

West Lyon Scholarship Bulletin #1 September 24, 2022

Each year seniors seem to be very interested in the scholarships available to them as they prepare financially for further education. From time to time new scholarships will come across the counselor's desk. To inform students and parents of these scholarship opportunities and deadlines, a scholarship bulletin will be typed up each month in the brief summarized format you see here. This bulletin will be posted on the West Lyon website at www.wlwildcats.org in the Counselor section under the High School tab. Complete information on each scholarship will be kept in 3 ring binders in the counselor's office. Parents and students are welcome to stop in at any time to check this information out. Updated scholarship bulletins should be available each month around the 25th of the month.

Also, over the last couple of years with the ease of electronic communication for schools, businesses, etc., we as counselors have started to receive more and more emails informing us of scholarship opportunities for our students. Managing all of these sources of scholarship information and passing them on to interested students and parents has become a challenging process for us as area counselors. Not all of these emails Miss Mulder receives will be in the monthly scholarship bulletin, therefore if you as senior or senior parent would like to be informed of those email scholarship descriptions, email Miss Mulder and ask to be included in a "senior scholarship group list" that will be used to forward those emails on to you who are interested.

And finally, October 1 is the opening date for this year's high school seniors to be able to start filling out FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for financial aid to attend college in fall of 2022. In Iowa we have the benefit of having an ICAN office that can assist families with completing the FAFSA. Through the FAFSA Ready Iowa, ICAN coordinates FAFSA completion events and services across Iowa. Events are provided through partnerships with school districts, community-based nonprofit organizations, colleges, businesses, and community foundations. Whether in an ICAN office with an ICAN Student Success Advisor, at a community- or school-based event staffed by ICAN-trained volunteers, or through a virtual event online, FAFSA Ready Iowa strives to provide FAFSA completion assistance to any Iowan who needs help with paying for post-high school education or training. ICAN also provides training certification for event volunteers, increasing the number of career and college readiness professionals available to assist throughout the state. For more information on how to receive help go to: ICANSucceed.org/FAFSAReadyIA.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert Smiley Scholarship Award – this scholarship is offered by the Iowa Girls' HS Athletic Union and the Smiley Family in honor of the longtime IGHSAU Associate Executive Secretary who passed away suddenly in 2003. It is for senior girls who have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and has lettered in at least one varsity sport. West Lyon is limited to one nomination for this scholarship. If you are interested in being considered as West Lyon's nomination, **contact Miss Mulder by November 30.**

E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship Award- this scholarship was established in tribute to the personage who is most responsible for making the “Iowa Girl” number one in the nation. The profile of the recipient will reflect discipline, perseverance, character, superior athletic skill, leadership, academic achievement and citizenship traits that have personified the life and expectation of De. E. Wayne Cooley. Five financial awards of \$1000 and one award of \$15,000 will be given. The recipients must be going to an Iowa college or university. West Lyon is limited to one nomination for this scholarship. If you are interested in being considered as West Lyon’s nomination, **contact Miss Mulder by November 30.**

Karon Brown Award – this award was established in 2021 as a tribute to Karon Brown who served the IGHS AU in a variety of roles for 43 years. The recipient of this award is recognized for excellence in the classroom, in athletics and must plan on a future in a sports-related field. Her profile should reflect loyalty, perseverance, character and passion for continuing a career serving female athletes. Two recipients will each receive \$2500. Applications are available in Miss Mulder’s office. **Deadline is April 3.**

Iowa Student Loan College Funding Opportunities – the Iowa Student Loan organization has developed incentives for students and families to adequately prepare for college expenses. Students/parents are encouraged to work through some college financing information for each of these programs for a chance to be awarded money towards college. The three programs are listed below. More information can be found at: www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Educator

1) Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway – Sept 6 - Oct 31 - The Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway opened to parents and guardians of Iowa students in grades 6–12.

- **Awards:** Twenty-five \$1,000 deposits into College Savings Iowa accounts.
- **Open to:** Parents and guardians of Iowa students in grades 6–12.
- **Requirements:** Visit the new Parent Handbook guide for important college financing information and enter contact information to register.

Start at: www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Save Now

2) Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship –Nov 1-Mar 31

- **Open to:** Iowa high school seniors who will attend college in fall 2023.
- **Awards:** Fifty \$1,000 college scholarships
- **Requirements:** Register online and then follow emailed instructions to complete two online components and a related assessment. A tiebreaker may be required.

Start at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship

3) Student Planning Pointers for Parents Ongoing

- **Open to:** Parents & guardians of students in grades 8-12
- **Awards:** Quarterly drawings for \$250 deposits into college savings plan accounts
- **Requirements:** Sign up to receive twice-monthly emails on helping students with academic, career & college planning and enter the drawing after reading the information

Start at www.sp3.org

Iowa Student Technician Scholarship – JJ Nichting Company offers this \$25,000 student technician scholarship program to students wanting to pursue an associate degree in Diesel Technology and ultimately a career in the agriculture service field. This program provides students with training and work experience through classroom study and on -the-job work-study. This is a paid work-study program during scheduled school sessions and fall breaks.

NROTC Scholarship Program – The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps offers a Marine Option Scholarship with a total value of \$180,000. The scholarship pays full tuition, mandatory fees, books and uniforms for qualifying universities. Recipients must be a naturalized US citizen, age 17-23 with minimum ACT score of 22 or ASVAB score of 74 and must pass USMC Physical Fitness Test. Applications are available at: <https://netfocus.ncdc.navy.mil/Gateway/DODWarning.aspx> . **Early board deadline is October 31 with final Deadline of January 31.**

The National College Match – Quest Bridge offers full four-year scholarships to 48 top colleges for academically outstanding high school students from low-income backgrounds. Colleges include Amherst, Duke, Emory, Princeton, Stanford, Univ of Chicago, Univ of Pennsylvania & Yale. Visit questbridge.org to learn more. **Deadline is Sept 27.**

StudentScholarships.org - this scholarship organization lists a variety of scholarship programs available to Iowa students. Newsletters are sent out periodically throughout the year. The newsletter is available at: <https://studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php> Attached is their list of scholarships available from Sept-Dec 15.

SCHOOL DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS

EPIC FLIGHT ACADEMY

Aviation Scholarship - We invite U.S. high school students who are interested in flight training or aviation maintenance to apply for Epic Flight Academy's 4 aviation scholarships. We are located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and welcome applicants from all around the U.S. We are awarding **\$65,000** this year! Scholarships are open to current high school juniors and seniors for flight training and seniors for aircraft mechanics. We are awarding 4 scholarships (**\$20,000** and **\$5,000** for flight training; and two **\$20,000** for aircraft mechanics). Full details and links to the online applications are available at: <https://epicflightacademy.com/aviation-scholarship/>
Deadline is October 1.