

Freshman

1. Find out what you love to do!

2. Plan out your classes.

- Colleges care about which courses you're taking in high school. Remember, you will have more options if you start planning now for college and do your best to earn good grades.
- The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself. Are you signing up for advanced classes, honors sections, or accelerated sequences? Are you choosing electives that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities? Or are you doing just enough to get by?
- Colleges will be more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in easy ones.
- Do your high school course selections match what most colleges expect you to know? For example, many colleges require two to four years of foreign language study.
- Establish your college preparatory classes; your schedule should consist of at least 4 college preparatory classes per year, including:
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of math (through algebra II or trigonometry)
 - 2 years of foreign language
 - 2 years of natural science
 - 2 years of history/social studies
 - 1 year of art
 - 1 year of electives from the above list
 - Enrolling in algebra or geometry classes and a foreign language class for each semester (most colleges have math and foreign language requirements)

3. Stay active in clubs, activities, and sports that you enjoy.

- Study, study, study. Colleges look at your permanent academic record for admissions beginning with freshman-year grades.
- Think about an after school or summer job to start saving for college.

4. Use your resources!

- Mentor
- School Counselor
- TeamMates Coordinator
- Who else is a resource for you?

5. Take advantage of your opportunities:

- **TeamMates Opportunities:** <http://teammates.org/mentoring/scholarship.htm>
- **EducationQuest Opportunities:** <http://www.educationquest.org/>

EducationQuest
Rockbrook Village
108th & West Center
11031 Elm Street
Omaha NE 68144
402-391-4033

Call for an appointment!

- **Build your activity resume**
- **Search for scholarships & schools**
- **Get email reminders to help you stay on track**

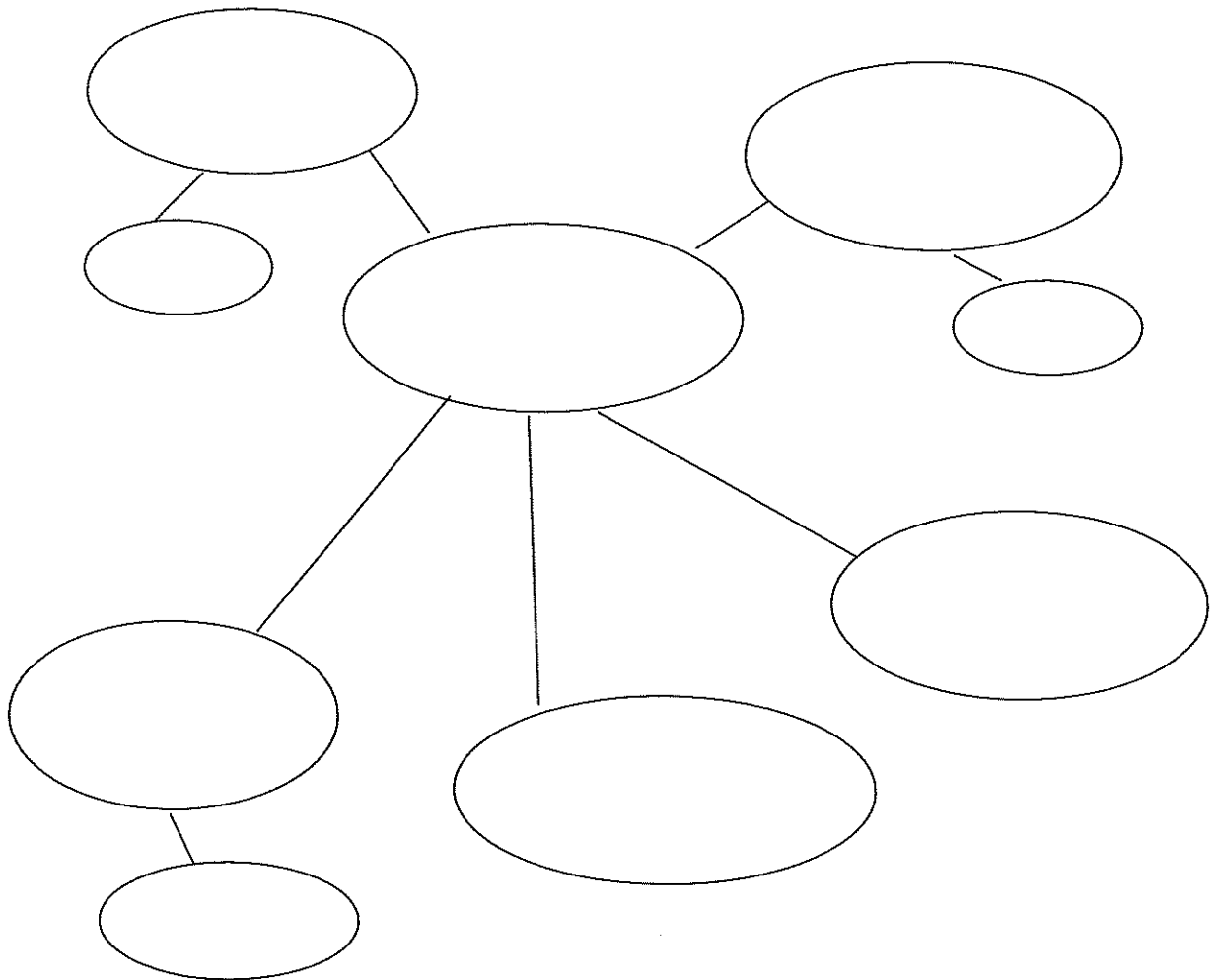
College Fair -
Burke High School
12200 Burke Street
Thursday, April 22, 2010
6:00 - 8:00 pm

