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Paying for College

*Ouch! Where Can I Find a Scholarship?
College Board Online Offers Free Help*

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/index.html>

The College Board has useful information on scholarships at their website in the "Pay for College" section. This free online tool lists more than 2,300 scholarships, grants, loans, and internships available to students. Users can enter information on their background, interests, and education to narrow the search results.

Success! Learning Center also owns the 2011 edition of the College Board's *Scholarship Handbook*, which includes the same information in book form. Students and families are welcome to study the many listings and helpful indexes it contains.

Both these resources offer suggestions for searching and applying for scholarships and help students find financial aid sources that may support their college plans. Check out:

Financial Aid Easy Planner helps families do the math and find ways to make college affordable;

Net Price Calculator estimates potential financial aid and the "net" price an individual family will be expected to pay;

Financial Aid Calendar leads students through the various steps of the financial aid process;

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Summer Session

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

June 27-August 11, 2011

Classes Meet Monday through Thursday

Applications for our seven-week Summer Session are now being accepted. Success! Learning Center is a non-profit educational and tutoring center, and we are committed to serving our community by offering high-quality academic instruction at the lowest tuition possible. See page 2 for schedule and fees.

Of course, at these low rates it is not possible for us to offer any discount for days missed. If you know your family vacation plans in advance, we will plan to schedule your student(s) for make-up days in another class.

Please note that classes meet four days per week, Monday through Thursday (no Friday classes), for a total of 63 hours of instruction over the seven-week session. Our class times are 8:00-10:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m. We offer a discount for students taking multiple classes or for family members enrolled in the same session.

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Scholarship Search guides students through more than 2,300 awards to find those which match their background and requirements.

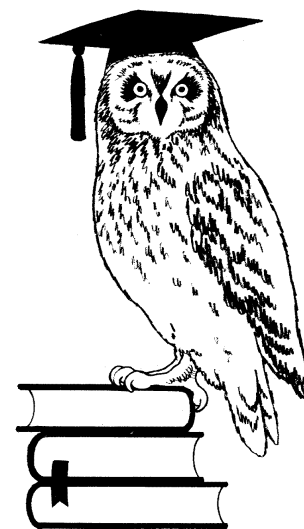
The information on each award is succinct but useful. Many entries include the number of applicants and the number of awards granted, as well as short explanations of important criteria. Here's one example:

The Horatio Alger National Scholarship grants 50 scholarships with about 3,000 applicants. The maximum individual award is \$6,000 and may be used at any two-year or four-year accredited college for full-time undergraduate study. Requirements include a minimum 2.0 GPA and a minimum SAT score of 1000 or ACT score of 23. Applicants must demonstrate "academic achievement, financial need, seriousness of purpose, and service to

others." The program, a note tells us, "assists high school seniors who have faced and overcome great obstacles and have participated in co-curricular and community activities." Applicants must also plan to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Wow! Who knew that the Horatio Alger National Scholarship even existed, let alone where and when to apply?

It takes patience and persistence to find and apply for possible scholarships. College Board Online offers some very useful aid.



Class Schedule & Fees

7-Week Summer Session June 27-August 11, 2011

Please Note: Classes meet Monday through Thursday (no Friday classes)

Class #1: 8:00–10:15 a.m.

Class #2: 10:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Class #3: 1:30–3:30 p.m.



Class #1 or #2 (63 hours)

\$640.00 (two payments of \$320 each, second payment due 7/25/11)

OR \$576 paid in advance (10% discount)

*Two or more students in same family
Or multiple classes (same student)*

\$50.00 discount per additional student or class

Class #3 (56 hours)

\$570.00 (two payments of \$285 each, second payment due 7/25/11)

OR \$513 paid in advance (10% discount)

*Two or more students in same family
Or multiple classes (same student)*

\$45.00 discount per additional student or class

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Summer Session

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Each year several Learning Center classes fill completely before mid-June. Our individualized curriculum and extremely low student-teacher ratio (one teacher or teacher aide for every four students) limit the number of spaces available in our learning groups. Be sure to register early!

New courses this year include our updated **Math Workshop** focusing on intensive practice of math and logic skills. This workshop helps struggling students to master skills appropriate to their grade level and prepare for the next school year. The curriculum includes daily homework, recall and review, and a strong emphasis on basic skills as a foundation for academic success.

