CATCHING THE DREAM SCHOLARSHP

NOTICE: On October 15, 2015, the CTD Board reduced the number of scholarships students are required to apply to from 50 to 10. We continue, however, to urge students to find all the scholarship money they can get, so they finish college with no debt. "We Beg, Plead and Implore" We need more applicants to apply for our scholarships.

We want you to apply for our three scholarships--MESBEC, NALE, and TBM. One application is all you need; we will determine which scholarship to put you in.

We do not have enough applicants, and have not had enough for a few years. Consequently we have been awarding scholarships to 95% of applicants. We encourage you to apply, even if you have already finished high school and are ready to start to college. If you are going to be a freshman in college this coming year, you can win scholarships this coming year to pay for your sophomore, junior, and senior years. If you are a high school senior this year, you can win scholarships to pay your way all the way through college.

Our leading scholarship winner was Isaiah Rodriguez from Laguna Pueblo. He came to us eight years ago and wanted to go to college, even though he was a five-year dropout. With our help he found 102 scholarships and won 70 of them. Google "Indian Country Today Media Network," Isaiah Rodriguez" to see his story.

So you can win enough scholarship money to attend any college in the nation, and leave debt free.

Go to our website and read the article "How to Find and Win Scholarships." Then do your scholarship search and send your list to us. The website is <u>www.catchingthedream.org</u>. The e-mail to send it to is <u>CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com</u>.

Next, print the application packet and use the essay outline to write your essay and send it to me for a critique. We helped Isaiah move his essay from a C- level to an A level, which is what you need to win. Do not send out a C- essay. You will write a five-page essay. When it is done, and you have it to the A level, you will write a two-page essay, and then a one-page essay. Those three will meet the requirements of 85-90% of the scholarships.

You will have your first application deadline in October. Your last one will be April 30. So high school seniors this coming year will want to have their scholarship essays ready by September.

You can call, write, fax, and e-mail us any time. My cell phone is (505) 553-8435, 8:00 am until midnight.

Let us hear from you immediately. And please get your library to order our book "Reading for College," attached. If you are not reading at least two books a week, START NOW.

Take the ACT or SAT as soon as you can and send us your scores, both raw and percentiles.

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