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A Teacher’s Guide to Scholarships

Helping students identify scholarship opportunities is a valuable service and one that teachers are increasingly providing. To assist you in providing this support, we have collected some resources which may prove helpful. Thank-you for all you do to support your students as they prepare to take the next step!

Fast FAFSA Facts

- ✓ FAFSA is an integral part of accessing money of any kind for college. Encourage your students to complete FAFSA as early as possible.
- ✓ FAFSA is FREE. Remind your students that they should not have to pay for FAFSA and to avoid the websites which charge for this service.
- ✓ Students can access additional details about FAFSA on the AACTP website or by following [this link](#).
- ✓ The FAFSA school code for UA is 003123

Scholarship Opportunities

- ✓ Regardless of where your student intends to attend college, they will more than likely have the opportunity to access scholarships based on **GPA and standardized test scores**. The earlier the student completes the FAFSA and submits information to their institution the more likely they are of receiving this type of aid. For information on these scholarships at The University of Akron, please follow [this link](#).
- ✓ The University of Akron also provides **ENDOWED** scholarships which are awarded to some students who have demonstrated history of leadership, community service or other personal factors. Download the [application for new freshmen](#).
- ✓ For a list of **Summit College** scholarships please follow [the link](#).
- ✓ Students who are interested in pursuing a degree in **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) may be eligible to apply for the Choose Ohio First STEM scholarship. Follow [the link](#) to learn more.

Scholarship Search Sites

These free sites can help you find more scholarships

- [Broke Scholar.com](#)
- [College Answer](#)
- [CollegeNET](#)
- [CollegeScholarships.org](#)
- [Fast-Aid](#)
- [FastWeb!](#)
- [FinAid!](#)
- [Ohio Mentor](#)
- [Scholarship Search - College Board Online](#)



Thank-you to all of the counselors, teachers, UA faculty and staff, and community members who made this year's We Are IT Day a fantastic event for young women in northeast Ohio!

Click on the icon above to view pictures from We Are IT Day. (Photographs can also be accessed at <http://akrontechprep.org/weareit.html>)

Reminders for teachers participating in Springboard!

1. Class rosters for CMAI and/or Medical Terminology are due to [Denise Thomas](#) by **Friday, December 10th**. Testing will begin in Spring semester.
2. The [Browser check](#) must be completed prior to the start of testing.
3. Instructors must review the [teacher instructions](#) and go-over the [student instructions](#) with their class prior to testing.

For the latest news and answers to questions find us on the web at:

www.akrontechprep.org

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

December 2010

- 1** All fee waivers must be completed and submitted in its entirety to AACCP
- 4** UA Saturday Information Session
- 9** Steering Committee Meeting
- 10** Rosters for students participating in CMAI and Medical Terminology are due to Denise Thomas
- 11** ACT Test Date
- 24-27** UA Closed
- 31** UA Closed

January 2011

- 1** [FAFSA](#) becomes available
- 10** UA Spring Semester Begins
- 13** Governing Board Meeting, 8am
- 17** MLK Day (UA Closed)