The **Summer Writing Workshop** offers individual and small group work with an experienced teacher. Daily essays and other language arts assignments teach students to write clear, concise, and effective compositions. Strong preparation for AP and Honors classes.

Don't forget our **Summer Shakespeare, Introduction to Geometry, Beginning Calculus, SAT Test Preparation, Reading Comprehension**, and many other class offerings. Our Individualized Curriculum lets us prepare an individual course of study for each student focusing on particular needs. (See p.4.)

Registration information is on page 2. Please call the Director for more information or to schedule an appointment for enrollment.

AMERICA'S MOVE TO RAISE A HEALTHIER GENERATION OF KIDS

"In the end, as First Lady, this isn't just a policy issue for me. This is a passion. This is my mission. I am determined to work with folks across this country to change the way a generation of kids thinks about food and nutrition."

— First Lady Michelle Obama



Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Sure, this is an ambitious goal. But with your help, we can do it.

Combining comprehensive strategies with common sense, Let's Move! is about putting children on the path to a healthy future during their earliest months and years. Giving parents helpful information and fostering environments that support healthy choices. Providing healthier foods in our schools. Ensuring that every family has access to healthy, affordable food. And, helping children become more physically active.

At the launch of the initiative, President Barack Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum creating the first-ever Task Force on Childhood Obesity to conduct a review of every single program and policy relating to child nutrition and physical activity and develop a national action plan to maximize federal resources and set concrete benchmarks toward the First Lady's national goal.

Learn more about the national fight to stamp out childhood obesity: <http://www.letsmove.gov>



Summer Programs Include:

- ❖ **Math Subjects** (arithmetic, general math, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus)
- ❖ **ESL (English for Non-Native Speakers)**
- ❖ **Improving Reading Skills** (all levels)
- ❖ **Writing Workshop and/or Math Workshop** (all levels)
- ❖ **Focus on Study Skills & Test-Taking Strategies**
- ❖ **Vocabulary and Composition for AP and College Classes**
- ❖ **Preparation for the SAT I and SATII Subject Tests**
- ❖ **Summer Shakespeare Class**
- ❖ **U.S. & World History**
- ❖ **Physical & Life Sciences**
- ❖ **Adventures in Literature**
- ❖ **Learning to Research**

Summer Is the Time to:

Review Classwork

Prepare for Next Year's Courses

Upgrade Skills in Reading, Writing, and/or Math

Study for College Board Exams



⇒ An excellent education is more important than ever in our technological world!

⇒ Many students need stronger math and reading skills to improve their grades.

⇒ Bright students can be bored and frustrated in "average" classes.



⇒ College preparation and advanced placement classes require writing proficiency, top-notch vocabulary, and a firm command of English grammar.

Free Shakespeare Performances

Stimulate your child's mind, increase vocabulary and reading comprehension, and have a great time at some of the free Shakespeare performances offered in area parks this summer. Students need to experience directly, not just read about, history, culture, and science in order to move beyond rote learning. We all know the many, many excellent museums in our area. (Surely you've taken your students to the Rosicrucian Museum to walk through an Egyptian tomb and enjoy grimacing over that very authentic mummy!)

The best students and the most successful in school are those who can link what they read in books with what they've actually seen, touched, heard, and felt at parks, events, historical sites, performances, etc. Thus, middle school students reading *Dragonwings* who have also visited historic sites in Chinatown and San Francisco's famous Octagon House (both featured in the book) have a clear advantage over those simply reading without real understanding of the setting.

Every high school student studies Shakespeare. Most college preparatory classes will read a Shakespeare play each year. Many students struggle with the vocabulary and language and miss all the humor when simply reading a play. They just don't "get it" when staring at the words.

Seeing a play in live performance, however, is completely different—exciting, humorous, and fascinating. Language and image flow easily into the mind and everyone enjoys laughing at the many jokes enlivening even the darkest tragedies. You can pay as much as \$75 or \$100 to see a top-level dramatic company put on Shakespeare in a professional theater. Head out for a park and it's free! So, pack up a picnic, beach chairs and a blanket, and all the kids, and enjoy a Shakespeare play as it was originally performed—in the open air!

