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I. Financial Aid

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Dayton is a top-tier Catholic university with offerings from the undergraduate to the doctoral levels. We are a diverse community committed, in the Marianist tradition, to educating the whole person and to linking learning and scholarship with leadership and service.

Our academic merit scholarship program offers awards based on academic performance prior to enrolling. Those applying as a full-time, degree-seeking student will automatically be considered for scholarship, whether entering from high school or transferring from another college. Scholarship notification occurs upon admission to the University of Dayton.

Entering first-year student scholarships are renewable for four years; transfer student scholarship for three, provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA, is registered full-time and is a responsible member of the University community.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/I7f3fg

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIPS

Bluffton's four enduring values of discovery, community, respect and service set Bluffton apart from other institutions. Bluffton provides an educational experience that teaches Christian Values in a Global Community - or put in another way - living out faith with purpose through the Mennonite values of peacemaking and service.

International students may qualify for academic or financial need based scholarships/grants. Academic scholarships are determined by previous academic record and results on the SAT examination. International student grants are awarded to students demonstrating the financial ability to pay for only a portion of the expected costs of attendance. The maximum amount of scholarship and/or international student grant awarded will be one-half the cost of tuition. In addition, international students can work on campus and earn $2,340 per academic year on campus work-study and $4,960 during summer employment.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/HWZfg1

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP

Fordham University, the Jesuit University of New York, is committed to the discovery of Wisdom and the transmission of learning, through research and through undergraduate, graduate and professional education of the highest quality.

Fordham University offers a Dean's Scholarship to the most talented students (the top 6-8% of the applicant pool). The awarded is granted to applicants with a composite of strong overall high school performance and proven academic potential as shown by SAT or ACT scores. The range of this award is at least $10,000. If need is demonstrated on the Profile, awards may range up to $22,000. This award will only be applied toward tuition charges for courses taken at Fordham. Student must maintain a 'full-time' status.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/J3OhcN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Founded in 1910, The University of Southern Mississippi is a comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university with a proud history and an eye on the future.

Graduate assistantships are awarded by the academic department to which you apply. Assistantships are limited and are granted on a competitive basis. If you are interested in applying for an assistantship it is recommended you submit a letter of interest and a resume with your application materials. Assistantships cover the cost of tuition and non-resident fees, however, stipends awarded with assistantships usually are not enough to cover all living expenses.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/HStB85

THE NEWBERRY NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIPS

A world-renowned independent research library in Chicago, the Newberry offers readers an extensive non-circulating collection of rare books, maps, music, manuscripts, and other printed material spanning six centuries. Its staff provides award-winning service and supports a rich array of programmatic opportunities.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships support post-doctoral scholars in any field appropriate to the Newberry's collections. Applicants must be United States citizens or foreign nationals with three years' residence. Preference is given to applicants who have not held major fellowships for three years preceding the proposed period of residency. The fellowship carries a monthly stipend of $4,200. Applicants must request at least four and no more than 12 months of support.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/ltfweq

II. Campus News

UC SCHOOLS ADMIT RECORD NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AND OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

The University of California system admitted 43% more out-of-state and international students than the past year. This year, 18,846 students were accepted from other states and countries compared to last year's 13,144. Of the nine UC schools, eight of them increased their acceptance rate for non-Californian students for Fall 2012.

For more information, please visit: http://lat.ms/ly0t24

WHAT TO DO IF YOU CANNOT VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES

After receiving your acceptance letters, visiting college campuses may not be an option if you are an international student. The New York Times' India Ink blog asked what students can do and which resources are beneficial when deciding where to enroll if they cannot visit the campus.

Along with using the assortment of online resources available, it is recommended that students also watch for admissions officers and alumni who travel and hold information sessions in their home country. Also, take advantage of social media tools and online chats with current international students, alumni, faculty, or administrators. When choosing a school, it is important to understand what you expect of your experience in the U.S., and thoroughly research how a school's programs, student life, and activities might meet these expectations.

For more information, please visit: http://nyti.ms/IENknz

EDUCATIONUSA LAUNCHES FACEBOOK APP!

EducationUSA is proud to announce its first Facebook app: "Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study." This project represents the world's first game-based adventure for international students to learn about opportunities in the United States of America. This platform allows us to deliver information in exciting new ways to help international students make the journey of a lifetime.

This gamified advising adventure represents a cutting-edge immersion experience to learn about the various steps needed to study in the United States. We encourage you to visit the Facebook page for this exciting new app and to begin your journey today!
For more information, please visit: http://on.fb.me/xN99bX

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dominican University earned a spot on the President's Community Service Honor Roll for its devotion to community service and service learning programs that have been improving the community. Specifically, Dominican was recognized for students' work with a Chicago neighborhood school and local hunger relief efforts. One-third of the university's undergraduates partake in community service opportunities, and twenty percent of the student body enrolled in at least one of the service learning courses offered throughout the year.
For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/lyyKTl

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