August 20, 2009

Engage in the Process

Just do it. Like Nike has been telling us for years. The hardest part is getting started, and of course the essays on the applications. But once you start, it gets easier very quickly (USC National Scholarship Winner).

MARK OUR DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Workshops are the best way to learn about these scholarships – students of all years are encouraged to attend!

Mon, August 24, 4 pm, 322 Legare College

FULBRIGHT GRANT

Wed, August 26, 4 pm, 322 Legare College

MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP & GATES-CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Wed, September 2, 4 pm, 322 Legare College

JAVITS FELLOWSHIP

Fri, September 4, 3 – 5 pm, Legare College

OPEN HOUSE FOR OFSP, STUDY ABROAD, UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

MEET ED MADDEN, CHAIR OF THE MARSHALL COMMITTEE

Poet, professor, political activist, Ed knows all about applying for fellowships – he will spend the spring in Ireland, thanks to the Irish American Cultural Institute's research fellowship, cosponsored by the National University of Ireland in Galway. During this time he’ll be working on a book on masculinity and sexuality in Irish culture (film, literature, and popular culture) in the late 20th century in relation to rapid social liberalization and economic progress of the Celtic Tiger economy.

Although Ed’s special interest is the Mitchell, a scholarship for students interested in graduate study in Ireland (below), he also values the application process in general: “I think writing the personal statement really helps you think about what you want to do with your life, what things matter to you, and what vision and values shape who you are.” Ed’s contact information http://www.cas.sc.edu/ENGL/faculty/faculty_pages/madden/madden.html

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS WITH EARLY FALL DEADLINES

MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=34

George J. Mitchell Scholarships are for students interested in studying in Ireland. Mitchell Scholars are expected to have a record of academic excellence, leadership, and extracurricular interests as well as exhibit personal characteristics of honesty, integrity, and personal service to others. Candidates must be evaluated by a University Committee. Nomination Deadline: September 8, 2009.

FULBRIGHT GRANT http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html

Fulbright Grants are available to graduating seniors and graduate students who present a clear program of study to be carried out in a particular academic setting abroad. The grant allows students to go abroad for a year to conduct research, do advanced study, or undertake teaching assistantships. Fluency in the host language is preferred; a strong background in American Culture and current events of the host country are critical in selection. University Deadline: September 8, 2009.
GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP  http://www.gatesscholar.org/
The Gates Cambridge Scholarship Program is an international competition open to every country in the world except the UK. Candidates are expected to have evidence of continued academic excellence as well as references who speak knowledgeably and clearly about the applicant’s performance and potential. Applicants may need to take the GRE and must be admitted to Cambridge through the university’s normal application procedures. University Deadline: September 8, 2009.

JAPAN BRIDGING  http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html
This scholarship supports undergraduate study in Japan for one semester or academic year in order to prepare America's young people to assume future global leadership roles. Contact: The Study Abroad Office, Legare College, phone 777-7557. Application Deadline: September 25, 2009.

Javits Fellowships provide financial assistance to students of superior ability, as demonstrated by their achievements and exceptional promise, to undertake study at the doctoral and masters of Fine Arts (MFA) levels in selected fields of the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Applications due to OFSP: October 3, 2009.

LINKS TO OTHER FALL COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES
ESSAY CONTEST  http://www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_atlas
Select one of three topics related to Ayn Rand’s Atlas Shrugged and win $10,000. Essays must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than 11:59 PM, PST on September 17, 2009.

High-achieving US citizens or visa-holding Permanent Residents of African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Native Alaskan, or Hispanic descent enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student in Chemistry, Information Management, Computing & Software Systems, Material Science, Printing Management Science, Laser Optics, Physics, Material Science, or Engineering (Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Imaging, Optical, Manufacturing, Mechanical, or Software) are eligible to apply. Postmark deadline: September 28, 2009.

JOHN T. PETTERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP  http://www.johntpettersfoundation.org/default.aspx
The John T. Petters Foundation is a private foundation that works to advance the educational experiences by providing scholarships to support international business study abroad and social entrepreneurship service. Electronic application deadline: September 30, 2009.

INVESTIGATE OTHER RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE
Complete Calendar of Deadlines and Workshops  http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/calendar.html
Award Winners  http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/awards.html

OFSP DROP-IN HOURS start August 24, the first full week of classes
Monday and Tuesday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday and Thursday, 10 – noon
Friday and other times by appointment

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