

# The Adult Learner Connection

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## Think Again Scholarship Amount Increased

**Columbus State's Think Again scholarships  
can change  
your thinking about college.  
And change your life!**

If you are an adult, age 25 or over who wants to attend college for the first time or who wants to give college another try,

... you may be eligible for a \$3,500 in Think Again scholarships.

The scholarships have been extended this year. Students can now apply for \$1,500 in scholarships their first year, then renew it for \$2,000 the second year.

- To qualify, you must first apply to Columbus State Community College (<https://secure.csc.edu/application/default.asp>).
- The next step is to complete the [Think Again scholarship application](http://www.csc.edu/THINKAGAIN/applications.html) available online (<http://www.csc.edu/THINKAGAIN/applications.html>) and at numerous college offices.
- Then submit the application to the Financial Aid Office before the First Friday of your first quarter at Columbus State.



All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.

**Orison Swett Marden**

# Good as Gold Program Changes to “Audit-Only”

The “Good as Gold” program is changing beginning July 27—the first day of Autumn Quarter 2009 registration. The change involves enrollment in credit courses, which will now be on an audit-only basis. Formerly, Good as Gold students were able to take courses for credit.

All students who have participated in the program since Spring Quarter 2008 have been sent e-mails on two separate occasions explaining the changes.

As a community service, Columbus State Community College offers senior citizens who are 60 years old or older the opportunity to enroll in credit courses for self-enrichment tuition free, on a space available basis **for audit “R” only**.

To register for credit courses, senior citizens who are 60 years old or older and who have been certified as eligible for the Good as Gold Educational Program pay the one-time, non-refundable \$50 matriculation fee, which covers the cost of enrolling at the college, including application and permanent record maintenance and a student identification card.

The matriculation fee will appear and be due for the academic quarter in which the student initially registers for a course, even if the class is dropped by the student or cancelled by Columbus State.

Good as Gold participants are responsible for payment of lab fees, books, instructional supplies, parking permits and any additional educational expenses required of other students.

Student rates to concerts and activities are available to Good as Gold students. Financial aid is not available for Good as Gold registration, as courses are taken for audit “R” only, and students cannot enroll for courses granting academic credit and audited Good as Gold courses during the same term.

For information regarding the Good as Gold Educational Program and to make an appointment, please call (614) 287-5538.

# Test Taking Strategies

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Take the guess work out of successful test-taking techniques. Read below for tips on improving your test-taking skills.

**Complete Daily Assignments** – A key to test preparation is staying up-to-date on class material. Read assigned material, review class notes, and complete homework assignments on a regular basis. Your mind is able to absorb more material over a longer time period.

**Make a Review Schedule** – Map out a review schedule a couple of weeks before a big test. Divide the material you need to review into 20-30 minute study sessions. A couple of days before a test, ask the instructor about any material that is still confusing to you.

**Use Your Learning Style** - If you are a visual learner, use flashcards, notes, and study guides. If you are a verbal learner, study with a partner, recite key information outloud, and access audio versions of texts. If you are a kinesthetic learner, study while working out, participate in field trips or other hands on learning activities, use gestures and motions to reinforce key material. To find out what your primary learning style is visit: <http://www.personal.psu.edu/bxb11/LSI/LSI.htm>

**Get Consistent Sleep, Eat a Healthy Breakfast, and Avoid Caffeine and Alcohol** – Memory and attention span are closely tied to overall energy level. If your body is sleep deprived, your memory and reasoning skills will be compromised. Caffeine and alcohol alter your attention and recall ability.

**Read ALL Directions Before You Begin the Test** - Don't begin answering questions until you have read the directions carefully. Students often receive lower grades by overlooking key directions such as: show math answer in reduced terms or write answers in complete sentences.

For more study skills information visit:

<http://www.csc.edu/counseling/workshops.htm>.



# **The Ohio Benefits Bank Can Help...** **Help is available for children, seniors and families**

*Adapted from OBB brochure “Feel Like You’re Drowning? The Ohio Benefit Bank Can Help”*

Applying for work support benefits and filing your taxes can be confusing, time consuming and difficult. The Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB), a program offered in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, is a free service that simplifies the process, making it easier– and faster– for you to access the programs you need to feel healthy and secure.

At an OBB site, you can receive counselor assistance to check eligibility and prepare applications for work support benefits.

