SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PRATT 510

INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT WE DO

Located in the Office of Student Development and Retention (Pratt 510), the Scholarship Assistance Program works to inform students on the process of applying for private/outside scholarships and facilitates the application process for all program participants.

- ***Researching*** scholarships for you;
- ***Identifying*** which scholarships you are most eligible to apply for;
- ***Prioritizing*** which scholarships you should tackle first;
- ***Writing*** and editing your personal statement, resume and any other scholarship essays;
- ***Completing*** and revising your application to ensure it is the best application you are submitting. We also mail out paper applications so that you do not have to worry about postage.

GETTING STARTED

The key to a successful scholarship process is starting early. By beginning your search as soon as possible, your chances of receiving an award triple. One, you have more time to search and discover relevant scholarships and to narrow down your list to those scholarships you have the best chance of receiving. Two, you are able to apply for scholarships with early deadlines and to prioritize the order in which you should apply to scholarships. Three, you have sufficient time to thoroughly prepare for the process and thereby are able to submit a high quality application which can compete for each scholarship.

TIPS

a. *Begin Early*
b. *Know what a scholarship is (check out: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholarship)*
c. *Discover how to find a good "match"*
d. *Get involved in L.I.U. activities – it matters*
e. *Keep studying – good grades are key to securing scholarships*
f. *Begin researching on your own using the books and websites below*
g. *Start your What Makes You Unique sheet*
h. *Complete the FAFSA, and get copies of your Tax Return and those of your parent(s)*
i. *Get to know your professors. You will need to use them as references*
j. *Be aware of scholarship scams. There should be NO fees to apply for a scholarship*
k. *Be persistent. There are many scholarships available!*

BOOKS

The Scholarship Book, 13th Edition: The Complete Guide to Private-Sector Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, and Loans for the Undergraduate (Scholarship Book) (Paperback). National Scholarship Research Service, Daniel J. Cassidy. Prentice Hall Press; 13th Edition (July 1, 2008). ISBN: 9780735204270.

Kaplan Scholarships 2009 Edition: Billions of Dollars in Free Money for College (Kaplan Scholarships) (Paperback). Kaplan Publishing; (August 5, 2008). ISBN: 9781419552236.

Scholarships, Grants and Prizes 2009 (Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes) (Paperback). Peterson's. Fern Oram, editor. Peterson's (August 5, 2008). ISBN: 9780768926248.

Scholarship Handbook 2009 (College Board Scholarship Handbook) (Paperback). The College Board. College Board; 1st Edition (July 8, 2008). ISBN: 9780874478273.

INTERNET SEARCH DATABASES

www.fastweb.com
www.petersons.com/finaid/

Go to one of these websites, create an account, copy the list of scholarships suggested for you, paste this list into the body of an email, and mail to thomas.price@liu.edu

STAY CONNECTED

It is your responsibility to stay in contact with the Scholarship Assistance Program!
HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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