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FROM THE DIRECTOR DEB BYERS

Spring is here and processing of federal aid applications for 2009-10 is just underway. And by all indications it should be a very busy year. As of the writing of this newsletter, it appears that our federal aid applications are up significantly over this same time last year. I believe this is a result of several things, one of which is that our 2008-09 application volume has been up all year long; oftentimes higher than what it had been over the past 5 years. In addition, I think this increase is a reflection of our economy—with more families now applying for federal aid, and the fact that many students are applying earlier than in years past.

Our staff has also been preparing for a new federal aid program, the TEACH grant, which we will award to eligible undergraduate and graduate students this spring semester. The TEACH grant provides up to \$4,000 per year in grant assistance to undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students who agree to serve for at least four years as a full-time “highly qualified” teacher in a “high-need” field in either a public or non-profit private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If the recipients who receive this grant do not end up fulfilling their teaching requirements, the grant then turns into a

loan. Staff from both the Office of Financial Aid and the College of Education have worked collaboratively to implement this new program.

Summer is also just around the corner! And for those students wanting to utilize federal financial aid to help pay for their classes, they must complete a WSU Summer Aid Application, in addition to having a 2008-09 federal aid application on file. Please see details in this newsletter if you are interested in summer financial aid.



SUMMER 2009 FINANCIAL AID

Summer Financial Aid applications will be available March 30, 2009. All students seeking summer financial aid must complete the WSU Summer Aid Application. If you are planning on attending classes during the 2009 summer semester and did not complete the 2008-

2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you should do so immediately. Students can access the summer aid application on-line at www.wichita.edu/finaidforms or by stopping by the Office of Financial Aid. Students must be enrolled in sum-

mer courses before the summer application will be processed. For the summer term full time status is six hours while half time status is three hours.

Stay Informed With ShockCent\$

The Office of Financial Aid created an e-mail news bulletin for students, parents, faculty and staff. We call it ShockCent\$. Subscribers receive timely financial aid information and important deadline dates. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: listserv@listserv.wichita.edu. Leave the subject line blank and in the message body, type: subscribe shockcents.

Important Dates

March 30— Summer Aid Applications Available

April 6— Summer Registration Begins

April 24— Priority Date for Summer Aid Applications

June 1— Summer Fee Payment Begins

June 1— Fall 2009 Enrollment Deadline for Freshman Scholarships

June 12— Last Day to turn in Summer Aid Applica-





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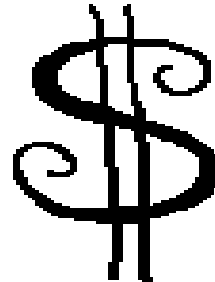
SCHOLARSHIP CORNER SHEELU SURENDER

It's a great time to be a Shocker! Although there are many reasons for this, one key reason from my perspective is because of the tremendous scholarship opportunities that WSU continues to offers to students. The ongoing commitment of resources from our administration reflects a priority toward student recruitment and retention. Even with the markets down and the uncertainty of the economy, perhaps even more because of these times, WSU continues to be aggressive with scholar-

ship offers. To date we have offered competitive scholarships to nearly 750 incoming freshman applicants and will continue to award additional scholarships as applications are received. We are also currently in the process of awarding our first batch of transfer student scholarships. Over 160 transfer applications, received by our initial priority date of February 1, have been reviewed and awarded to date.

Please encourage new incoming students to apply now if they have not done so

already. Our next priority date is April 1! Although WSU does not have a scholarship application deadline for new students, we encourage students to apply before funding becomes exhausted.



Scholarship Hi-light
WSU Brett & Tracy Scholarship - Through a new collaboration with B98 FM, a \$3,000 Brett & Tracy Scholarship will be available to new incoming students for Fall 2009- Spring 2010. Students must be fully admitted to WSU and submit an application packet for consideration. One winner will be selected and announced in May. Additional information can be found at www.wichita.edu/scholarships or www.b98fm.com.