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*Submitted by
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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - September 19, 2013, Congressman Jason Smith announced the Department of Labor is awarding Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff with a \$2.75 million grant for the development and expansion of innovative training programs. The grants are part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant Program, which promote skills development and employment opportunities in fields such as advanced manufacturing, transportation and health care, as well as science, technology, engineering and math careers through partnerships between training providers and local employers. Smith wrote a letter to the Labor Department to in favor of Three Rivers' grant application.

"Three Rivers is a tremendous institution and I am honored to have helped them receive these vital federal funds. This grant will benefit the entire region for generations by giving families in the area the opportunity to train for highly skilled jobs," said Smith. "I look forward to working with President Stevenson to see these funds make an impact on student at Three Rivers and on our local economy."

Three Rivers College President Dr. Devin Stephenson thanked Smith for helping the college receive the federal grant.

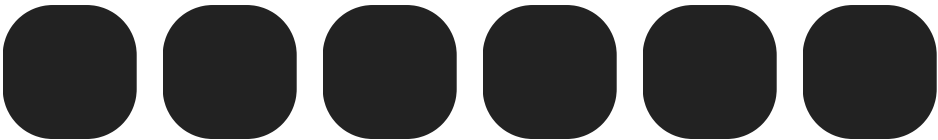
“This grant opens up a wealth of opportunities, not only for Three Rivers, but for local residents and manufacturers,” said Stephenson. “Manufacturing plays an enormous part in keeping Southeast Missouri’s economy strong. With the new funding, we will provide in-depth training in the skills that local employers desperately require.”

“We’re particularly proud of the precision ag programs that we will offer under this grant,” said Stephenson. “We will have the first publicly available program of this kind in the region, and the only one that focuses on the entire breadth of precision agriculture technology. Three Rivers College appreciates the strong support from Congressman Smith and other members of the delegation for their strong support of our college and our mission to improve the quality of life for. The citizens if Southeast Missouri.”

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SMT Writer

The AXA Achievementsm Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report provides \$670,000 in annual scholarships to young people throughout the nation.

The application deadline is December 15, 2013, but if 10,000 applications are received before that date, the program will automatically close.

Winners on the State and National levels

State Winners- Fifty-two winners – one from each state, the District of Colombia and Puerto Rico – are selected by our nonprofit partner, Scholarship America, to receive one-time scholarship awards of \$10,000 each.

National Winners- From the pool of 52 state winners, ten are selected as national winners and earn an additional one-time scholarship of \$15,000. This brings the top AXA Achievers total scholarship awards to \$25,000 each.

Applicants to the AXA Achievementsm Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report must:

- Be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico.
- Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2014-2015 academic year. Enrollment at an accredited postsecondary institution outside of the United States will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, community or work-related activities.
- Special consideration will be given to achievements that empower society to better face risk through education and action in areas such as financial, environmental, health and/or emergency preparedness.
- Employees, associates, financial professionals or immediate family members of employees, associates or financial professionals of the AXA Group, U.S. News & World Report, or

Scholarship America, or their affiliates, subsidiaries or advertising and promotion agencies are not eligible.

How to apply

The first step is to register, create an application account and complete your student profile. To begin, click on the Create an Account link at the bottom of this page. The link to your application is displayed on the Student Overview page of this site after you create your profile. Your Student Profile is NOT your application.

Students should gather the following information needed for the application process:

List of involvement in school and community activities

List of work experience

Current high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale

No documents are to be sent to Scholarship America at this time. Applicants selected for further consideration will be notified to submit high school transcripts and an applicant appraisal confirming the outstanding achievement. Do not send any materials until invited to do so.

For questions about the application process contact Scholarship America:

Email: axaachievement@scholarshipamerica.org

Call: 1-800-537-4180 or 1-507-931-1682

For more information on this scholarship visit

<http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

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Account Control Technology Scholarship

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Submitted by Jill Temples

SMT Writer

Account Control Technology Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist current post-secondary undergraduate students who will be second-year students this upcoming academic year. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited four-year college or university of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of Scholarship America. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

Eligibility Rules

Applicants to the ACT Second Year Scholarship Program must –

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be current postsecondary undergraduate students.
- Be enrolled as second-year students in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university for the entire 2013-14 academic year.

Awards

- If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$1,000 award.
- Up to twenty five (25) awards will be granted each year.
- Awards are for undergraduate study only

Application Information

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **October 15**.

Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken.

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application.

If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship Management Services to verify that the application has been received.

Final Selections

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal.

Financial need as calculated by Scholarship Management Services must be demonstrated for the student to receive an award. Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services.

