

THE STAR



Meet the New Educational Advisors

ETS proudly introduces two new Educational Advisors: Victoria Flanigan and Sanela Mesic. Both women are creative, possess contagious enthusiasm, are passionate about education and are very excited to meet YOU! Some might even recognize them from working with GEAR-UP.

They have begun to get acquainted with our schools

and are learning about ETS. They have begun working on various workshops, tutorials and college campus visits for you.



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Tips For a Successful Scholarship Search

Everyone has heard about scholarships, but do you know what they are? Scholarships are sums of money given to students based on either their financial need or merit, which do not have to be repaid. That means FREE money! Scholarships are not just given out to valedictorians. There are athletic, artistic, minority, employee and many other types of scholarships. What do you have to do to get this money?

1. **Talk to your school counselor** as well as the colleges you applied to about the scholarships they offer. Every college is different in terms of

what scholarships they offer, and typically private colleges offer more scholarship money than a public university.

2. **Register with Web sites** such as FastWeb.com that are free and send you scholarship information based on your academics, interests and extracurricular activities. Check out the list on the right for more free college search sites.

3. **Check deadlines!** To qualify you have to fill

out the application and turn in all necessary paperwork for the scholarship by the due date. Start compiling your scholarship list early so that you stay on top of it!

4. **Write great essays and get letters of recommendation!** Ask for help from teachers, counselors or your ETS Advisor. Some scholarships give you money just for writing a great essay!



Scholarship Web Sites:

- CollegeBoard.com
- Scholarships.com
- Petersons.com
- FinAid.org/Scholarships

Scholarships for Middle School Students:

- www.finaid.org/scholarships/age13.phtml

Community Service, Essays and Creativity: Your Tickets to Scholarships!

You don't have to be a genius to get scholarships. There are many types of scholarships available, which do not require you to have a 4.0 GPA. Instead, they look for leadership and creative qualities. Participating in community service, having an innovative idea or overcoming adversity can all help you get a scholarship. Also, if you like writing essays, there are scholarships for you too! Below is a sampling of several such scholarships.

The Horatio Alger Association provides scholarships for students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

Other selection criteria include strength of character, financial need, a good academic record (a GPA of 2.0 or higher) and a desire to contribute to society. The association awards 100 \$10,000 scholarships and 150 \$1,000 scholarships each year to high school seniors. The deadline is October 15, of each year. Apply through www.horatioalger.org//scholarships.



The Discover Card Tribute Award dispenses up to \$1 million in

scholarships annually to high school juniors nationwide. Discover awards up to 300 state scholarships of \$2,500 and up to 10 national \$25,000 scholarships. Awardees must have a GPA of 2.75 and be in the ninth or 10th grade. Apply at www.discoverfinancial.com/community/index.shtml#scholarship.

The Calgon Take Me Away to College Contest is an essay contest sponsored by Calgon. One \$7,000, one \$3,500, one \$2,000 and five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded. The deadline is February 28. Apply at www.takemeaway.com.

Academic Scholarships

Most academic scholarships are awarded by individual colleges. Because colleges award scholarships to their best applicants, a student is more likely to receive an academic scholarship if he or she is in the top 25 percent of the students applying. Most academic scholarships are awarded to students who have a 3.4 GPA or better and high ACT and or SAT scores. Of course, the higher a student's GPA, class rank and test scores, the greater the scholarship opportunities. While GPA, class rank and test scores are very important, scholarships are most often awarded to

students who are also involved in school and community activities. Scholarship committees look for depth of commitment and for involvement in meaningful activities (four years of band, playing soccer, volunteering more than 50 hours, etc.). In order to learn about an applicant's character, scholarship committees often require letters of recommendation from high school counselors, teachers and principals.

Excerpt from *How to get Money for College* by Linda O'Brien

Make sure you get letters of recommendation from your high school counselors and or teachers!

The Scholarship Puzzle

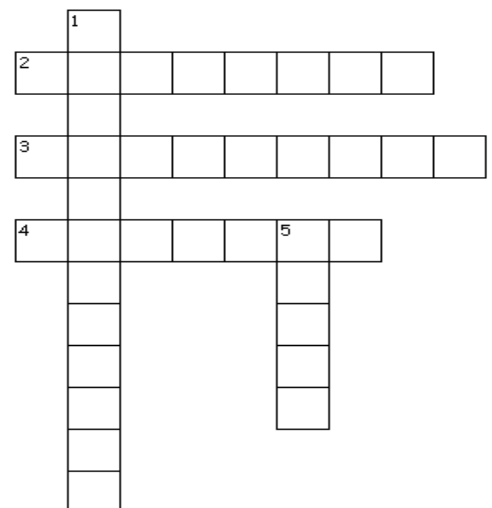
Across:

2. General name of scholarships given to students with excellent grades.
3. School official to speak with regarding scholarships.
4. Free scholarship Web site.

