a college education continues to rise. The College Board says the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2015-2016 school year was \$32,405 at private colleges, \$9,410 for state residents at public colleges, and \$23,893 for out-of-state residents attending public universities. In 2013 and 2014, the average cost of a year's tuition at a Canadian university was \$5,772. The high cost of education compels many students to find ways to finance their education. For many, that means exploring available scholarships. Scholarships come in different forms and are

usually offered to students as a gift to be put toward college or university costs. Some schools offer scholarships, while other scholarships are sponsored by outside organizations. Students who meet certain requirements may be eligible for scholarships. While academic or athletic skills are the first criteria associated with scholarships, they are not the only avenues by which students can pursue scholarships. Scholarships may be offered to students of certain ethnic groups; children of employees at particular companies; or to students who live in particular states. Local

branches of organizations like the Rotary Club or Kiwanis also may give out scholarships. To improve one's odds of getting a scholarship, consider the following tips.

- Get involved with the community. Many scholarship sponsors seek individuals who are committed to volunteerism. Plus, volunteering for various groups puts students in the path of information about scholarships from these organizations.
- Use scholarship search engines. Those who search for scholarship sponsors should find plenty of results if they peruse scholarship search engines such as Scholarships.com,

CollegeBoard.com and FastWeb.com.

- Check the local newspaper. The coupon section of the Sunday newspaper may feature scholarships, as might the classified section. This is a great resource for finding locally based scholarships.
- Use networking contacts. Students should ask anyone they know if they are aware of any scholarship opportunities. Students who develop a rapport with guidance counselors or the financial aid department at their prospective colleges or universities may learn about scholarship opportunities that are not highly publicized. These people

may have the inside track on scholarship information.

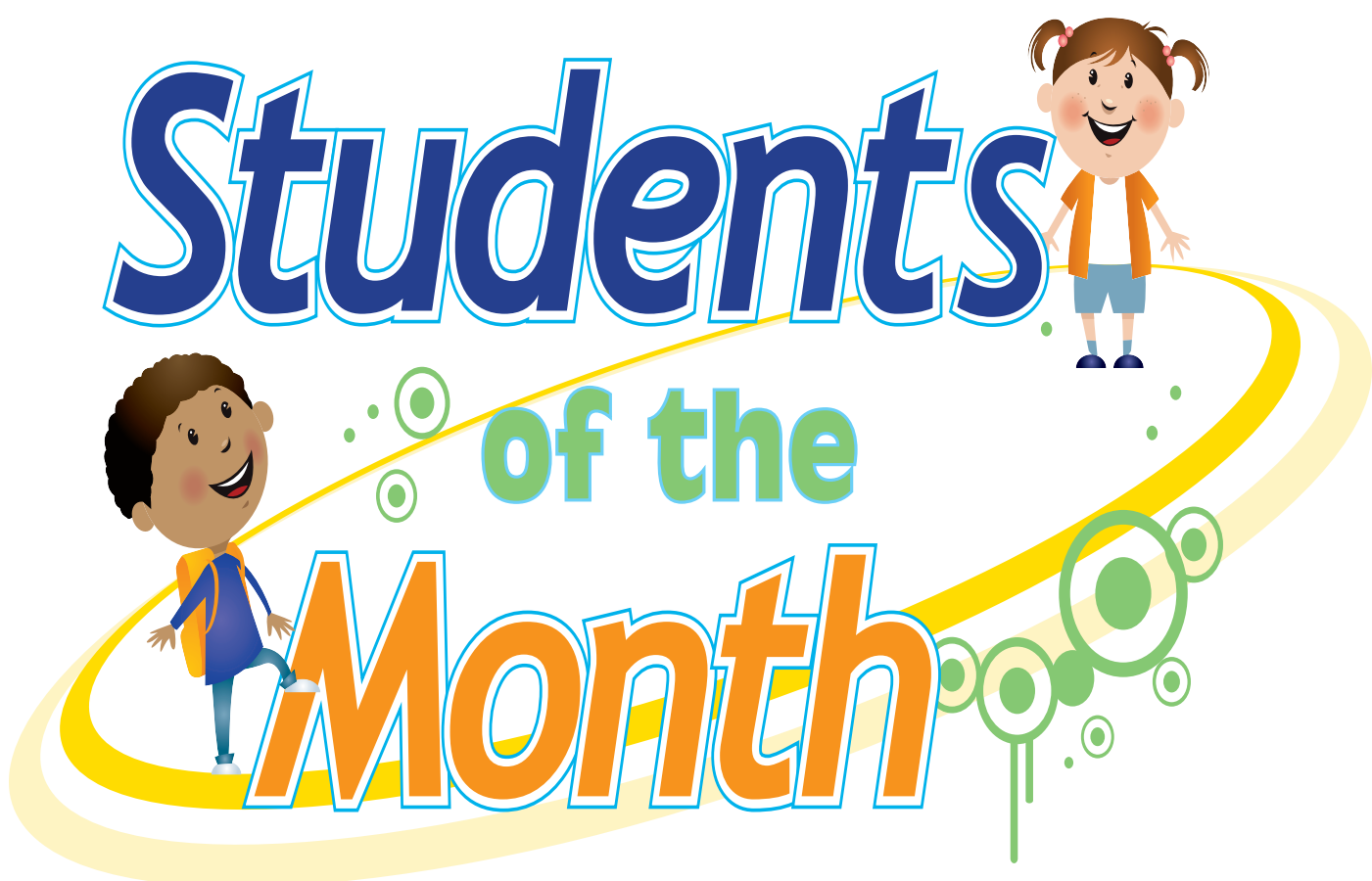
- Apply for all available scholarships. Now is not the time for students to become lazy. Students should apply for as many scholarships for which they meet the eligibility requirements.

