

Campus Resources Promote Academic Success

The **Academic Resource Center** (<http://www.loyno.edu/arc/>) provides a wide array of services to students including:

- Academic Counseling and Assessment
- Tutorial Services
- Study Skills Program
- Programs for Entering Freshmen and Transfers
- Programs for Evening Division Students

Since 1987, **Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)** has supported student writing at Loyola. WAC helps the students develop the skills they need to make the most of their learning experiences. For more information, go to <http://www.loyno.edu/wac/>.

The **Loyola Mathematics Center**, commonly referred to as the "Math Lab", is a multimedia resource center for all Loyola math students. Well qualified students provide one-on-one tutoring for students from Math 092 (developmental math) through calculus, differential equations, linear algebra and discrete math. Interactive computer software as well as video tapes are available to those who prefer these methods of assistance. For more information, go to <http://chn.loyno.edu/mathlab/>



Fall 2010 Planning Calendar

FastWeb (<http://www.fastweb.com>), a leading scholarship search service, helps students make the decisions that shape their lives: choosing a college, paying for college and finding jobs during and after college. They have forwarded the following planning suggestions for students for the 2009 fall semester.

Freshmen:

- Introduce yourself to your financial aid counselor. Take care of any remaining financial aid paperwork.
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss courses, extracurricular activities and career building options.
- Identify required courses that you'll need to take to graduate on time.
- Start building relationships with teachers, counselors and activity supervisors. This will help you obtain recommendations for jobs.
- Join clubs and volunteer groups in your area of interest.

Sophomores:

- Take care of any remaining financial aid paperwork
- Select a volunteer organization with which you'd like to get involved. Community service can help you gain practical experience while building up your resume.
- Create a budget to keep track of your finances and control your spending.
- Talk to your career center and academic advisor about possible internships in your area of study.

Juniors:

- Meet with your academic advisor to review the required classes you will need in order to graduate on time.
- Take leadership roles in clubs, activities and volunteer organizations which you can reference on your resume.
- Create a target list of industries and companies you would like to work for and research them.
- If you are thinking about graduate school, strengthen relationships with teachers, counselors, and activity supervisors who can write recommendations.
- Talk to your career center and academic advisor about internships available in your area of study.

Seniors:

- Check with the career center for workshops on resumes, interview techniques, networking and negotiating.
- Attend college career fairs. Bring plenty of resumes, keep all business cards you receive, and write thank-you notes to the recruiters you meet.
- Practice your interviewing skills. Remember to follow up your interviews with a thank-you note to the recruiter.
- Use free job search web sites like <http://www.monster.com>

Five Scholarship Letter Tips

Be Brief—You will have the chance to sell yourself in your application

Request the application early to leave enough time to prepare a strong application packet

If you need a recommendation, clearly state when the deadline is. Give no less than three weeks notice, leaving ample time for the person you've asked to write your recommendation. Recommendations should be written by someone who knows you well (but not a family member).

Provide your correct address and other contact information where you know you can be reached.

If you win a scholarship, be sure to thank the provider for selecting you as a recipient.

Resources on the Web

- <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/outside-scholarship-programs>
- <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/louisiana-private-aid-programs>
- <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/grad-outside-scholarship-list>



Guide to Finding and Keeping Scholarships

While not all scholarships and grants can be renewed each year, the ones that can have ongoing eligibility requirements. Some of these requirements include:

Submission of a renewal application: Students who are receiving Federal Pell and SEOG Grant funds and Louisiana TOPS and LEAP Grant funds must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA")** each year. Students who received funds from these programs for the 2010-11 SHOULD receive a **Renewal FAFSA** packet between Thanksgiving and Christmas at their permanent home address.

GPA: You must maintain a minimum GPA to renew all institutional grant/scholarship aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress: You must maintain "satisfactory Academic progress" according to university guidelines in order to receive financial aid. Guidelines for undergraduates are posted at <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/undergraduate-satisfactory-academic-progress-policy>

You can also find the guidelines for Louisiana TOPS recipients at <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/renewal-requirements-tops-scholarships>

Designated Field of Study: Students who are receiving *Social Justice Scholarships* and *Drama Scholarships* will forfeit \$1,000 of their awards if they change programs.

Full-time status: Aid awards will be adjusted if students are not enrolled full-time.

Hunting for Scholarships: How to Start

Do some online research: Take advantage of many free scholarship search programs on the internet.

Search your community: Ask the organizations in your community or city if they offer awards for college. Don't forget about cultural organizations that provide awards based on ethnic background.

How Should I Prepare a Required Essay ?

