

## More money this year for Ohlone scholarships

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Staff writer

This semester, the Ohlone Foundation will provide students with even more opportunities for scholarships than the previous year. Last semester, \$4,300 was awarded with still more money available.

"More [scholarships] were posted online but nobody claimed them," said Foundation Assistant Thomas Hsu. Only 12 of the 18 awarded were retained.

Since last semester, the dollar amount has risen from \$8,000 to \$10,000. "There are a lot of opportunities. People just have to apply; it's not that hard," said Hsu.

Although all of the scholarships have slightly different requirements, they all oblige the applicant to write a one-page, double-spaced 12-font letter about why they should

be awarded the money.

In this letter, the applicant should discuss what they intend to do with the money, what their educational goals are and how it will benefit them. "If they're in financial trouble, describe that. It's also good to talk about community involvement," added Hsu.

Hsu explained that community involvement shows a willingness to go out of one's way to do something good with one's life.

The writing doesn't have to be eloquent as "we're looking to get to know the person. It does help to get it proofread to show you didn't just type something up in five minutes and toss it in an envelope," said Hsu.

Hsu said that last semester all the winning student applicants mentioned goals - "it looks good when you have something you're

shooting for."

The money for scholarships comes from individual donations with a good portion from endowments. Not all scholarships require that students sign up for financial aid.

Several scholarships and requirements include:

**Abe & Hannah Hoher Memorial Scholarship (\$500)** - Students must be enrolled full-time (12 units). Students must also have a 3.0 or greater and demonstrate need through financial aid.

**Nummi Citizens Scholarship (\$500)** - Students must have at least 6 units, a GPA of 2.5 or greater and show evidence of campus or community involvement.

**EOPS Scholarship (\$150)** - Must be enrolled in EOPS, carry at least 9 units with a 2.0 or higher and have three counselor contacts.

**ASOC Leadership Scholarship (\$500)** - Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, two letters of recommendation and must be involved with the college community. A few examples include: club officer, tutor, club founder, community service, etc.

**Luvett Music Scholarship (\$500)** - Student must be a declared music major, have a 3.0 or higher, be enrolled as a full-time student and have a letter of recommendation from an Ohlone faculty member.

The deadline to apply for all scholarships, except two, is April 30. The Raza Day Scholarship application is due April 25 while the Anne E. Golseth Excellence in Student Leadership Award is due April 27.

The Raza Day Scholarship is awarded to students who have helped the Latino/Chicano com-

munity through activism and other charity works. La Raza is Spanish for "the race" and colloquially refers to Latinos as a whole.

The Anne E. Golseth Award is the largest of the scholarships with a \$750 value. For the award, the student applicant must have a valid ASOC ID card, have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and be enrolled in 12 units or have 30 completed units. The award is the highest leadership honor Ohlone offers to students.

The scholarships available for Ohlone students are not as hard to obtain as many people think, according to Hsu.

Students may print out an application from the Ohlone scholarship website and turn the completed form in to the financial aid office.

For further information, visit the scholarship web site at [www.ohlone.edu/org/scholarships](http://www.ohlone.edu/org/scholarships).

## Testosterone, not politics

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and the state collectively owned slaves in order to regulate their use by citizens. And obviously the Persian army didn't employ giant ogres and I doubt they imported white rhinos to kamikaze the enemy. White rhinos are the friendliest of rhinos, after all.

None of the twisting is really meant to make America look good or make the East look evil. For one thing, the pagan and Zoroastrian Persia of 480 BCE isn't a particularly good parallel to the modern Islamic Iran or the greater Middle East, let alone the East as a whole. Nor is Sparta a particularly good analogue to the Christian and secular states of the modern West.

All the twisting is meant to highlight the Battle of Thermopylae as

an example of bravery in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. This is why the sizes of the armies in the movies are exaggerated. In reality, the Spartans had more than 6,500 Arcadians, Corinthians, Thebans and other Greeks to help them. The Persians had 200,000 soldiers in total. Still a major discrepancy, but hardly the 300 versus the "thousand nations of the Persian Empire" as seen in the movie.

The point of the movie is the heroism, sacrifice and, quite frankly, tons of disturbingly pretty bloodshed. The colors of the film highlight this, the portrayal of the armies highlights this and even the portrayal of the Persian king Xerxes I as androgynous highlights this.

Looking at the film as a story

of East versus West is taking the film and the story of the battle of Thermopylae out of context. The point of the movie is not politics or education. The first point of the movie is to entertain, the second is to get your adrenaline pumping and the third is to show a lot of stylized blood splatters. If politics is in there, it is very low on the list of the film's priorities.

After all, the epitaph at Thermopylae for the Spartans doesn't say anything about their enemies. The story's focus is and should always be on the Spartans themselves and their bravery unto death.

The epigram written by Simonides of Ceos reads, "Stranger! To Sparta say, her faithful band / Here lie in death, remembering her command."

## Don't forget to act locally when thinking globally

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and it's not what is happening in the real world. Of course the publishing world is changing, and there may come a day when newspapers are published primarily online. When that happens, the Monitor will change too.

Another reason for continuing the print version is that it is the traditional news-on-paper final product that propagates objective news journalism, which is seen less and less in today's society, plagued by the confusing clash of

ideas sent to us by televised and internet media.

Also, the Monitor prints 2,500 copies of each issue, just enough to reach interested students. We end up throwing away no more than 150 copies from each issue, and nearly run out on some issues. Waste is at a minimum. And we recycle.

As to the topics we address in our Opinions section of the newspaper, they vary in their relative "importance" and, as they are the opinions of the individual writers that write them, cannot go through a sanction-

ing process. There will always be additional matters of subjectively greater importance, and we urge that readers submit letters to arrange to have their own opinions expressed in the Monitor. If you would like to submit an opinion piece to be considered for publication in the Monitor, you need only email us at [Monitor@ohlone.edu](mailto:Monitor@ohlone.edu). It is a great opportunity to share your observations and opinions with others.

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