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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - In spite of cuts in federal aid to students and the rising cost of financing an education, students at Youngstown State University can still find help financing their academic careers.

Financial aid is awarded in four basic forms: scholarships, grants, loans and part-time employment. Depending on the needs of the individual student, the award may include any, several, or all of the four basic forms. During the 1984 school year, approximately 8,500 students received some type of financial help at YSU.

William Collins, director of YSU's Scholarships/Financial Aid office, reports the university now awards \$13 million in aid, grant, loans, work and scholarships annually to its students. Scholarship awards account for approximately \$1.75 million of that total.

Financial aid, which is based on need, is computed on the basis of the cost of education minus the estimated family/student contribution. At YSU, the annual family income of students receiving such aid ranges from \$5,000-35,000.

Grants and scholarships range from \$100-2,500, excluding athletic and ROTC scholarships, which can cover significantly more of the educational costs.

Neither grants nor scholarships have to be repaid by the student.

Grants are usually awarded on the basis of financial need but may also consider other factors, such as academic and leadership ability, and participation in campus and community activities.

Scholarships are generally awarded for academic ability, regardless of need.

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Educational loans are available from federal, state and university programs and usually have low interest rates with extended repayment periods.

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey, president of YSU, said the university is committed to the outstanding academic scholar as evidenced by its extensive scholarship offerings. He recently announced establishment of the "Outstanding Scholars Awards" for National Merit finalists who attend YSU. These are \$1,500 for Ohioans and \$2,500 for non-residents annually and are renewable up to three additional years.

Collins, director of Scholarship/Financial Aids, said that many of YSU's scholarships come from area businesses, civic and religious groups, as well as private individuals. "We're pleased with the number of private donors at YSU, and the number is on the increase," he said.

The YSU Foundation is the largest private donor with yearly scholarships ranging from \$165-1,200, based on the grade point average for the undergraduate, and class rank and ACT scores for incoming freshmen.

The Army ROTC scholarships, competitive-based on ability, not on income, now include "Gold Bar" scholarships which are offered to sophomores.

Referring to YSU's scholarship program, Collins said, "Dollar for dollar, it is probably one of the finest in the country."

He urges all students to apply for financial aid, regardless of their financial standing. "Students owe it to themselves and to their parents to take a look at what is available to defray the cost of education," he said. "If they don't apply, they will never know."

Students interested in applying for financial aid should secure the necessary forms from the Scholarships/Financial Aid Office in Jones Hall. All forms must be completed and returned to the office prior to April 1 to be considered for financial aid for the academic year beginning the following Fall Quarter. Completed forms received after April 1 will be considered and funded only if appropriate funds are available.

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Collins also said that students should check with their major departments on scholarships awarded in specific academic areas.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Carol E. Franken, coordinator of the office of Geriatric Medicine/Gerontology at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, and an instructor of gerontology in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at Youngstown State University, has been selected as a gerontological counseling trainee for the Midwest Region of the American Association for Counseling and Development.

She is one of 60 AACD members chosen nation-wide to participate in this quality training program. The workshop is a one-year project funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging. Following her training, Mrs. Franken will conduct workshops for practicing counselors on gerontological counseling in her geographic area.

Mrs. Franken received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education, both from Youngstown State University. She is married to John F. Franken, risk manager of the City of Youngstown. They have four children and six grandchildren.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Area high schools have been invited to send teams of students to participate in the seventh annual "Physics Olympics" to be held April 13 at the Youngstown State University campus.

Last year 18 high schools from throughout the district participated in this event, including 3 first timers.

"Physics Olympics" is a competitive event for high school physics/science clubs and is sponsored by the Physics and Astronomy Department of YSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

To help defray costs, each team will be charged a \$10 entry fee. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.

Parents as well as teachers are welcome to attend, observe and cheer their student team.

In addition to trophies for the top three high schools and medals for the top three individuals in each event, certificates will be awarded to other leaders. There also will be a number of special prizes, such as equipment and publications.

"Physics Olympics" events include the Fermi Quiz, in which the teams are asked questions in physics which require a fast, rough estimate of a quantity; the "Flying Machine" in which competitors will execute accuracy launches; building the biggest "House of Cards"; an egg drop from a rooftop, and other contests and quizzes.

Each school may enter one team consisting of four to 12 students in the "Olympics" competition, which will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Stephen Hanzely,
professor of physics and astronomy at (216) 742-3617.

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NOTE: A list of schools entering teams and times and locations of events will
be mailed after the registration deadline.