Make an outline: Depending on the essay questions, pick one main theme. Make sure your essay falls within the length requirements

Show, don't tell: Use specifics instead of generalities. It will help your reader visualize what you are trying to say and can make your essay more memorable.

Check spelling and grammar: Many selection committees will automatically reject applications with misspelled words and grammatical errors. Have a teacher, parent, or counselor read over your essay and provide feedback.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund's College Scholarship Program

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the largest Hispanic scholarship-granting organization in the nation. HSF recognizes and rewards outstanding Hispanic students in higher education throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These students represent every region of the country, hundreds of institutions of higher learning and every segment of the Hispanic community. Founded in 1975, HSF has awarded more than 68,000 scholarships in excess of \$144 million to Hispanic Students who have attended more than 1,700 colleges and universities.

The College Scholarship Program is available to full-time students at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico. Interested applicants must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0. This scholarship is available on a competitive basis to undergraduate and graduate students. Applications are now available on the Foundation's web site at <http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=424>.

Annual Consumer Disclosures

We have posted an enormous amount of consumer information on our web site. Please contact us if you are unable to view or download a copy for your records. Here are some of the most important disclosures

- General Information About Programs and Services at Loyola - <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/consumer-information>
- "Satisfactory Academic Progress" Guidelines for Undergraduates - <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/undergraduate-satisfactory-academic-progress-policy>
- Saving Money on Textbooks - <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/saving-money-textbooks>
- New Disclosures mandated by the Higher Education Opportunity Act - <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/federal-disclosures>
 - Emergency and Safety Information - <http://www.loyno.edu/emergency/>

Spring Advising for Early Registration Begins October 26, 2010

Please be sure to have all registration blocks cleared well in advance so that you do not encounter any problems when you attempt to pre-register for your classes.

For Financial Blocks: If your fall 2010 semester has not been paid in full, you will not be allowed to pre-register. For more information, contact the Office of Student Finance by e-mail at stufinan@loyno.edu or call 865-3337.

For Health Blocks: Contact Student Health Services at (504) 865-3326. Students who entered the university for the 2010 fall semester must provide proof of immunization against several diseases. For more information, see <http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/health/immunizations>

For Academic Blocks: Contact your Dean's Office



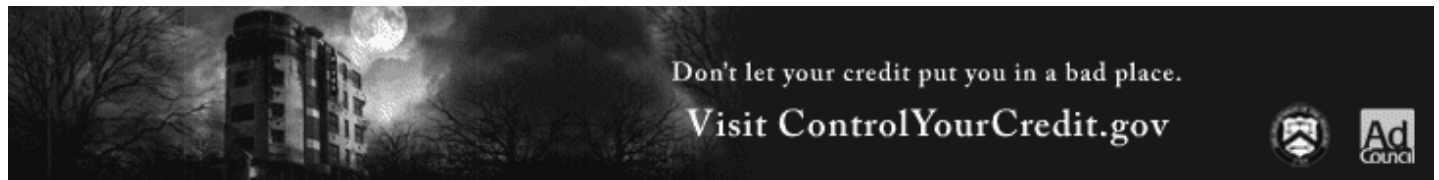
Should You Consolidate Your Federal Loans While In School?

President Obama signed **The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010** (HCERA) on March 30, 2010. A provision of the Act made *temporary* changes to the conditions under which a borrower may consolidate loans into a **Federal Direct Consolidation Loan**. *These changes apply only to a Direct Consolidation Loan that is made based on an application received by the U.S. Department of Education on or after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2011.*

Because a Direct Consolidation Loan enters repayment on the date the loan is made, there are important factors a borrower needs to consider before deciding to consolidate loans into a Direct Consolidation Loan under this temporary authority.

Grace Period: There is no grace period on a **Direct Consolidation Loan** made under the temporary authority. If a borrower consolidates a loan that has a grace period while the borrower is still in school on at least a half-time basis **and** before the loan has entered the grace period, the borrower will not receive a grace period on that loan after the borrower ceases to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The borrower will, however, be eligible for an in-school deferment on the Direct Consolidation Loan while enrolled at least half-time at an eligible institution

We have detailed information posted on our web site at <http://www.loyno.edu/financialaid/school-consoliation>



Important Web Sites



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Office/Program

Web Address

Student Finance Office	http://www.loyno.edu/studentfinance/
Bursar's Office	http://www.loyno.edu/bursar/
Career Development	http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/careers
Dining Services	http://sdxcampusservices.com/loyno/
Residence Life	http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/residential-life
TOPS Scholarships	http://www.osfa.state.la.us/
Federal Student Aid	http://studentaid.ed.gov/
National Student Loan Data System	http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/