Scholarships can help students offset the rising costs of a college education. Those who are willing to put in the



research, time and effort to apply may find a wealth of scholarship opportunities at their disposal.

Students of the Month



LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL



TY KISHEN

Ty is a truly well-rounded kid; he is involved in sports, and he also works

really hard on his alto sax playing. He practices regularly and works hard during every rehearsal. Ty is stellar student, excellent and kind friend to others, as well as a phenomenal human being. He is an engaged learner who truly cares about his education and consistently strives to improve himself. He thinks about what is being presented and develops great questions to deepen his understanding. Ty also is the definition of compassion: when it is time to work with others, Ty will seek out a struggling student and quietly go work with that student. He does not call attention to the fact that he does this, he just helps others. This kid is amazing!



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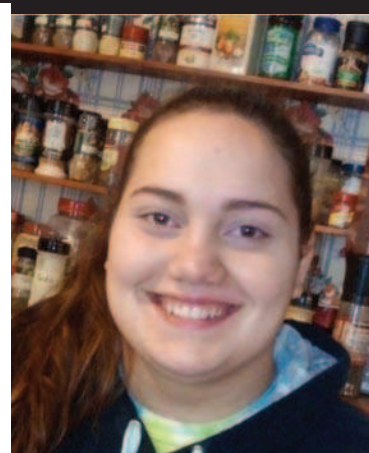
LACIE ANSON

Lacie is very mature. She comes to class early and stays late. She has taken placement tests for LCC and is registering in January.



ANNETTE SIMARD
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CHILD'S WAY CHARTER SCHOOL



Hannah Alvarez

Hannah was chosen by our Culinary Elective teacher Mallory. "Hannah is willing to do whatever it takes to get things done in the kitchen."



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YONCALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL



BEN SIMONS

Ben has been very active in our student leadership program and class. He is currently the Associated Student Body

President. He has attended the OASC Leadership Conference in Seaside the last three years. He was the sophomore class president. One of his activities he has worked on in his leadership class was to keep the school web page up to date. Ben has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America for three years. In his freshman year he finished second in Network Concepts and sixth in Computer Problem Solving at State. He competed at FBLA Nationals in Chicago that year in Network Concepts. During his sophomore year he finished second in Introduction to Informational Technology and third in Help Desk at State. He was also named to the National Business Honor Roll. He also competed in Introduction to Informational Technology at FBLA Nationals in Atlanta that year.

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Congratulations to Jessica Ray, Clover Rudicel, Sophia Edelblute Capps, Allie Harris and Meilani Pang who were admitted to the University of Oregon during their Small Schools Admission Day. Go Ducks!



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JAMES ARMSTRONG

James Armstrong participates in football, FBLA member and is actively involved in his Community 101 class.



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THERESA REECE

Theresa rarely has an "off" day. When I asked her if she had anything she wanted me to put in this letter, she said, "I am proud to be myself!" Theresa is not a follower and is willing to state her mind. Theresa's favorite class right now is math. Theresa likes to play video games, read and do art in her free time. She really enjoys drawing and painting. The teachers at Y.H.S. and Y.M.S. appreciate her great attitude and smile. Keep up the great work Theresa and congratulations for being the Student of the Month.

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