Applicants will be notified in late November. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

ACT Second Year Scholarship Program

Scholarship Management Services

One Scholarship Way

Saint Peter, MN 56082

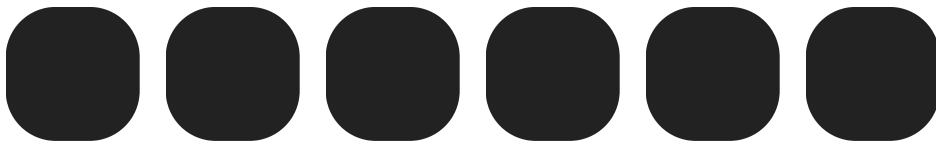
Telephone: (507) 931-1682

**For more information on this scholarship, visit the ACT website at
<http://www.accountcontrolfoundation.org/>**

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Hit the Books Scholarship

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Submitted by Jill Temples

SMT Writer

The "Hit The Books" Scholarship is available to students between the ages of 18 and 25. **To be eligible for this scholarship, you must submit a maximum 500-word essay on the importance of education in your life and how the scholarship money will assist you in achieving your goals.**

Bonus points will be awarded to students who find a creative way to include their passion for coffee within their essay without losing sight of the primary topic.

CoffeeForLess.com is the subsidiary of Coffee Serv Inc., founded by Jack and Lynn Kirshner. With 25 years as a business leader in Philadelphia, we at CoffeeForLess.com know that tough times do not just hit the banks. They hit us all, but we must never lose sight of our biggest investment in the future: the next generation of scholars and entrepreneurs.

Jack and Lynn have set an example with their nearly 20 years of active involvement in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and Coffee Serv Inc. has followed that example by giving thousands of dollars in donations and coffee to the same. "Hit The Books Scholarship" is our way of helping the future leaders of the business world meet their educational goals.

Eligibility Rules:

- Enrolled in an accredited college or university**
- Essay must be submitted by September 30th**
- Students must be age 18-25**
- Proof of enrollment required.**

CoffeeForLess.com "Hit The Books Scholarship" winners will be selected based upon two criteria: successful accomplishment of essay subject matter and individual student needs.

Scholarship awardees will be expected to permit Coffee Serv Inc. to publish their winning essay on CoffeeForLess.com.

The "Hit The Books Scholarship" will award one student up to \$500 dollars to be used for educational books and materials.

Awardees will also be required to compose and publish a follow up blog posting on CoffeeForLess.com with a photograph of themselves and an update on how the scholarship has helped them accomplish their goals.

Hit The Books scholars are expected to illustrate integrity and drive with their use of the scholarship funds but will also be required to submit receipts for the educational materials acquired as a result of the scholarship award.

Applicant Essays are to be submitted to CoffeeForLess.com via email to:
Info@CoffeeForLess.com

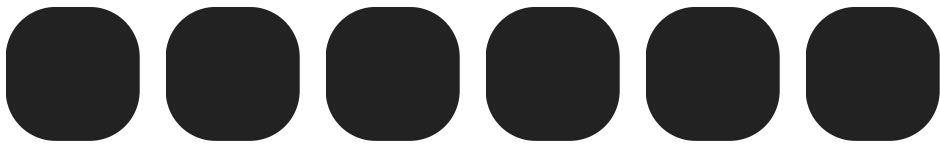
Winners will be announced on the CoffeeForLess Facebook and Twitter Pages.

For more information on this scholarship visit: <http://www.coffeeforless.com/scholarship#>

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“Center Stage” Revives Melodrama, Vaudeville, in “Egad, What a Cad”

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“Center Stage” Revives Melodrama, Vaudeville, in “Egad, What a Cad”

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Center Stage, Three Rivers College’s theater company, will bring the madcap magic of old-fashion melodramas to the Tinnin Fine Arts Center with its production of “Egad, What a Cad” on Sept. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., with a matinee showing on Sept. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, or \$5 with a valid Three Rivers student ID. Tickets are available at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Services office at Three Rivers’ Poplar Bluff Campus, online at trcc.edu/tinnin, or at the door.

“Egad” chronicles the gripping tale of Constance Hope, a beautiful young heroine haunted by a tragic past, and stalked by a black-hearted villain named Bertram Oleander. Saved in the nick of time by hero Manly Rash, the two must team up to foil Oleander’s dastardly plan once and for all. The second half of the production is a vaudeville show created and directed by Center Stage director Robert Cook, featuring classics of comedy like Abbott and Costello’s famous “Who’s on First” routine.

“I think audiences are going to have a lot of fun with ‘Egad,’ because this type of theater is quite rare these days, and I don’t think it ever has been done in Poplar Bluff,” said Cook, who is also an instructor of theater at Three Rivers. “Melodrama plays are intentionally over-the-top, and one of the only kinds of theatre where the audience

actually participates in the show, booing the villain and cheering for the heroes.”

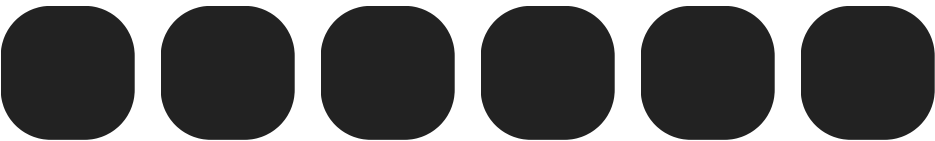
Center Stage is a blended theater company that brings together students, college employees, and community members to produce live theater. It provides both local entertainment and hands-on experience for Three Rivers students interested in dramatic arts. The group plans to produce the award winning musical “Godspell” for its next show in Spring 2014. For more information on Center Stage and how to participate, or to purchase tickets for “Egad, What a Cad”, call Robert Cook at 573-840-9648.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

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