- **Know How 2 Go:** <http://www.knowhow2go.org/>

Web Worksheet

The web worksheet can be used a number of different ways (add more circles as needed):

- Place a goal you want to accomplish in the center of the “web”. Fill in all the connecting circles with the steps to accomplish the goal.
- Place a career interest in the center and brainstorm all the related occupations in the other circles.
- Place an idea for a story, research paper or project in the center and fill the circles with information to complete the project.



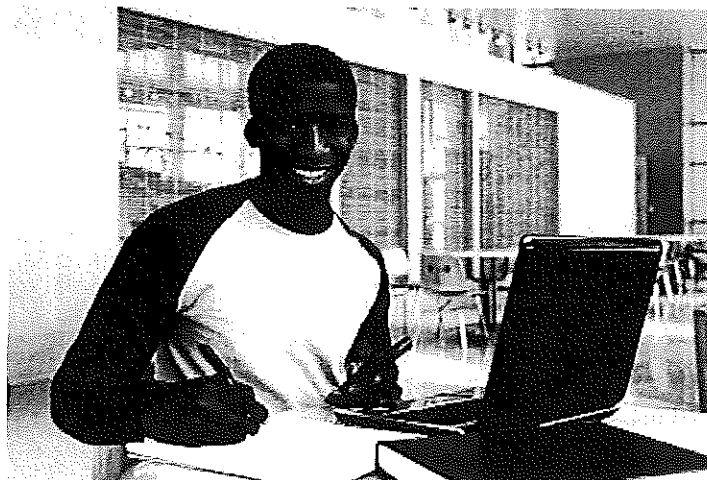
Avenue Scholars Program Overview



The Avenue Scholars program, funded by the Bright Futures Foundation, is designed to provide intrusive support for students of talent and need through high school, college, and into the workforce.

Starting in the fall of 2009, Avenue plans to serve three area high schools. Over the next five years, the Foundation projects partnering with as many as 15 secondary schools in Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

Avenue students are selected in the spring of their sophomore year and are served in their respective high schools as juniors and seniors by a fulltime Talent Advisor. The Talent Advisor meets 15-25 juniors and 15-25 seniors during a regularly scheduled class period.



[Click here for slide presentation and more information](#)

Outside of the classroom, Avenue students and their families receive a wide range of academic, social and financial planning services. Many of these are delivered at the Avenue Center, where students have additional contact time with their Talent Advisors, as well as regular access to tutors and mentors. The Avenue Center -- specifically designed with young people in mind -- is also the location for a variety of special social activities, exclusive programs, and one-of-a-kind workshops. Furthermore, it is the ideal place for Avenue students to connect with their Avenue peers from other schools.

Avenue students continue to receive highly individualized and comprehensive support throughout their post-secondary education. For those attending a community college or vocational school, Avenue provides unique transitional support into the workforce or into a four-year public or private college program.



During the post-secondary years, an Avenue College Talent Advisor coordinates campus services, organizes academic and financial services, and plans special events and programs to enhance campus life for Avenue students. In coordination with Avenue mentors and business partners, the Avenue Talent Advisor offers students career exploration opportunities, helps them develop a career path, provides subsequent job coaching and training, and assists in successful job placement. In short, support for Avenue graduates continues until the student embarks on a successful career.

