

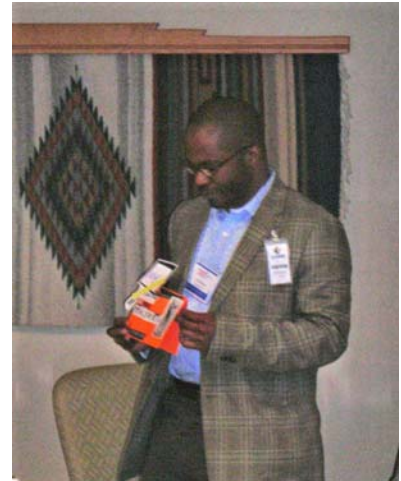
## Indianapolis Training Recap

ScholarShop recently hosted a successful coordinator training session on April 8th and 9th in Indianapolis, IN. This was the first training session to feature a shorter, two-day format and also included a panel discussion on best practices. Our guest panelists were Shirley Alexander, from Oasis of Hope Dollars for Scholars and Jim Grim, from George Washington Community School.

Twenty-two professionals attended the training session, many from organizations in the Indianapolis area and some from as far away as San Francisco and Massachusetts.

The training session was held at the offices of USA Funds®, the nation's leading education-loan guarantor. Thank you to the excellent staff of USA Funds for their assistance and for the wonderful, high-tech meeting space.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming training sessions or would like to host a training session in your area, please contact the national office at 800-248-8080, ext 486.



An attendee describes his name tag during the introduction activity.

## Spring 2008

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## Student Comments

My name is LeToya Boone and I have been ScholarShop participant since April 2007. I have really enjoyed the ScholarShop activities. I did a career interest inventory to see which career I am interested in the most. I rated high in medical, which matched exactly my career area. I plan to major in Physical Therapy. The activity "Windows of Career Interest" allowed me to research my career area in more detail.

I have also participated in other activities that have helped me get more knowledge concerning college preparation. After completing ScholarShop I feel I will be ready for college.

## College Goal Sunday Workshop

ScholarShop, in partnership with Minnesota College Goal Sunday Committee, hosted a financial aid workshop on Sunday, February 17, 2008.

Eight local families gathered to learn more about applying for financial aid and how to successfully complete the

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online form.

With funding from the Lumina Foundation for Education, The Minnesota Office of Higher Education and Minnesota Association of Financial Aid

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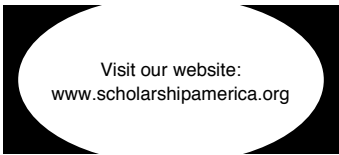
Families work to complete the FAFSA



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ScholarShop Training Attendees Graduate with Honors from the Indianapolis Training Session.



## What's New in ScholarShop

- A Fall 2008 Training Session is now being planned. The exact date and location of the two day training session is yet to be determined. Please contact the National Office today to have your site receive training information.

- All 2008-09 recertification invoices will be sent out by May 30th. Timely payment of your recertification invoice guarantees your site a discounted rate at upcoming trainings, access to the new ScholarShop

portal, three informational packs per year (contains updated resource materials, useful information and Coordinator/Student guide updates on CD).

- Success Reports can be sent in as soon as your site's current ScholarShop program is concluded. Please fax the form to 507-931-9250. A current copy of the form can be found in the Spring 2008 information pack.

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Administrators, a \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Warner, of Blue Earth.

Volunteers from Scholarship America, St. Peter High

School, Le Sueur Henderson High School, Le Sueur Dollars for Scholars, Gustavus Adolphus College and Education Finance Partners assisted families answered questions and assisted families throughout the session.

The National ScholarShop staff hopes to make this workshop an annual event.

For more information about College Goal Sunday, visit [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org)

## ScholarShop to Launch Portal

Later this summer, ScholarShop will be launching its very own portal for use by all ScholarShop coordinators and administrators.

The portal will allow sites to access a variety of ScholarShop materials without having to call the national office. Visitors will be able to locate updated ScholarShop information instantly on line. Sites need to be in good standing and current on recertification to be eligible to register.

Along with having access to updated materials, forms and other administration materials will be available.

Site staff and administrators will also be able to network with other sites and

post ideas, suggestions, questions and best practices.

Please watch your email for more information regarding the official kick-off date and how to register for the portal.

