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I. Financial Aid

WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS



Located in the colorful desert of Southwest Wyoming, Western Wyoming Community College is committed to providing high quality learning opportunities, in and out of the classroom, for all our students and visitors.

The funding we use to award scholarships and grants include federal, state, institutional, foundation and private funding sources. So, if you have a talent that makes you an excellent scholar, athlete, actor, dancer, singer, artist, welder, student leader (and many others!); you just might be able to utilize that talent to secure a scholarship to help fund your education at Western. Take advantage of the funding that we have available and apply today.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pwV5C3

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CALCULATOR



Rocky Mountain College recognizes academic achievement by providing generous merit scholarships to incoming first-year and transfer students.

First-year students will be awarded scholarships upon completion of application for admission, as well as submission of SAT or ACT results and official high school transcripts. Transfer student scholarships will be determined based on grade point average earned for previous college work. Visit the Rocky Mountain College scholarship calculator to determine your estimated award today! For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/owNSyu

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Winthrop University is committed to increasing diversity on campus. For this reason we have introduced an array of scholarships designed for prospective international students. These scholarships include:

- INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP
- INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Winthrop University is also offering application fee waivers to students connected with EducationUSA. To contact Winthrop directly, please email Fred Schlingemann at schlingemann@winthrop.edu or call 001-803-323-3393.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pH0urn







TROY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP/FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



Troy University is different from most institutions of higher learning.

Rather than preparing students for jobs, we prepare them for what's ahead – life – opportunity – surprises. Yes, the future can be unpredictable, but the people who succeed in the years to come will do so because of preparation, planning and drive. These are just a few of the defining characteristics of TROY students.

The objectives of the Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship program are to provide professional experiences which complement graduate instruction and research while contributing financial assistance to students pursuing graduate degrees at TROY sites located in the state of Alabama. This assistantship/fellowship program is designed to aid in the successful completion of the degree pursued and to enhance career opportunities through applied professional experiences.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pwP5ni

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN IN AEROSPACE-RELATED SCIENCE



Established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 35 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

Women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree who demonstrate a superior academic record in the field of aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering are eligible. Please note that post-doctoral research programs are not eligible for the Fellowship. Members and employees of Zonta International or the Zonta International Foundation are also not eligible to apply for the Fellowship. Current fellows may apply to renew the Fellowship for a second year and will undergo the same application and evaluation procedures as first-time applicants.

Applications for the 2012 Fellowships must be received or post-marked by 15 November 2011 to be considered. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays will not be considered. **For more information, please visit:** http://bit.ly/pum4UC

II. Campus News

NEW: ACADEMIC MINUTE BY MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

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Take a minute to listen to the Academic Minute, hosted by Mount Holyoke College's President Lynn Pasquerella. This program will feature a different professor every day, keeping listeners abreast of what's new and exciting in the academy with topics ranging from updates on groundbreaking scientific research to an explanation of how the board game Monopoly can help explain the economic recession. Listen daily or visit the website and listen to the archives! For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/oTV40O

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER LAUNCHES ESL PROGRAM

University of Colorado Denver

The Office of International Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of the University of Colorado Denver's new English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in Spring 2012.

Key elements of the program include:

- A curriculum designed especially for university-bound students. In addition to mastering academic English, students will learn how to succeed academically at the University of Colorado Denver.
- Successful completion of the ESL Program fulfills the University of Colorado Denver's English language proficiency requirement.
- Students will be issued a Form I-20 from the University of Colorado Denver for a seamless immigration experience.
- ESL students will be considered University of Colorado Denver students, be on the university campus from day one of our program and will be eligible to live in university housing.
- Students will have access to all of the activities and resources that the university has to offer, not to mention the urban lifestyle of Denver and spectacular Colorado environment.
- Students may be allowed to take one or two regular academic courses that count towards fulfillment of CU Denver degree requirements once they achieve a measure of English proficiency.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/nLEMrb

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS ANNOUNCES GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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The University of California Davis is pleased to announce the Davis
Global Achievement Program to officially launch in the 2011-12 academic year!

