

# OPPORTUNITIES for Grades 9-12

This listing is updated each month on the first day of the month.

Deadline	Scholarship	Description	Amount	Contact/Application Information
10/8/09 11/5/09 12/1/09	Free THEA/Compass Prep Workshop	Free preparation workshops for the THEA/Compass college entrance exams. Workshops will be held on the North Central Texas College (NCTC) campus in Gainesville. Will need an <i>Official THEA Test Study Guide</i> , which may be purchased in any NCTC bookstore.		To pre-register: Phone: 940-668-4209 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ccapuchina@nctc.edu">ccapuchina@nctc.edu</a>
11/1/09	Eugene S. Thorpe Essay Contest	The Eugene S. Thorpe writing competition is open to writers from around the world, including students, freelance writers, teachers and professors, and business professionals. There is no minimum or maximum age for entrants. FEE employees (and their immediate family members), trustees, and Freeman editors and columnists are not eligible. Essays should address the following: <i>"The conventional wisdom says the 1999-2006 residential real estate "bubble" in the U.S. and the subsequent collapse of global financial markets were caused by a failure of the free market. What's wrong with that assertion?"</i> Essays must be written in English and be no more than 2,000 words. The submission must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been previously published or submitted for publication. Judges will evaluate essays without knowledge of the entrant's identity and select the winner on the basis of readability, clarity, organization, originality, and how the essay addresses the topic statement.	\$2,000 and have essay published in <i>The Freeman</i> .	<a href="http://fee.org/contest/eugene-thorpe-essay-contest">http://fee.org/contest/eugene-thorpe-essay-contest</a>
11/13/09	National Aeronautics and Space Administration High School Aerospace Scholars	The High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) is a unique program that encourages high school <b>juniors</b> from across Texas to explore the challenges and opportunities awaiting them in the field of science, technology, engineering, and math. HAS is an interactive, online learning experience in which selected students complete web-based lessons, interact electronically with students from across Texas, and travel to NASA Johnson Space Center for a six-day residential summer experience. This program is sponsored by NASA and funded by the State of Texas, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Rotary NASA, at no cost to participants.		<a href="http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov">http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov</a>
11/23/09	First Freedom Student Competition	Essay contest regarding the First Amendment, history, and the relevance of religious freedom in America and the world today.	Up to \$3,000	<a href="http://www.firstfreedom.org">www.firstfreedom.org</a>
11/30/09	Oklahoma State University Leadership Conclave	Open to high school seniors, the OSU Leadership Conclave is a two-day event, February 6-7, 2010, held on the Oklahoma State University campus. It will center on developing leadership characteristics essential to both college and individual success. While providing workshops, service opportunities, and guest speakers, the Conclave will be student organized and guaranteed to be an exciting weekend of learning and fun. The conference is limited to 100 participants and selection will be based on application quality. Fee required.		<a href="http://admissions.okstate.edu/pdf/other/conclaveApp.pdf">http://admissions.okstate.edu/pdf/other/conclaveApp.pdf</a>
	Best Buy Scholarships	Best Buy's @15 Scholarship Program is pleased to award students living in the U.S. and Puerto Rico who will be entering college in the fall after their high school graduation. Scholarships were awarded to students in grades 9-12 who demonstrated academic achievements, volunteer efforts and work experience.	1000 awards of \$1,500 <i>Awards by grade:</i> Grade 9 – 20 Grade 10 – 40 Grade 11 – 90 Grade 12 - 850	<a href="http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm">http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm</a>  Materials available on website 01/10.

