

## BRACE NEWS 2010/2011

BRACE is open! Please come by and see Mrs. Casey for any of your questions and to pick up information regarding testing, college applications and everything post Cypress Bay!

Scholarship Websites to Check out!

[.scholarships.com](http://.scholarships.com)

[.collegeboard.com](http://.collegeboard.com)

[.fastweb.com](http://.fastweb.com)

[.facts.org](http://.facts.org)

Please note that if you have to pay money for a scholarship, it is a SCAM! If in doubt check it out here in BRACE.

This editions Scholarships to apply for :

The P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Sisterhood Scholarship. The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide \$2,500 scholarships to high school senior women attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada, full-time or part-time in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation.

Deadline to apply is 10/22/2010

There is a National website which describes the scholarship, but the application is not available from it: <http://www.peointernational.org>. For additional information email: [@SandySteffen.com](mailto:@SandySteffen.com)

See BRACE for more info....

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

- Students in grades 5-12 who live in the 50 states or Washington, D.C., and have conducted a volunteer service activity within the past year
- American students in grades 5-12 who live elsewhere but whose parents or guardians are legal voting residents of one of the 50 states or

Washington, D.C.  
Essay/Activity statements

- Award: \$1000, trip to Washington, DC  
Deadline: **Student deadline is November 1, 2010**

Violet Richardson Award.

Females between the ages of 14 and 17 who have demonstrated significant and noteworthy accomplishments and dedication in their volunteer work.  
Essay, typewritten, up to 750 words.  
Supporting material (optional, see application).

Award: \$500

Deadline: December 1, 2010 (must be received on that date).

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

The contest is open to United States high school students in grades nine through twelve attending public, private, parochial, or home schools;

- All students must complete and submit a registration form online.
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- Award:
- 1st Place \$10,000 -- a \$5,000 cash award and \$5,000 to grow in a John Hancock Freedom 529 College Savings Plan.
- 2nd Place \$1000
- Up to five finalists each receive a \$500 cash award
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Deadline: January 8, 2011

Student should review website for complete details, essay guidelines, online registration form and submission instructions:  
[://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/Contest+Information/](http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/Contest+Information/)

The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship is a merit-based program that helps students fulfill their dreams of a higher education.

- Eligibility:

- 9th-12th grade high school, college, or graduate student including adult students.
- Legal resident of the U.S.
- Currently in school or planning to start school within the next 12 months.

#### Essay

- Award: \$1,000
- Deadlines:
- Fall Competition:
- August 1 - December 31, 2010.
- Spring Competition:
- January 1 - July 31, 2011

Student should review website for complete details, essay guidelines, and submission instructions. Application must be completed online:

[://www.gkscholarship.com/](http://www.gkscholarship.com/)

**AXA Achievement Scholarship offers college scholarships of \$10,000 and \$25,000 to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. The scholarships are sponsored by the AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News & World Report.**

- Eligibility:
- United States citizens or legal residents,
- Current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by fall 2011,
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace, and
- Recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement.

#### Transcript

#### Award:

- State Winners
- Fifty-two winners – one from each state, the District of Colombia and Puerto Rico – are selected by our nonprofit partner, Scholarship America, to receive one-time scholarship awards of \$10,000 each.
- National Winners

From the pool of 52 state winners, ten are selected as national winners and earn an additional one-time scholarship of \$15,000. This brings the top AXA Achievers total scholarship awards to \$25,000 each.

- **Deadline: December 15, 2010 (The first 12,000 applications received, which have met the postmark deadline, will be considered).**

Applicants are asked to describe in detail an outstanding achievement they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. Student should review website and application for complete details and submission instructions: <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

#### **AES Engineering Solutions Scholarship:**

- **Eligibility:**
- Available to high school seniors and all students attending a post secondary educational facility. **Students are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible.**
- Students must submit an essay of no more than 1000 words in answer to one of the two questions below:
  - 1. If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?
  - 2. How has your family background affected the way you see the world?
- Award: \$500.00
- Deadline: October 8, 2010
- **Student should submit essay to:** [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com)

There is no application packet for this award. Students should review website for complete details and submission instructions:

[://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm)

#### **The United States Senate Youth Program**

- **Eligibility:**
- Any high school junior or senior student is eligible for the program, provided he or she has not previously been a delegate to the program, and is currently serving in an elected capacity in any of the following student government, civic, or educational organizations:
  - A. Student body president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer.

- B. Class president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer.
- C. Student Council representative
- D. Student representative to a district, regional or state-level civic education organization.
- Permanent residency in the United States and enrollment in a Florida public or private school is required.
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- To be eligible for consideration for this program, students must complete the following:
  - A. Complete the attached application form (must be typed) (Part I)
  - B. Attach an official copy of the high school transcript. This must include a listing of the current courses that the student is in enrolled in. (Part II)
  - C. Provide no more than three letters of recommendation. (Part III)
  - Students must also complete an essay
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**Award:** All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided by The Hearst Foundations. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$5,000 College Scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2010

Students should should review the application and website for complete details, essay guidelines, and submission instructions: [ussenateyouth.org](http://ussenateyouth.org)

**Class of 2011 for the 2011 Horatio Alger Scholarships.** In addition to the National Scholarship Program,

- **Horatio Alger Florida Scholarship Program** provides financial assistance to students in the State of Florida who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.

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- **Eligibility:**
  - The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are as follows:
  - Enrollment full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2011, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
  - A strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-

- year institution. Idaho, Louisiana, and Montana state scholarship recipients must pursue and complete a degree at specific colleges and universities. Please see the individual program description for those requirements);
- Critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided);
  - Involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
  - Demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
  - A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
  - United States Citizenship.
- - There are three required essays.
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  - Required Forms:
  - Applicants must have one letter of Letter of Support. They must be logged in to the application process to complete this. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
    - All applicants must submit an official High School transcript with legend that includes senior year classes. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
    - Applicants must complete and mail the certifications form after downloading it from the website. They must be logged in to the application process to download the form. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the applicant's principal or vice principal prior to mailing. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
    - A copy of the applicant's parent/guardians federal tax return
    - The applicant must provide a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's 2009 individual federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security Tax Form). If their parent/guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is a negative number, please submit copies of their parent/guardian's federal individual tax return for the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008. If their parent/guardians were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies showing the amount of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents. If Benefit Statements are sent in, they must include the benefit amount for the month or year. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
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  - **NOTE: The student fills out one online application. They are first considered for the National Scholarship Program (\$20,000), and if they are not selected then they are considered for the State Program (\$5000).**
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  - Supplemental materials should be mailed to:
  - Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs
  - PO Box 4030

- Iowa City, IA 52243-4030
- Phone (866) 763-9228

**Award: \$20,000 (National), \$5000 (State)**

**Deadline: October 30, 2010**

**The application must be completed online. Student should review the website and application for complete details, FAQ's, and submission instructions:  
<https://www.horatioalger.org//scholarships/index.cfm>**