Down:

1. Free Money.
5. Write this to obtain a scholarship.

For answers check out the last page!



Tips For Taking Notes in Class

Know what to record.

- Record the speaker's main points in your own words. Don't try to write down everything that's said.
- Listen for key words that tell you what's important ("The major cause was..," "The four main steps...," etc.).
- Copy all information written on the board.

Know how to record it.

- Use as few words as possible. Devise your own symbols or use common abbreviations.

- Leave a wide left margin, so you can add notes and questions.
- Take notes in outline form, if possible.

Review your notes as soon as you can after class.

- Highlight the points that seem most important.
- Go over your notes at least once a week. This helps keep information fresh in your mind.

Also, to take good notes you have to LISTEN CAREFULLY! To be an active listener:

Move closer to the front.

- It makes it easier to see, hear and pay attention.

Focus your attention.

- Concentrate on what the speaker is saying — not plans for the weekend or noises outside the classroom.

Evaluate what you hear.

- Think about what the speaker's words mean and how they relate to what you know about the subject.



The Grammar Spot: They're, Their and There

Many people are so spooked by apostrophes that a word such as "they're" seems as if it might mean almost anything. In fact, it's always a contraction of "they are." If you've written "they're," ask yourself whether you can substitute "they are." If not, you've made a mistake.

"Their" is a possessive pronoun such as "her" or "our." "They eat their hotdogs with sauerkraut."



Everything else it "there." "There goes the ball out of the park!" "See it? Right there!" "There aren't very many home runs like that."

"Their" is a common misspelling, but you can avoid it by remembering that "they" and "their" begin with the same three letters. Another hint: "there" has "here" buried inside it to

remind you it refers to a place, while "their" has "heir" buried in it to remind you that is has to do with possession.

By Paul Brians, Emeritus Professor of English, at Washington State University.

Check out more common errors at www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/

Study Tips Word Search

E V Y J L A W N S V X Z U P A
 T O J U O I E R K H F B Z J U
 B Y A N A W S C E R L N Z X P
 V V Q Y D X T T V C O L X H G
 N E D B W H M Q E I N J G Q V
 P F Y R O A R T T N S Z U R L
 M A I N P O I N T S N R G Q R
 X T F I E U E J S X O G I X I
 E I J E I T W G K H T M J N C
 V A J Y T A J Y Z H E Y K F Y
 C Y Z A Q D M J U G S U W G C
 T Q Y H F Z N V D T T V I W P
 A A W E K X Q Z X W S B R R D
 P P Z F N P Q K N J N J X L W
 A L Q B O T H T P G Z D I V H

LISTEN

MAIN POINTS

NOTES

PAY ATTENTION

WRITE

Study Help Web Sites:
www.studygs.net
www.academictips.com
www.howtostudy.org
www.math.com
www.factmonster.com

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The ETS Program is designed so that services offered at the school are as individualized as the student population. Services are offered within the classroom, after or before school and during the summer. Here's a highlight of what we can do for you:

- Tutoring & enrichment programs
- Career education & ACT and test prep
- Campus visits & counseling
- Assistance with financial aid application and college admission
- Positive activities that are fun educational experiences

Scholarship Puzzle Answers:

1. Scholarships
2. Academic
3. Counselor
4. FastWeb
5. Essay



College Spotlight: Harris-Stowe State University

Harris-Stowe State University is a historically black public university located in midtown St. Louis, Missouri. The school's mascot is the Hornet.

History:

Founded in 1857, Harris-Stowe State University is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Missouri. In the beginning, the institution focused on teacher education. However, Senate Bill 153 enacted in 1993 enhanced the mission of Harris-Stowe to include a wider selection of degree opportunities. Founded by the St.

Louis Public Schools as a normal school, it was the first public teacher education institution west of the Mississippi River and the 12th such institution in the United States.

Year Founded: 1857

Total # of Undergraduates: 1,911

Application Deadline: Rolling

Students Receiving Financial Aid: 75%

Sports: Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Softball & Volleyball

Campus Housing: Available

Degrees: Offers 12 bachelor degree

programs, including Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Education.

