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## **Governor Rell: Byrd Honors Scholarship Grant Program Available**

To help make college more affordable, Governor M. Jodi Rell today urged students to take advantage of the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2008. Please visit [www.ctdhe.org](http://www.ctdhe.org) for more information and an application.

“From the University of Connecticut to our state university system to our community-technical colleges, we want to do all we can to help make higher education more affordable for students and their families,” said Governor Rell. “This scholarship is an excellent opportunity and is available to full-time students who have completed a rigorous high school curriculum.”

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program aims to promote student excellence and achievement and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued excellence. Byrd Scholarships will be awarded to selected high school seniors for full-time study at colleges located in the United States.

Grant amounts for the 2008-2009 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program are anticipated to be \$1,500, the same as they were for 2007-2008. Awards are renewable contingent upon federal funding and the amounts may be adjusted if the recipient is receiving other federal aid and if the total aid exceeds the annual cost of attendance.

Eligibility requirements are:

- All applicants must be a legal resident of Connecticut
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien, or a national, or be in the process of applying to be a U.S. citizen
- Must receive a secondary school diploma in June 2008
- Rank in the top 2 percent of his or her class, or have a combined score of 2100 or better on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

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- Have applied or been accepted for enrollment to any accredited college in the United States

Each applicant is assigned a composite score based upon high school rank in class and SAT scores. Rank in class has a value double that of SAT scores. Applicants with the highest composite score in each county of the state are selected for scholarships.

In addition to making unprecedented K-through-12 investments, the state budget Governor Rell signed into law this year increases scholarship funds for students in public and private colleges by \$20 million – the largest increase in state history.