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FSU Financial Aid Newsletter Winter 2017

Scholarships

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 we have available.

HAPPY NEW YEAR BRONCOS! This time of year is a great time to look for scholarships to support your education. Scholarships are a reward for academic excellence. Alumni, parents and friends, as well as corporations and foundations support more than 100 scholarship funds administered by FSU and awarded by the scholarship committee. Scholarships are open and ready for submission for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please make sure you visit our Scholarship Opportunities page at <http://finaid.uncfsu.edu> to research available scholarships and submit your completed application packet.

Financial Aid

WORD OF THE QUARTER

Verification

The process your school uses to confirm that the data reported on your FAFSA is accurate. Your school has the authority to contact you for documentation that supports income and other information that you reported.

SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Valeria Fleming STEM Scholarship: Scholarship recipients must be a freshman applicant for admission to FSU with a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, an SAT score of 1000 or 1080 with at least a score of 500 or 580 on the mathematics component of the SAT or higher **or** ACT score of 22 or higher. Recipients must have the intent to major in a STEM major. For a list of majors, please visit <http://finaid.uncfsu.edu/scholarships>. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2017.

FSU's General Scholarship: In order to be considered for an FSU General Scholarship, you must meet all of the following requirements: completed FAFSA, currently enrolled/accepted for admission at FSU; and minimum GPA. All applicants must complete an online recommendation and have two letters of recommendation. The deadline to submit the application is June 1, 2017.



April 10th
 Fall 2017
 registration
 begins

April 14th
 Good Friday
 Holiday –
 University
 closed

April 20th
 Founder's Day

May 5th
 Last day of
 classes

Feb. 2nd
 Spring refunds
 issued

March 6th
 Midterms begin

March 11th
 Midterm break
 begins



For College Students

Creating a budget is essential for everyone, however it can be a challenge, especially for college students. Setting a budget can help college students leave college without a mountain of debt. Here are some tips to have save and manage money while in school.

Create a budget for a semester. Most people use monthly budgets to help track their spending and money. For college students, it may be helpful to set your budget for the semester and track your progress on a weekly or monthly basis throughout the semester. Start by calculating your income, whether from financial aid, Federal Work Study, or a part-time job. Next, be sure to delete your expenses for the semester, including tuition, fees, books, clothes, extracurricular activities, etc.

Watch out for smaller expenses. When you create your budget, account for expenses such as eating out, going to the movies, and participating in activities. Be sure to pay close attention to the little expenses so that they don't become a larger expense within your budget. A few extra trips to the coffee shop or fast-food restaurant can quickly add up to over \$200 over the course of a month.

Use credit cards wisely. Exercise self-discipline when using a credit card. If you don't have the money to pay for an expense at that time, do not use your credit card to buy it. Credit cards are convenient in making purchases but they are not meant to be a way to borrow money.

Creating a budget and staying on track with that budget will help to develop healthy money habits while in college and for your future.



Please join us in welcoming our newest staff members:

Ms. Shakeira Bass, Administrative Support Associate
Mr. George Ford, Business Systems Analyst
Mrs. Dorothy Fultz, Student Services Specialist