

## OCTOBER DEADLINES

**Wendy's High School Heisman Award** - Eligibility for application is limited exclusively to men and women entering their senior year of high school in the 2008-2009 academic year who have at least a "B" grade average and participate in one of the school-sponsored sports listed below. We want to hear from all student-athletes who work hard, are dedicated, and have become role models for your school's underclassmen. Students are judged based on their academic achievements, community service involvement, and athletic accomplishments. How do they apply and what's the timing? The online nomination form must be completed by the student and reviewed by a high school official no later than 5:00pm (Central Time) on October 1, 2008. Each student applicant must have their online application reviewed and confirmed by a school representative. The reviewer must submit by 5:00pm (Central Time) on October 6, 2008. Thus, the students must complete their application early to allow time for school personnel to review and confirm the accuracy of the data provided. Eligible sports: To be nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Program, students must participate in at least one of the following sports: Archery Badminton Baseball Basketball Bowling Canoeing Competitive Spirit/Cheerleading Competitive Weight Lifting Crew Cross Country Decathlon Equestrian Fencing Field Hockey Football Golf Gymnastics Heptathlon Ice Hockey Ice Skating Judo Lacrosse Pentathlon Skiing Soccer Softball Swimming and Diving Tennis Track and Field Volleyball Water Polo Wrestling

Heisman regions: Nominees for the 12 National Finalists of the WSHS Program are grouped according to the same geographical regions used in the College Heisman Memorial Trophy judging: Far West: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Southwest: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Northeast: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont Mid-Atlantic: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. South: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The Judging Process All student applications must have their online application reviewed and confirmed by a school representative. The student must submit their information online by 5:00pm Central Time, October 1. Reviewers must submit their review no later than 5:00 p.m., central time, on Monday, October 6, in order for applications to be considered. Completed applications are then reviewed by ACT, Inc. From the completed applications, 1 Male and 1 Female Winner will be chosen from each high school. From the School Winners, the field is narrowed to 1,020 State Finalists – 10 male and 10 female nominees per state, including the District of Columbia – and the Finalists are announced in October. In November, the field narrows to 102 State Winners – one male and 1 female from each state including the District of Columbia. In mid-November, a judging panel selects 12 National Finalists – 1 male and 1 female from each of six geographic regions. These students are invited to the Wendy's High School Heisman National Awards Banquet on December 7, 2007, in New York City. They also will attend all Heisman Memorial Trophy Weekend festivities. Two National Award Winners, 1 male and 1 female, are selected from the 12 National Finalists, and are honored during ESPN's national telecast of the college Heisman Memorial Trophy presentation. How Are They Judged? Wendy's High School Heisman Program nominees are judged in three areas: academics, community/school involvement and athletics. ACT, Inc. reviews all materials and scores the nominees based on the program criteria. The raw scores then dictate who proceeds to the next level of recognition. Once nominees reach the State Winner level, a distinguished panel of judges review nomination forms and vote on the students who will then reach the National Finalist and National Winner levels. Program Judges Representatives from the worlds of education, business and sports, along with former college Heisman Memorial Trophy Award Winners and Wendy's High School Heisman recipients judge the entries and, ultimately, select the 12 National Finalists and two program winners. The first 41,000 students that apply will receive a Wendy's gift card valued between \$5 and \$50. Apply online at: [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com).

**Horatio Alger Utah Scholarship Program** - The Horatio Alger Utah Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the State of Utah who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education. Eligibility: To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Utah Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: be enrolled full time as a high school senior in Utah, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation; have a strong commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution); critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided); involvement in co-curricular and community activities; demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0); be a resident of Utah; and be a citizen of the United States. To apply, visit: [http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program\\_utah.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_utah.cfm). Note: Application requires a letter of support (remember to give any teacher who you may ask for a letter at least 2 weeks notice and provide them with a "Self-Assessment/College Recommendation" form). Deadline: October 30, 2008.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award** - The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. If you are in grades 5-12 and are conducting a volunteer-service activity, you are eligible for the next annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. You may apply by clicking online at the Prudential Spirit of Community. Once you have completed your online application, print it out, sign it, have a parent or guardian sign it, and then submit it to your school counselor by October 31, 2008. The school will then select one application from the pool submitted to compete for an award of \$1000 and a trip to Washington D.C.

**Coca-Cola Scholars Program** - Coca-Cola Scholarships are awarded based on character, personal merit and commitment. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed. National Scholars receive \$20,000 each, and Regional Scholars \$4,000, over a period of four years. Learn more about this scholarship opportunity and apply online at: <https://www.coca-colascholars.org>. Deadline: October 31, 2008.

