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Seize the opportunity! That's exactly what the scholarships I received for the 2008-2009 academic year have enabled me to do. The scholarships sponsored by many gracious donors have allowed me to dream big and take advantage of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities because they have alleviated much of the stress associated with funding a college education.

The scholarship applications also provided an opportunity for personal growth and development of my career plans. The essay questions helped me identify my strengths, future academic and career goals, and interest areas within the field of nutrition which was especially important this year as I began to develop my post-graduation plans.

Through my experience, I found that setting aside a few extra hours each week to work on at least one scholarship application made the process a little less overwhelming. Additionally, it was helpful to set a goal to complete one application each week. Most of the applications require letters of recommendation, thus it is important to establish a relationship with several faculty members who can comment on your academic performance, leadership potential, or other outstanding qualities you may have. Sometimes you don't have to look very far to find scholarship opportunities as the College of CFS and each academic department have quite a large listing of scholarships that are available to CFS students.

I was fortunate to receive funding from all five of the scholarships for which I applied, thus my experience demonstrates that advanced planning and time management can have tremendous benefits when applying to scholarships!

Scholarships received by year:

2008-2009

- Amelia Earhart Scholarship
- Maple Leaf Farms Scholarship
- Purdue Class of 1937 Scholarship
- Gladys E. Vail Kappa Omicron Nu Scholarship
- National Dairy Promotion and Research Board Scholarship

2007-2008

- Gail Heider Memorial Scholarship

2006-2007

- Betty Nelson Skilled Leader Award

2005-2006

- David DeCarlo Memorial Scholarship
- Vera T. Schneider Scholarship
- Greene County Homemaker's Scholarship
- Greene County Sheriff's Scholarship
- Fairborn High School Student Congress Leadership Scholarship