The Global Achievement Program is designed to assist foreign High School graduates who meet the academic requirements for admission to the University of California-Davis, but who need to improve their language skills to meet the English language requirements. The program offers a rigorous foundation year of language and academic preparation coursework to help students succeed academically at the University of California, Davis.

If any of the students wish to apply for the 2012 year (January - September), we will accept applications until October 3, 2011. To request an application or ask questions, please contact the Global Achievement Program staff at gapadmissions@ucdavis.edu or +1.530.757.8822.

UC Davis continues to earn high rankings in top spots among public research institutions.

- •6th among U.S. universities based on their contributions to society (Washington Monthly, 2010)
- •9th among public research universities in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2010)

The UC Davis Global Achievement Program is jointly administered by UC Davis Extension and Undergraduate Admissions.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pwzOJp

SCAM ALERT: DIVERSITY VISA PROGRAM SCAMMERS SENDING FRAUDULENT EMAILS AND LETTERS

The Department of State, Office of Visa Services, advises the public of a notable increase in fraudulent emails and letters sent to Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) program (Visa Lottery) applicants. The scammers behind these fraudulent emails and letters are posing as the U.S. government in an attempt to extract payment from DV applicants. Neither the U.S. government nor the EducationUSA advising program has any affiliation with these scammers.

Applicants are encouraged to review the rules and procedures for the DV program so that you know what to expect, when to expect it, and from whom.

For more information, please visit: http://1.usa.gov/nHaHqY

POLICE OFFICER SPEAKS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Hosting students from over 50 countries, Virginia International University (VIU) held its fall 2011 orientation at VIU's Waples Mill Conference

Center. More than 60 international students attended the orientation, most of whom arrived to the United States just days earlier. The entire VIU staff introduced themselves and greeted students.

Fairfax County Police Officer R. Wayne Twombly visited Virginia International University's New Student Orientation to speak to the new students about safety. Officer Twombly has been in attendance at every orientation program on VIU's campus for the past 4 years. He educates new arrivals on safety and various laws and stated, "Although Fairfax is the safest area among all the counties in Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, it is still good to be aware of your surroundings—be aware and be careful."

Impressed with Officer Twombly's friendliness, some students mentioned that they were really happy to have him teach them about rules and regulations in the United States as well as the State of Virginia. Students were invited to ask the officer questions, ranging from how to get a license to what to do in case of an emergency. We asked Officer Twombly how the police department handles so many individuals from different backgrounds in Fairfax County and he replied "all of our officers go through ongoing cultural training to better serve the residents of the county". He also mentioned that sometimes language barriers can pose a problem but the department enlists the aid of interpreters who help in those situations.

In addition to Officer Twombly's presentation, there were many VIU staff members to assist students with adapting to their new life in Virginia. Students were then given a tour of all three buildings on the VIU campus, and met with vendors from many local businesses including banks, cell phone companies, gyms and many more. Virginia international University welcomes over 300 international students every year.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/jXJXXG

OHIO UNIVERSITY LOWERS UNDERGRADUATE TOEFL/IELTS REQUIREMENT



Effective immediately, OHIO has lowered the minimum TOEFL/IELTS requirement for full-time undergraduate academic study to 525 (pbt)/71 (ibt)/6.0 IELTS.

In addition to the minimum score requirement change, students will also now have multiple options for transitioning out of OHIO's ESL program and into full-time academics. They may either choose to test out of the program by taking the TOEFL or IELTS, or they may transition out based on successful completion of the program, with no further TOEFL or IELTS test required.

For more information, please visit: http://bit.ly/oh3EL0

Contact an EducationUSA adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university. EducationUSA.state.gov (Note: students must apply for financial aid directly with the institution listed)

An archive of these and other past financial aid and news announcements is available at EducationUSA.info/financial-aid
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