



Richland One Student Named Horatio Alger National Scholar

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Richland One Middle College senior Aaron G. Fountain, 2010 Horatio Alger National Scholar

Richland One Middle College senior Aaron G. Fountain has been named a 2010 Horatio Alger National Scholar, an honor he shares with only 104 high school seniors in the nation.

As a recipient of this highly prestigious award, Fountain will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship, attend an all-expenses paid trip to the 2010 Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference in Washington, DC in April and have access to mentoring and other support services as he prepares for college.

Fountain has been accepted at Winthrop University where he hopes to pursue a degree in United States history and eventually become a history professor.

As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others. To be eligible college-bound seniors must be in financial need, have a minimum 2.0 grade average, have a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution and be involved in community activities. Fountain has overcome personal challenges to excel and volunteers regularly at Goodwill and Harvest Hope Food Bank.

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