## **Help is available for Ohio’s Children**

*You may be eligible for programs and tax credits, such as:*

- *Child Care Subsidies*
- *Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Credit*
- *USDA Child Nutrition Programs*
- *Ohio Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)*
- *Health Coverage*

## **Help is Available for Ohio’s Seniors**

*Find out at a local Benefit Bank site if you are eligible for:*

- *Medicare Rx Extra Help*
- *Senior Community Service Employment Program*
- *Golden Buckeye*
- *Medicare Savings Program*

## **Help is Available for Ohio’s Families**

*Find out in minutes if you qualify for:*

- *Food Assistance (Food Stamp) Program*
- *Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)*
- *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*
- *Health Coverage*
- *Cash Assistance*

***Since the program's inception in 2006, OBB has helped more than 59,000 Ohioans claim more than \$85 million in tax credits and public benefits.***

***More than 850 OBB sites are located across Ohio. Trained counselors are available to help Ohio families find out what state and federal benefits they may be eligible for. These volunteers will help you fill out all necessary applications—in one location— making access to these valuable benefits easier and maximizing the benefits available to you. Note that there are several OBB sites near the downtown area including:***

**FIRSTLINK**

195 North Grant Avenue  
Columbus, OH  
main: 614-221-6766  
appointments: 2-1-1

**Broad Street United Methodist Church**

501 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH  
614-221-4571

**The Ohio Benefit Bank Direct Service Center**

51 North High Street  
Suite 150  
Columbus, OH  
800.648.1176

Some OBB locations require an appointment. Plan to meet with an Ohio Benefit Bank Counselor soon, so that you can take advantage of the opportunities available to you through this extensive resource. For general questions, call 1-800-648-1176. The Ohio Benefit Bank website is [www.OBB.ohio.Gov](http://www.OBB.ohio.Gov).



## **Monster College Advantage**

**WHO:** *All incoming first-year students*

**WHAT:** *“Monster College Advantage” is a dynamic and energetic presentation that will help students own their college experience and achieve the best possible result from their time here on campus – a degree and a great career.*

*Topics covered include:*

The importance of setting SMART goals

A unique and powerful approach to time-management

Why strong academic performance may be more important than ever

How to use credit appropriately

*An inside look at employer interview strategies*

Protecting your identity and avoiding identity theft

*....These are just some of the topics that will be discussed..*

**WHERE:** *Nestor Hall east lounge*

**WHEN:** September 28th 12-1 pm: **Monster College Advantage**

**and 2-3 pm Ultimate Money Skills**

**WHY:** *Columbus State cares about the success of its students. We are committed to providing an environment that supports the academic and personal success of all students, while ensuring a smooth transition into this new stage of their lives. Please join us in our efforts to support these students and this program.*

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## HELPFUL WEBSITES



[www.back2college.com](http://www.back2college.com) - Articles featuring adult learners, forums for adult learners and also resources and scholarship information.

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/> - Provides information to assist with career choice, including education needed, earnings, job outlook, and what workers do on the job.

<http://www.columbuslibrary.org/> - Information on resources available through Columbus Public Libraries including locations, the catalog, job help center, story times, computer classes, etc.

<http://csccl/Counseling/acdadv/TP101.html> - Transfer Planning 101 Modules. Includes Associate of Arts and Science degree requirements, Transfer guides to Four-Year colleges, Degree Audit, resources for Undecided students.

<http://www.csccl.edu/athletics/housing.html>—A list of apartments compiled by the Office of Student Activities at the Columbus State Community College.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - A comprehensive resource for local scholarships and college-specific scholarships.

<http://www.fortyplusoh.org/> - A job search training organization for experienced professional of all ages who are actively seeking better career opportunities. Through classes and workshops, you will learn how to fully realize your potential and compete through networking, the job application process, interviewing and negotiating.

[www.opportunity.gov](http://www.opportunity.gov) - New educational opportunities for unemployed workers.

<http://www.sosmath.com/> - a free resource for math review from Algebra to Differential equations.

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**The awareness of the ambiguity of one's highest achievements (as well as one's deepest failures) is a definite symptom of maturity.**

**- Paul Tillich**

The **Adult Learner Connection** is a creation of Advising Services / Laura Huston-Hoburg, Counselor at Columbus State Community College. For more information please call 287-5023, or stop by Aquinas Hall, room 116.