

2007-2008 SENIOR (and Junior) NEWS (#2) -- Dec. 2007

NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS: It is critical that you complete your tax returns for 2007 as early in 2008 as you possibly can. You do not have to mail the return at this time; just have it completed so that your child can complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Students can not qualify for the many state issued scholarships (i.e. Life, Palmetto Fellows) or any other type of financial aid offered by their chosen college or university if the FAFSA form is not completed. Even if you feel as though your family's combined income is too high to qualify for financial aid, your son or daughter can not receive any type of state-issued scholarships or college scholarships if the FAFSA form is not completed. Students who complete the FAFSA in February will receive the best awards. WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV.

ARCHIBALD RUTLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP: The SC Department of Education is announcing the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. This annual event offers public school 12th graders the opportunity to compete for a scholarship worth approximately \$4,000 in drama, creative writing, music, and visual arts. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and recognize academic and artistic excellence. Applicants may participate in one of the four areas. Students must submit one original composition and a process folio. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm on February 1. Please see Ms. Key for an application.

SCAEOP SCHOLARSHIP: The SC Association of Educational Office Professionals is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior who has plans to pursue a degree in the business field. Applicant must have maintained a "C" average or better in high school. Application must be postmarked by February 1. www.southcarolinaeop.org

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP & AXA COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP: This program offers scholarships from \$2000 to \$25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community, or the workplace. Application deadline is February 15. www.axa-achievement.com

ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP: The A & F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as currently enrolled college students. Student must write a 1000 word essay about one of the following topics; (1) Discuss, in less than 1000 words, what you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why? Or (2) How has your education contributed to who you are today or how will it affect who you will become? Submissions must be submitted by email to scholarships@abbottandfenner.com. The deadline is June 20, 2008. www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm.

AES SCHOLARSHIP: The AES Scholarship is based on character, as determined by an essay. Academics are not a consideration. Students must submit an essay of no more than 1000 words in answer to one of the following questions: (1) What do you consider to be the single most important problem that is facing society today? Why? (2) Why are you a good candidate to receive this award? \$500 scholarship. Submit essay to scholarships@aesengineers.com. Deadline for entry: September 15, 2008. <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> for more info.

MUSIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS: \$1000. 250 word or less essay, Dear Mr. President, I am writing to tell you why music is so important to my complete education.... www.sbomagazine.com and click on essay 2008 or submit your entry to Student Scholarships, SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA, 21 Highland Circle, Needham, MA 02494. Essays must be submitted by December 31, 2007.

WALMART SCHOLARSHIPS: Wal-Mart offers several scholarships; the Wal-Mart Associate Scholarship (\$2000), Higher Reach Scholarship (\$2000), Walton Family Foundation Scholarship (\$10,000), and the Sam Walton Community Scholarship (\$1000). Visit www.walmartfoundaton.org for details. Deadline is January 14, 2008.

NATIONAL MS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: www.nationalmssociety.org Deadline January 15, 2008.

MCKELVEY FOUNDATION: open to seniors of a high school or home school, and own & operate a business for at least one year, have at least one paid employee, have sales revenue, fill out the FAFSA, agree to a telephone interview if selected as a finalist, and winners must attend the summer e-Venture program in St. Louis, MO. Awards up to \$10,000. Deadline is January 15, 2008. Visit www.mckelveyfoundation.org and click on entrepreneurial scholarships.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP: student must have a 3.0 – 4.0 GPA, and be a graduating senior. \$250 - \$10,000. Please visit www.nwtf.com for eligibility. Deadline is January 1, 2008

AIKEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.: \$1000 scholarships for two-year or four-year colleges. The primary residence of the student must have a current account with Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. Please see Ms. Key for an application or visit www.aikenco-op.org. Deadline February 1.

2008 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP: seniors who plan to pursue a profession oriented toward science, mathematics, engineering, or medicine. If chosen, the student must attend the entire NYSC program. The program is at no cost to the student. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge to the delegates. The program takes place in Charleston, WV from June 29 – July 26, 2008. Please see Ms. Key for an application. Deadline February 18, 2008.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS**

DISCOVER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Juniors with a 2.75 GPA, and demonstrates accomplishments in community service and leadership and has faced a significant roadblock or challenge. \$30,000 scholarships that can be used for any type of post-high school education or training, certification, licensing, two or four year trade and technical education or a two or four year college degree. To apply online visit www.scholarshipadministrators.net and use the access key "DISC" or you may download and print an application. Deadline January 31, 2008.

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR FOR JUNIORS: all juniors will be considered and must participate in an interview. Includes an all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC June 14-June 19, 2008. Please see Ms. Key for an application or visit www.aikenco-op.org. Deadline is February 1.