

Youth Resource Connections

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HEADLINES

The U.S. Department of Education Releases College Cost Lists. The U.S. Department of Education released several college affordability and transparency lists as part of its effort to help students make informed decisions about their choice for higher education. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 called for these lists to be created by July 1, 2011. Under the requirements, six lists will be created. Three lists will focus on tuition and fees, while three lists will look at the institution's "average net price," which is the average price of attendance that is paid by full-time students after grants and scholarships are accounted for. Each list is broken out into nine different sectors, to allow students to compare costs at similar types of institutions. In addition, users can look up information on the prices of career and technical programs. To obtain additional information and view the lists, visit: <http://collegecost.ed.gov/>.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bank of America Charitable Foundation Announces \$50 Million Three-Year Pledge to Education as a Path to Workforce Success. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation announced a goal to invest \$50 million over the next three years toward education initiatives leading to economic self-sufficiency through employment. The funds will support programs that bridge the achievement gap to post-secondary education completion and connect the underserved and unemployed, as well as returning veterans and individuals with disabilities to workforce success in high-growth sectors. To view press release, visit: <http://mediaroom.bankofamerica.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=234503&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1586017&highlight=>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Center for Family Literacy Offers Grants for Implementation of New Online Resources. The National Center for Family Literacy is accepting applications from education and community organizations working to provide support for Latino and other families whose members want to earn college degrees. The grants are designed to expand the reach of the Family Literacy - Community College Partnership Initiative to communities and programs across the U.S. The grant program is intended to broaden the availability and targeted use of a recently developed comprehensive set of [online tools](#) for local organizations, schools, and community colleges. The tools are designed to encourage families to learn about attending college and to help communities build pathways from family literacy and GED programs to community college. The resources include online lessons with activities for Spanish-speaking families to help increase their investment in and pursuit of educational opportunities; a program guide for family and adult literacy programs; a case study on partnerships between family literacy programs and community colleges; a practical guide on how to make those partnerships more effective; and an examination of the impediments to attaining a postsecondary education, including how literacy programs can help with the transition and increase college graduation rates for non-traditional students. Ten grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.familit.org/award-grant-opportunities/ncfl-awards/ncflgrants/>. **Deadline: August 22.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND TEACHERS

The White House Invites Applications for its Spring 2012 Internship Program. The White House is accepting applications from college students for its Spring 2012 Internship Program. The program provides a unique opportunity for individuals to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today's young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office of the President and engage them in public service opportunities. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/ioSN0Y>. **Deadline: September 11.**

Sodexo Foundation and Youth Service America Invite K-12 School Applications for Children's Hunger Service-Learning Grants. The Sodexo Foundation and Youth Service America (YSA) are accepting applications for the Sodexo School Engagement grant program. The grants are designed to support teachers and students, grades K-12, in learning about incidences of childhood hunger in their community, and in leading meaningful activities that facilitate access to nutritious food for all children, especially those most at risk. Eligible applicants must be K-12 teachers in the U.S., or adults working with K-12 students in a school or school-based afterschool program. Eleven awardees will receive a \$5,000 grant to support professional development in service-learning, project planning and implementation, and sharing of project outcomes. Awardees will be expected to attend YSA's Youth Service Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 24-26, 2011 (travel and training fees are included in the grant). To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoschool>. **Deadline: August 15.**

Youth Service America Announces Availability of Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants. Youth Service America (YSA) is accepting applications for its 2011 Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants. The grants are designed to support youth-led service projects in the United States that address the issue of childhood hunger during National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 13-20, 2011). Applicants must have projects that engage peers, friends, families, neighbors, Sodexo employees, and other community members in creative, youth-inspired solutions to ending childhood hunger in one's community. Grants in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to 25 awardees. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>. **Deadline: September 16.**

PUBLICATIONS

A Green Career Pathways Framework: Postsecondary and Employment Success for Low-Income, Disconnected Youth. This paper developed by Terry Grobe, Kate O'Sullivan, Sally T. Prouty with Sarah White with The Corps Network, explores the extent to which this emerging green economy can offer a pathway out of poverty for low-income young people, many of whom have disengaged from school and are struggling to find a way into the economic mainstream. To view the paper, visit: http://thecorpsnetwork.org/images/wu_images/July%202011/Green%20Career%20Pathways%20Paper/A%20Green%20Career%20Pathways%20Framework.pdf.

The National Resource Center for Youth Development (NRCYD) Releases new Youth Toolkits. The toolkits cover multiple youth engagement and leadership topics such as public speaking, strategic sharing, and focus groups. To view the toolkits, visit: <http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/publications/Youth%20Leadership%20Toolkit/All>.

Data on College Graduates in the First Year After College. This report developed by Robin R. Henke, Emily Forrest Cataldi, Caitlin Green, Terry Lew, Jennie Woo, Bryan Shepherd, Peter Siegel, describes the enrollment and employment experiences of a national sample of college graduates one year after their 2007-08 graduation. Data presented include enrollment; time to degree; education financing; postbaccalaureate enrollment; student loan repayment; and employment, particularly employment in teaching. To view the report, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubinfo.asp?pubid=2011236>.

The Nation's Report Card: Geography 2010. This report developed by the National Center for Education Statistics, presents results of the 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in geography. To view the full report, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubinfo.asp?pubid=2011467>.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

FindYouthInfo.gov YouTube Channel Now Live! The FindYouthInfo.gov YouTube channel includes both video from the FindYouthInfo.gov in addition to video from the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs. The channel also provides curated playlists of the best videos from across Federal agencies, collected into topic-related playlists that could be useful to visitors who want to explore a topic in-depth. To view the channel, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FindYouthInfo>.

One Degree of Separation. This study developed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is the third of a series of Public Agenda surveys designed to examine the problems of higher education and college completion from the perspective of those who know best: young people who've completed a postsecondary degree, and those who haven't. With fewer than half of those who enter a four-year college finishing in six years, and with a debate raging over the value of a college education, the perspective of these young Americans is more important than ever. To view the study, visit: <http://www.publicagenda.org/onedegreeofseparation>.

WEB SITES

Map My Community is an interactive mapping tool designed specifically to assist individuals in locating resources in their community to help them build and strengthen their youth program. Get ideas for new partnerships, identify gaps in one's community, and learn about resources to avoid duplication of effort. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.findyouthinfo.org/GeoProgramSearch.aspx>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 15-16. St. Paul, MN. National Youth Leadership Council Eighth Annual National Urban Service-Learning Institute. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.nylc.org/events/eighth-annual-national-service-learning-institute>.

NOTICE:

The Employment and Training Administration is interested in hearing about new and innovative approaches which bring employers, educators and workforce systems professionals together to serve our communities' youth. If you would like to share projects or programs in your area please e-mail your information to the Division of Youth Services at youth.services@dol.gov.

Thank you.

Youth Resource Connections (YRC). The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) does not take responsibility for non endorsed DOL/ETA resources included in the YRC.

We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have comments contact the: Division of Youth Services at (202) 693-3030 or e-mail youth.services@dol.gov .

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