

Playing the College Game

Winning Admissions and Scholarships...for God's Glory! - By Ann & Christi Dunagan

For many homeschooling students, a future college degree may be necessary to fulfill God's purposes; yet the process of admissions and financial aid can be daunting. As a family, the Dunagans have coached their first three totally-homeschooled graduates to successful college admissions and scholarship success. Taking advantage of the unique freedoms of home education, they emphasize leadership, individual strengths, international community service, CLEP exams, scholarship competitions, and community college dual-enrolment. And so far, (by God's grace and through a growing process of faith) their mission-minded family has earned over \$250,000 in college scholarships and funding . . . for God's glory!

Encouragement for the Long-Haul -

My "fears" about HS high school

Facing the wall – again – running another marathon

The JOYS of Homeschooling high school – discipleship, partnership/friendship, family,

Training Teens On-Target – Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship..."

The Long-term goal – it's not SAT scores, or college success, or achieving financial success, but glorifying God for eternity

Different Options

Apprenticeships – example – the Harris Family, Encouraging Homemaking

Ministry Training – Bible Schools, Missions, Master's Commission, YWAM

On-line Education – Accelerated Distance Learning – College Plus!

Preparing for College – Homeschool FREEDOM to follow God's long-term plans

- CLEP exams - Dual enrollment – high school and community college
- Community Service and leadership – goal of 1000 hours int'l emphasis
- The benefits of scholarships – communication skills, leadership
- See it as a GAME – with strategy (How to Go to College for FREE)
- Putting together a good presentation package – looking good on paper
- Writing powerful essays – Setting goals – and moving forward
- The faith dimension – praying for God's provision – giving - trust

Recommended Resources:

- Simultaneous Enrollment – community college & high school
- Credit limits eligibility for 4-year college freshman scholarships
- GED . . . or not

CLEP Exams:

- David and Laurie Callahan <http://www.clepclasses.com/students.htm#article>
- CLEP study guides http://www.finishcollegefast.com/clep_products.htm
- REA CLEP books <http://www.rea.com/groups.cfm?group=0878919015>
- DIVE – CLEP algebra prep <http://www.diveintomath.com/detail.aspx?ID=6935>

Accelerated Distance Education

- Recommended Book Accelerated Distance Learning – by Brad Voeller
- College Plus! (coaching) <http://www.collegeplus.org>

Transcript and Admission Help

- Homeschool Legal Defense Association – excellent links for post high school info <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/after.asp>
- Transcript helps <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>

SAT Preparation

- College Board (CLEP, SAT) <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- SAT Prep book The official SAT Study Guide
- Standard Deviant SAT Prep http://www.sdlearn.com/SATPrep_s/11.htm

Scholarships

- Hslda list <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/docs/Competitions.asp>
- How to Go to College (Almost) for FREE! – By Ben Kaplan
- The Scholarship Coach <http://www.scholarshipcoach.com>
- General help <http://www.fastweb.com>

Our personal family favorites:

- VFW Voice of Democracy – Patriot’s Pen – Patriotic Art
- American Legion High School Oratorical Competition
- America’s Junior Miss Scholarship Program (for high school juniors - girls)
- Elks National Foundation Scholarship (all around – financial need)
- The Coca-Cola Scholarship (all around)
- Target All-Around Scholarship
- The Sam Walton Community Scholarship (local all-around)
- Also – check your local stores, community college, banks, insurance companies, memberships, alumni associations