

# Scholarship Management Services

A Division of Scholarship America®



We Design and Manage Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Programs

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## Global Scholarship Management

From Canada to Costa Rica and Ireland to India, lives can be changed through scholarships that assist in providing a pathway to postsecondary education. In 2011, Scholarship Management Services (SMS) administered global scholarship programs that enabled students in over 80 countries to apply for and receive scholarship assistance. [Read More.](#)

### SMS ADVANTAGE

SMS recognizes the importance of education in the workplace and, more importantly, the return on investment realized by companies offering talent development options to their employees. SMS provides a comprehensive package as part of our Talent Advantage Program<sup>SM</sup>. Our broad range of products and services complement your talent development needs and efficiently manage your investment.

**Tuition Assistance** — encourage workforce development and growth to assist employee education.

**Academic Advising** — provide guidance to employees to assist them with making educational decisions.

**Experiential Learning Assessment** — turn prior learning into college credits.

**Tuition Reduction Network** — Given today's economy, saving money is important to all of us. In response to the rising costs of tuition and the need for companies and students to stretch tuition dollars, SMS has developed a Tuition Reduction Network. This is a network of schools that have partnered with SMS to provide our clients with tuition reductions and other savings. This allows our clients, particularly those providing tuition assistance to their employees, the opportunity to maximize dollars spent to support employees who are furthering their education.

### ENHANCED FEATURES FOR OUR TUITION ASSISTANCE CLIENTS

Clients that use our tuition assistance administration services have the opportunity to take advantage of the following features designed to maximize employee usage of reductions:

- Publicize reduction opportunities via web portal
- Notify employees of partnership at time of application
- Verify that employees receive reduction
- Report total dollars saved to client

For more information regarding SMS tuition assistance services, please contact [smsinfo@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:smsinfo@scholarshipamerica.org) or 800.537.4180.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

This fall, SMS will be exhibiting at regional and national shows across the country. If you're attending any of these conferences, visit us at our booth.

**Tennessee SHRM State Conference**, September 21-23 in Chattanooga, TN.

**Maryland SHRM State Conference**, October 2-4 in Baltimore, MD.

**NHRMA Annual Conference**, October 5-7 in Bellevue, WA.

**National Scholarship Providers Association Annual Conference**, October 18-21, Nashville, TN.

**HR Southwest Conference**, October 31 – November 1 in Fort Worth, TX.

**NEW—Student Resource Center** » To assist students, SMS provides a [Student Resource Center](#) that includes resources, information on financial aid and scholarships.

**Scholarship Management Services** » Over the past 35 years, Scholarship Management Services® has become the nation's preeminent administrator of education assistance programs, including scholarship, tuition assistance, and education loan programs. We understand the life-changing impact of education on our society and economy. An educated population will improve the process of our world.

### TUITION REDUCTION NETWORK SPOTLIGHT—UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Scholarship Management Services (SMS) and University of Phoenix have teamed up to offer SMS tuition assistance clients and their employees higher education opportunities. Through this relationship, employees will save between 5% (tuition reimbursement) and 7% (direct bill) on the cost of tuition when they enroll in any degree program, certificate or individual course at University of Phoenix.

#### Prior Learning Assessment

Because learning often occurs outside the classroom, employees may be eligible to turn prior training into college credit toward an associate's or bachelor's degree with Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). All fees associated with PLA are waived for SMS tuition assistance client employees.



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### FROM THE FIELD

In June, SMS surveyed companies and clients across the country to review their tuition reimbursement and talent development strategies. At a high-level, companies remain focused on the development of their employees. More than 87.1% of respondents financially support employees with their educational expenses. A link to the full survey results will be emailed soon.

## Save Time, Save Money, Change Lives.

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