



# Husky Paws Scholarship Newsletter

John W. North High  
School

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## Senior Planner

***It is back-to-school season. What should you be doing?***

-If you haven't taken the SAT/ACT, plan and prepare for those tests/testing through December is accepted from both UC and CSU systems

-Narrow your college list, and contact each school's admission office to request an application and financial aid information

-Get your applications in order by creating files for target schools. Make a list of application requirements (essays, transcripts, recommendations, etc.) and deadlines for each. Consider creating your own personal timeline or calendar for this process. Work on the essays.

-Seek out jobs, internships and/or volunteer work in your community or through your school. In addition to being a rewarding experience, it shows an admissions officer your commitment to improve your community.

-Think about teachers, coaches, counselor, etc. regarding recommendation letters

-Learn the basics about college costs, financial aid, and borrowing for college

-Find scholarships, grants, and loans that match your skills and interests

***Meet with your counselor to discuss your college plans. Review your schedule with him or her to make sure you're enrolled in challenging classes that will help you prepare for college.***

## John W. North College Night 2008

Don't miss the opportunity to have your questions answered about college eligibility, applications, deadlines, SAT, ACT, scholarships, recommendation letters, college visits, athletes and the NCAA, community college and more!

**College Night 2008  
September 24, 2008  
Little Theatre  
6:30PM**

## Scholarships From Scratch

(please see attached)

### Where should I look?

—**Search** online at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)(one site).

—**Check** the financial aid pages on your prospective colleges' Web sites.

—**Search** your community for organizations offering awards.

—**Ask** you guidance counselor about private and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

### What can I do to prepare?

—**List the scholarships by deadline.** Focus on the ones with earlier deadlines.

—**Financial information.** Prepare family income and tax forms ahead of time to document finances for need-based scholarships or other types of aid.

### How should I prepare the essay?

—**Make an outline.** Pick one main theme and based on the essay question, outline a few ideas that support your theme.

—**Show, don't tell.** Use specifics, not generalizations. Help your reader visualize what you're trying to say.

—**Check spelling and grammar.** Have a teacher, parent or counselor read over your essay to provide feedback and catch errors.

## Dates of Interest

1. 9-13 ACT
2. 9-24 College Night
3. 10-4 SAT
4. 10-25 ACT



## Scholarships

*Please see Mr. Flores in the Guidance Office for details regarding each scholarship*

- California Masonic Foundation:** Application; awards run from \$2,500 to \$12,000; scholarship winners are selected based on personal commitment to educational goals, readiness for higher education through clear and realistic educational plans, and promise of success made evident by a track record of responsibility and persistence; please access [www.californiamasons.org](http://www.californiamasons.org); postmark deadline = February or March, 2009
- California Order of the Eastern Star:** Application/3.0 minimum GPA/US citizen/attend a college or university, community college, trade school or religious school/financial need/postmark deadline = mid-March, see Mr. Flores
- California State PTA:** Application/scholarships to acknowledge the achievement of high school seniors for volunteer work in the school and community/must be a member of PTA/PTSA/due date = 2-1
- California Teacher Association:** Application/dependent child of an active or retired California Teachers Association member/academic achievement/community service/minimum GPA = 3.5/\$500 to \$2000 scholarships/due date = mid-February, see Mr. Flores
- Coca-Cola Scholars:** Application; graduating senior with a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of the junior year; academic achievement and community involvement; applications accepted between 9-1 and 10-31; scholarships are \$4,000 to \$20,000; please access [www.coca-scholars.org](http://www.coca-scholars.org) for application; deadline 10-31-08
- Dell Scholars:** Application/minimum 2.4 GPA/participate in an approved college readiness program/financial need/application period opens November 1/go to [www. Dellscholars.org](http://www.Dellscholars.org) or see Mr. Flores for more information.
- Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship:** Application/applicants judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship/500 4-yr awards include \$4000 to \$60,000 scholarships/ due date = 1-11
- General Motors Minority Dealers Association:** Application/application period opens August 30 and runs through mid-December/minimum 3.0 GPA and work experience/community service/financial need/see Mr. Flores for more information
- Horatio Alger Association:** Application; provides financial assistance to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity; minimum GPA = 2.0; scholarship criteria also include status as a graduating senior in 2007, commitment to pursuing a bachelor's degree, and US citizenship; access [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships); applications accepted through 10-30-08
- HSF High School Scholarship Program:** Application/graduating senior of Hispanic heritage/seek a degree in a US accredited college/minimum GPA 3.0/complete a FAFSA/due date deadline = 12-15
- Pechanga Scholarship Award Program:** Application/original essay on "Why I Want to Further My Education"/graduating seniors/\$2000/due date deadline = 10-1

*A college "minor" is a concentration in a particular subject. It's usually has fewer requirements than a major and doesn't have to be in the same field. For example, you could major in English and minor in Psychology.*



## Scholarships Continued

**Quest Bridge:** Application/college match program for low-income students with exceptional scholarship/extra-curricular accomplishment/go to [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)/submission deadline = 9-30

**Ron Brown Scholarship Program:** Application/African-American graduating seniors who will make significant contributions to society/applicants must excel academically, show exceptional leadership potential and make an impact on their communities through service to others/November 1 deadline applications will be considered for Ron Brown Scholars and other scholarship providers/January 9 deadline applications will be considered for Ron Brown Scholars only

**Violet Richardson Award:** Application/female ages 14 to 17 who is caring, compassionate, creative, and committed to making the world a better place/significant and noteworthy accomplishments as a volunteer/due date deadline = 12-1



## **Scholarships Continued**

## Supplement to Scholarships

**California Museum's Dreamers Challenge:** Application/how your dream will have a lasting mark on the state, nation, and the world/essay, power point, etc./\$5000/due date deadline = 10-10

**Friends of Arts Education (Cerritos Center):** Application/graduating seniors who wish to pursue a career in the performing arts/go to [www.friendsofaecc.com](http://www.friendsofaecc.com) for an application/due date deadline = 10-31

**Southern California Fair, Ethel M. Silver Scholarship:** Application/graduating seniors/you need to act quickly because it is due 9-5/decent grades/have to submit an exhibit, i.e. painting, photography, pottery, etc/due date deadline = 9-5