[Contact us for more information](#)

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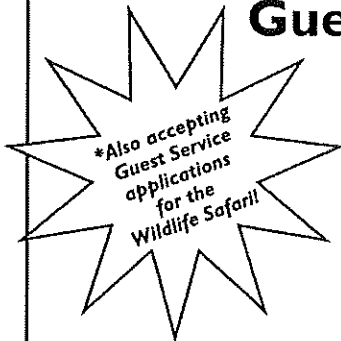
**Interested in Part-Time Employment?
Plan on attending the 2010 Job Fair!**

**Sunday, February 21, 2010
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo®**

Guest Service Departments hiring include:

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- IMAX®
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- Rides
- Gift Shop
- Grounds
- Picnics

**We need
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wildlife Safari
Park in Ashland*



***Snow Date - Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

For additional information, please visit www.omahazoo.com



Henry Doorly Zoo & Wildlife Safari Summer Seasonal Scholarship Program 2010 General Application Due July 30, 2010

Personal Information: *Please print legibly.*

Name: _____ Social Security Number # _____ - _____ - _____
 Address: _____ Department: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone Number: (_____) _____
 Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Age _____

School Information:

Please complete each of the following sections in their entirety. *Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards.*

Junior High (7, 8 grades)	High School (9-12 grades)	College / Other
School Name _____	_____	_____
City/State _____	_____	_____
Currently enrolled <input type="checkbox"/>	Currently enrolled <input type="checkbox"/>	Currently enrolled <input type="checkbox"/>
Completed <input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled for future <input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled for future <input type="checkbox"/>
	Completed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Last day of classes 2009/2010 school year (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____

First day of classes 2010/2011 school year (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____

High school graduation date, actual or expected (mm/yyyy): ____/____

Authorization:

I understand the terms to qualify for the scholarship, and that I must be an employee in good standing during the entire summer season.

Employee's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (If employee is 18 or younger)

Date

Manager's Signature

Date

For office use only

Current season start date: _____ Current season end date: _____

Current season's scholarship amount: _____ Previous scholarship total to be carried forward: _____

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Wildlife Safari

2010 Scholarship Program

The Henry Doorly Zoo and Wildlife Safari Scholarship Program is designed to accomplish two goals:

1. Assist outstanding employees with the expense of their college education.
2. Ensure that both the Zoo and Wildlife Safari are able to maintain adequate staffing levels during the busiest months.

The scholarship program is comprised of two types of awards: General Zoo Scholarships and Merit Zoo Scholarships. Descriptions of both scholarships, including criteria to be met and award amounts, are outlined below.

General Zoo Scholarships

General Zoo Scholarships are available for any employee in our guest service departments with the exception of full time supervisors and other management. To earn a General Zoo Scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be available to work within 5 days of your final class date in the spring and remain available to work until 5 days prior to your first day of class in the fall.
- You must work a minimum number of hours between March 23, 2010 and October 4, 2010. If you are under 16 years of age as of March 23, 2010, you must work a minimum of 150 hours. If you are 16 or older as of March 23, 2010, you must work a minimum of 275 hours.

If you meet these requirements and remain employed or terminate your employment in good standing as per the termination section of the employee handbook, you will earn a \$250 General Scholarship.

Merit Zoo Scholarship

In addition to the General Zoo Scholarships, a limited number of Merit Zoo Scholarships will be awarded. To earn a Merit Zoo Scholarship, you must complete the following requirements:

- Applicants must qualify for the General Zoo Scholarship.
- Complete the Merit Zoo Scholarship application.
- A 500 word essay including why you feel you are a good candidate for the Merit Zoo Scholarship, the name of the institution which you plan to attend, subject of study and activities you are involved with both in school and otherwise. (To be submitted with the Merit Application form.)
- Two letters of reference from outside the work place. (To be submitted with the Merit Application form.)

Merit Zoo Scholarships will be awarded by our scholarship committee based on criteria listed above and the **Employee Performance Evaluation**. \$ 250-1000

Merit Zoo Scholarships will be awarded at the sole discretion of the scholarship committee. In addition, the scholarship committee will have sole discretion in determining the number and amount of Merit Zoo Scholarships.

Award Conditions

- Scholarship awards may only be used for tuition, fees and books at an accredited institution of higher education or technical college.
- Students awarded a scholarship will be notified by mail. The notification will include instructions on how to claim scholarship awards. Please note: 2010 scholarship award money will not be available until notification letters are sent in December 2010.
- For students who are scheduled to graduate from high school after Spring 2011, scholarships are accrued by the Zoo and will be paid upon enrollment in an accredited institution following your graduation. The scholarship must be claimed within one year of your high school graduation date or the award will be forfeited.
- For students graduating from high school in the spring of 2010 or earlier, scholarships must be claimed within one year of the award notification or the award will be forfeited.

Scholarship Applications must be received by July 30, 2010.