1/10/10	TAMU Society of Women Engineers Annual High School Conference	The Texas A&M University chapter of the Society of Women Engineers' Annual High School Conference, "Transformers: Knowledge can never be destroyed. It can only transform", will be held February 12-13, 2010 at the TAMU College Station campus. The conference is open to <b>all high school students</b> , but aimed at those who are interested in math, science, or engineering related fields. The two-day event will include departmental tours, panel discussions, interaction with engineering college students, an engineering competition, and more! Fee required.		Available in opportunity file in <i>College and Career Center</i> .
1/15/10	Texas A&M University MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow Leadership Conference	The freshmen students of Texas A&M University's MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) have planned an exciting weekend event at TAMU for high school <b>juniors</b> and <b>seniors</b> from across the nation. The SLOT Conference is unique in that it is primarily produced by college freshmen who are dedicated to helping others cultivate their own individual leadership potential; the SLOT conference is designed to enhance necessary traits of leadership and personal development. This year's conference theme is "SLOT 2010: It's Your Move", and will be held February 12-14, 2010. Space is limited; applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis; fee is \$90 (includes all meals, t-shirt, room & board, and all leadership experiences).		<a href="http://SLOT.tamu.edu">http://SLOT.tamu.edu</a>
2/1/10	Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition	The University of Texas at Austin sponsor the competition. All high school students in <b>grades 9-12</b> are eligible to compete by entering a winning essay on the topic, "African Americans in Texas: Past and Present." The focus of this historical essay project is to research and write about the rich and diverse contributions of African Americans in Texas, a historically underrepresented area of documentation.	1 <sup>st</sup> place - \$2,500; 2 <sup>nd</sup> place \$1,500; 3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$1,000	<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/world/barbarajordan">www.utexas.edu/world/barbarajordan</a>
2/4/10	North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad	The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of North Texas is sponsoring the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO), which is an educational competition in Linguistics – the science of language. In solving the problems, students learn about the diversity and consistency of language, while exercising logic skills. NACLO challenges students to develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages and formal symbolic systems. No prior knowledge of linguistics or second languages is necessary.		Website: <a href="http://lit.csci.unt.edu/index.php/NACLO_2010">http://lit.csci.unt.edu/index.php/NACLO_2010</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:rada@cs.unt.edu">rada@cs.unt.edu</a>  Register on-line at: <a href="http://www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu">www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu</a>
2/19/10	Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) at the University of North Texas	UNT's TAMS is an early college entrance program where students complete their last two years of high school concurrently with the first two years of college. Criteria for admission include a competitive sophomore SAT, teacher evaluations, and 7 <sup>th</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup> grade transcripts. Applicants must be <b>sophomores</b> .		<a href="http://www.tams.unt.edu">www.tams.unt.edu</a>
2/28/10	Optimist International Essay Contest	Optimist International sponsors the International Essay Contest, which is entered through your local Optimist Club. This organization does not offer any application-based or need-based scholarships. All communication should be made with an Optimist Club Member in your area. International Essay Contest topic is "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" The contest is for students under 19 years of age as of December 31, 2009, who attend school in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Students residing on U.S. military bases overseas are eligible to enter using their last U.S. home of record. All Club contests are held before February 28, 2010. Winners progress to the next level.	Varies with level of award	<a href="http://optimist.org/e/visitor/scholarships.cfm">http://optimist.org/e/visitor/scholarships.cfm</a>

