

## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS The University of Alabama

The Rhodes Scholarships were established in 1903 by Cecil Rhodes, who dreamed of improving the world through the diffusion of leaders motivated to serve their contemporaries, trained in the contemplative life of the mind, and broadened by their acquaintance with one another and by their exposure to cultures different from their own. Mr. Rhodes hoped that his plan of bringing able students from throughout the English-speaking world and beyond to study at Oxford University would aid in the promotion of international understanding and peace.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to students who want to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in public service. Each year 75-80 awards are given, and winners are provided with leadership training, graduate school counseling and internship opportunities with federal agencies.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields.

The All-USA College Academic Team honors full-time undergraduates who not only excel in scholarship but also extend their intellectual abilities beyond the classroom to benefit society. Criteria include grades, academic rigor, leadership, activities and most important, the student's essay describing his or her most outstanding intellectual endeavor done while in college.

The purpose of the Javits program is to carry out a coordinated program of scientifically based research, demonstration projects, innovative strategies, and similar activities designed to build and enhance the ability of elementary and secondary schools to meet the special educational needs of gifted and talented students. The major emphasis of the program is on serving students traditionally under represented in gifted and talented programs, particularly economically disadvantaged, limited English proficient, and disabled students, to help reduce the serious gap in achievement among certain groups of students at the highest levels of achievement

Two Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships in the amount of \$15,000 will be awarded to young poets through a national competition sponsored by the Poetry Foundation, publishers of POETRY magazine. Established in 1989 by the Indianapolis philanthropist Ruth Lilly, the Fellowships are intended to encourage further study of and practice in writing poetry. Students must be American citizens under thirty years old and must not have published a collection of poetry or had one accepted for future publication. The Fellowship winners are announced early in the Fall

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings scholarship program is designed to: (1) increase undergraduate training in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education and foster multidisciplinary training opportunities; (2) increase public understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere and improve environmental literacy; (3) recruit and prepare students for public service careers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other natural resource and science agencies at the federal, state and local levels of government; and (4) recruit and prepare students for careers as teachers and educators in oceanic and atmospheric science and to improve scientific and environmental education in the United States.

The Portz Fund is named in honor of John and Edythe Portz. Dr. John Portz was one of the founders of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Each year the NCHC gives three Portz Awards. These Portz Scholars are chosen from the national pool of Honors students of which each institution may submit only one entry. A \$250 stipend is awarded at the presentation of their papers at the NCHC conference. In order to qualify for this award, students must write a paper in either Arts & Sciences, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Creative Arts & Writing, or Interdisciplinary.

In October 2000, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of Seattle, Washington, USA announced a donation to the University of Cambridge of \$210 million to establish the Gates Cambridge Trust. This benefaction creates in perpetuity an international scholarship program to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. The Trustees are required to award scholarships on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others.