## **November Deadlines**

**Principal's Leadership Award** - The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herff Jones, Inc. are proud to co-sponsor the 2008-09 Principal's Leadership Award, (PLA). This scholarship award affords high school principals the opportunity to recognize a student leader by nominating him or her for a national scholarship. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000 will be awarded to 100 outstanding seniors from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. NASSP and Herff Jones have awarded the PLA scholarships since 1988, providing more than \$3.5 million in scholarship awards to outstanding students from across the nation. Students cannot apply for this award but must be nominated by their high school. High school principals or their designee may nominate only one senior per school to compete. The PLA Scholarship is designed to provide the broadest possible base upon which to evaluate candidates. Winners are selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. Students will also be required to write an essay if they are selected as the school's nominee. In recognizing leadership in co curricular activities as an essential part of the school curriculum as well as academic performance; the PLA scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. If you would like to be considered as our school's nominee for this award, submit a two-page, typed, double-space essay that explains why you should be the school's nominee. Your explanation should include a description of your leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and your academic record. All applications should be submitted to Lori Jones by November 3, 2008 for consideration.

**The Daniel's Scholarship** - This scholarship may be used at any two-year or four-year not-for-profit accredited college or university on the U.S. and is intended for students who are completing their bachelor's degree. The scholarship covers the unmet financial needs of the student and is determined after all other financial aid sources and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) have been applied. Qualified applicants will have met the following criteria: Be a high school senior, a resident of Utah, be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of the U.S., or have refugee or asylum status, score a 17 composite or higher on the ACT or combined 810 on the SAT and demonstrate financial need. Financial need varies by individual. In general, an average family of four, with one child in college, and a family income of \$50K or less, has a reasonable opportunity to be financially eligible; whereas a family earning more than \$90K is likely not financially eligible. These are general rules, the Daniels Fund evaluates all applicants on an individual basis. Successful applicants will also demonstrate strength of character, academic performance/promise, leadership potential, have the potential to contribute to one's community and have a well-rounded personality. Your home High School may nominate one male and one female applicant for the Daniel's Scholarship. If you would like to be considered as the male or female nominee from your high school, check with your counseling center.

## January Deadlines

**2009 Gates Millennium Scholars Program** - The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS), established in 1999, was initially funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by: Reducing financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need; Increasing the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented; Developing a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees; and Providing seamless support from undergraduate through doctoral programs, for students selected as Gates Millennium Scholars entering target disciplines. The GMS Scholarship Award Provides: Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help; Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress; Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science; Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities. Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they:

-Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian Pacific Islander American\*\* or Hispanic American

-Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States

-Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED

-Will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited\*\*\*college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in the fall 2009

-Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities

-Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria

-Have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information form, Nominator form, and Recommender form) by the deadline

\*American Indian/Alaska Native Requirements: American Indian/Alaska Natives will be asked to provide proof of tribal enrollment or certificate of descent from a state or federally recognized tribe if selected as a GMS Candidate. \*\*Asian Pacific Islander American include persons having origins from Asia and/or Pacific Islands. Asian includes persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. Pacific Islander includes persons having in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. Citizens of the republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are eligible to be nominated. This is not an all inclusive list. \*\*\*To be eligible for the GMS scholarship, the student must matriculate at a college or university that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary on Education. The following are accreditation resources: Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education Programs Candidates; American Council of Education published in consultation with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation; Higher Education Directory published by Higher Education Publications, Inc.

Nominees who meet all of the eligibility requirements and who are selected as GMS candidates must include a Federal Pell Grant as part of their financial aid package for the 2009-2010 academic year. To determine their Pell Grant eligibility, Nominees must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs. Nominees are urged to file a 2009-2010 FAFSA at the earliest opportunity and no later than February 1, 2009. Federal Pell Grants typically are awarded to families that demonstrate significant financial need. Eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant is a function of many factors, including dependency status, family income, family size, and the number of students in the family. To determine your eligibility, you and/or your parent(s)/guardian(s) should meet with your high school counselor or the financial aid officer at the college or university you plan to attend, or use the FAFSA forecaster tool at [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov). For more information, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Note: Please do not submit your FAFSA with your GMS application. If you are selected as a candidate, GMS will request your FAFSA information at that time. The application process for GMS awards is highly competitive, and we urge students to submit their nomination packets as early as possible. Materials maybe submitted [online](#) or via postal mail by the following deadline: Nomination materials must be submitted online before Monday, January 12, 2009 11:59 p.m. EST or postmarked on or before January 12, 2009.

## **February Deadlines**

**Neumont University Scholarships** - Neumont University offers tuition scholarships to enable qualified students who are planning to enroll in their Bachelor's degree program to achieve their academic goals. Neumont University offers a Bachelor's degree program in Computer Science and is recognized as a leader in producing qualified graduates that enter the career field of computer science earning an average of \$59K. An average of 94% of all graduates are placed in the workforce. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$1800 per quarter. Check in your counseling center at your home high school or contact Neumont for an application.