3/1/10	Government-in-Action Youth Tour	Each year, CoServ Electric sponsors the Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest. Open to high school juniors and seniors who reside in CoServ Electric's service area. The education-study program allows our state's future leaders in government, business and communities to join other teens from across the nation in open discussions with federal government and professional association officials regarding current events. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) hosts the Youth Tour activities, and the trip includes a visit to the student's Congressman's office as well as tours of historic monuments, memorials and the Smithsonian Institution.	An all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.	<a href="http://www.coserv.com">www.coserv.com</a> , click on Electric, then Community, then Academic Initiatives, then Government-in-Action Youth Tour
Late March 2010	Optimist International Oratorical Contest	Optimist International sponsors the International Oratorical Contest, which is entered through your local Optimist Club. This organization does not offer any application-based or need-based scholarships. All communication should be made with an Optimist Club Member in your area. Oratorical Contest topic is "Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?" The contest is for young people under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2009, who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Each applicant is required to give a 4- to 5-minute speech. Winners progress to the next level.	Varies with level of award	<a href="http://optimist.org/e/visitor/scholarships.cfm">http://optimist.org/e/visitor/scholarships.cfm</a>
4/1/09	United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Seminar	The United States Military Academy will host two sessions of the 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Leaders Seminar in 2010. The first session is scheduled for May 29-June 4, and the second session is June 5-11. The Summer Leaders Seminar provides outstanding high school <b>juniors</b> the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the academic, physical and leadership development programs at a service academy that feature small classes, a caring faculty, professional career preparation, and a foundation for future graduate study. Eleventh graders who meet the following guidelines are invited to apply: in the top fifth of their high school class; pursuing a college preparatory curriculum; strong PSAT scores; and demonstrated leadership potential by participation, election/selection to office, and honors earned in extracurricular and organized athletic activities. About 500 students are selected from application nationwide to attend each of the sessions. The cost is \$325, excluding transportation costs to and from West Point.		<a href="http://admissions.westpoint.edu/moreinfo/summer.cfm">http://admissions.westpoint.edu/moreinfo/summer.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.admissions.WestPoint.edu">www.admissions.WestPoint.edu</a>
6/30/10	NextStep Magazine	Register online for a chance to win a scholarship for one year of free tuition, up to \$10,000, or one of our \$1,000 monthly scholarships! Sweepstakes is open to legal residents of the U.S. and Canada (excluding Puerto Rico and Quebec), age 14 or older who are in college, will be enrolled in college within three years from 9/30/10.	One award of \$10,000 and monthly awards of \$1,000	<a href="http://www.nextSTEPmag.com/WinFreeTuition">www.nextSTEPmag.com/WinFreeTuition</a>

<b>Varies</b>	Texas A&M University at Galveston Sea Camp	Sea Camp is a week-long residential summer camp adventure for students (ages 10-18) that explores the wonders of the marine and estuarine environments. Sea Campers have access to the Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) research vessels, oceanographic equipment, and laboratory facilities. This equipment combined with a dedicated, professional staff enables Sea Campers to learn about the ocean through first-hand, on-the-water experiences. Sea Campers reside in the residence halls on the TAMUG campus on Pelican Island. Sea Camp instructors are experienced faculty members from the Department of Marine Biology at TAMUG and graduate students from various departments at Texas A&M University. Sea Camp 2010 includes the following programs: adventures in Marine Biology; Coral, Crabs, and Cuttlefish; Sharks and More; Coastal Ecology; Fishing Camp; Marine Mammal Workshop; Coastal Camping; Ocean Careers Awareness; Coastal Photography; Oceanography and Nautical Archaeology; Marine Science Expedition: Vancouver, Canada; Sea Camp Forensics; and Biology of the Sea Turtle. Fee required.		Website: <a href="http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp">www.tamug.edu/seacamp</a> E-Mail: <a href="mailto:seacamp@tamug.edu">seacamp@tamug.edu</a> Phone: 1-409-740-4525
<b>None listed</b>	Academic Treks Summer Adventures	Academic Treks offers college-accredited summer adventures abroad for high school students, including marine science, language immersion, cultural exchange, wilderness and intensive community service courses. Program locations include the Caribbean, Central and South America, Canada, South Africa, France, China, and Fiji. Academic Treks students earn college credit and up to 55 hours of community service credit on each course. Trips are 20 to 30 days in length in June, July, and August.		Website: <a href="http://www.academictreks.com">www.academictreks.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@academictreks.com">info@academictreks.com</a> Phone: 1-888-833-1908.
<b>None listed</b>	Broadreach Summer Adventures	Broadreach offers educational summer adventures for teenagers ages 13-19, including marine biology, scuba, sailing, and wilderness programs worldwide. Program locations include the Caribbean, Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras, Egypt, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, and Australia. Trips are 14-31 days in length in June, July, and August.		Website: <a href="http://www.gobroadreach.com">www.gobroadreach.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@gobroadreach.com">info@gobroadreach.com</a> Phone: 1-888-833-1907.