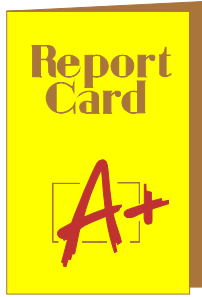
San Francisco Shakespeare Festival performs *Cymbeline*. Follow Princess Innogen on her search for reconciliation against the backdrop of a colorful and magical journey. Forbidden love, mistaken identities, banishment and a magic potion—Shakespeare combines multiple styles in this endlessly inventive fairy tale!. Free shows in Pleasanton, Cupertino, and the presidio. Visit their website for details: <http://www.sfshakes.org/park/index.html>



Reasonably priced tickets in outdoor settings (especially previews, seniors, students) are available for many professional performances. Summer is the time to enjoy Shakespeare (and other plays) outside in amphitheatres under the stars. Check out the California Shakespeare Theatre in Orinda www.calshakes.org, the Shady Shakespeare Theatre Company in Sanborn-Skyline Park www.shadyshakes.org, Shakespeare Santa Cruz under the redwoods on the UC Santa Cruz campus www.shakespearesantacruz.org, and Livermore Shakespeare Festival <http://livermoreshakes.org/>.

Look for local productions, too. Go and enjoy a play! Have fun and get a bit smarter!





What is an . . .

INDIVIDUALIZED CURRICULUM?

An Individualized Curriculum is a course of study designed specifically for each individual student. In a typical large-class setting with 20–35 pupils, students are forced to work at the pace and intensity of the majority of the group. One student may find the class too slow and rather superficial, another might find the same course too rapid and struggle to master material not fully understood.

Students at Success! Learning Center work in very small groups (usually 2–4 students) with a teacher or teacher aide. Because the instructor has only a few students to monitor, there is plenty of time for personal attention and encouragement. Students receive one-on-one tutoring as needed and progress at their own pace, moving from one level to the next as they are ready.

Students in each group work individually on their own curriculum, which is adjusted as necessary during the course. Thus one student may be working on

language arts, another on advanced math concepts, and a third on improving language arts skills.

During the registration process, parents and students discuss their goals for the class. Once the study subjects and any particular needs have been identified, students may complete a series of placement tests to identify their specific strengths and weaknesses.

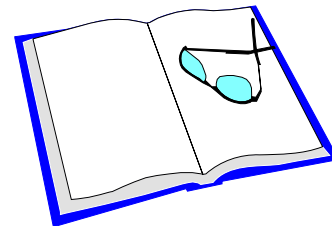
The lead teacher then prepares an individual plan of study for each student, based on his or her particular needs, learning styles, and interests. She works closely with teachers and aides to ensure that the course of study is successful and to make any necessary adjustments during the session.

Parents and students are an important component of any successful study plan, and their input is welcomed throughout the class.

At the end of the session, we prepare a detailed Final Report summarizing the progress achieved by each student and discussing any other pertinent material.

LEARNING CENTER STAFF

Cliveden Chew Haas, M.A., the Learning Center Director, is credentialed to teach academic high school subjects. Originally studying science as a pre-med major, she completed degrees in English Literature, with additional training in English as a Second Language and learning disabilities. Cliveden brings extensive experience in various areas of education and a contagious enthusiasm for learning.



Mark Gaare is a credentialed elementary teacher with experience in language arts, math, social studies, science, and other topics. Students enjoy his active and supportive teaching style.

Our teaching aides are extremely successful college and high school students who are also skilled instructors. They enjoy sharing their talents and their knowledge.



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2011 Summer Deposit

Yes! We want to register for the 2011 Summer Session. I have enclosed a \$100.00 deposit for each student listed to register in the indicated class(es).

Student:

_____	_____	_____
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
____/____/____	MALE FEMALE	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 COL.
SCHOOL NOW ATTENDING	(CIRCLE ONE)	(CIRCLE 2010-11 GRADE)
IS ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER ATTENDING THE 2011 SUMMER SESSION? YES _____ NO _____		
IF YES, LIST NAME(S) & GRADE(S) _____		

Parent:

PARENT:	MR./ MS.	_____	_____	() _____
GUARDIAN	(circle one)	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DAYTIME PHONE NO.
_____		_____	_____	_____
HOME ADDRESS NUMBER & STREET		APT. #	CITY & ZIP CODE	
() _____				
HOME PHONE NUMBER				

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Deposit: *Please enclose \$100.00 per student as your deposit for the 2011 Summer Session. The balance of the fee is due no later than June 27th if you wish to claim the 10% discount for paying in advance. Please mail to:*
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