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Scholarships: Automotive Study

Your interest in cars might lead to cash for your studies. The Automotive Hall of Fame offers more than \$20,000 in scholarships annually to students pursuing auto-related study. The organization awards several scholarships. Some of the scholarships are for a specific career field, such as automotive engineering or the automotive replacement parts industry. Other awards are more general. All applicants must be full-time students at an accredited college, university, or trade school and have a GPA above 3.0. Individual

State Representative Elly Dobbs

GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

June 4, 2009

Greetings!

The Governor has announced that the state's revenue collections are down from estimated projections and therefore he is cutting funds to state agencies by 25% for the month of June. This will result in a reduction of services to Georgia's citizens. We are all hoping that revenues will begin to increase soon.

This newsletter includes additional information which may be of interest to you. I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer.

As always, please do not forget to [contact me](#) with your views on any issue that needs to be addressed or whenever I can be of service to you.



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State launches 'Be Work Ready' program

In tough economic times, it is more important than ever for unemployed Georgians to embrace life-long learning opportunities and improve their core job skills. Gov. Perdue recently announced the launch of Be Work Ready, a program designed to help unemployed Georgians jump start their job search, develop confidence and gain a competitive advantage in the job market.

Be Work Ready is a one-of-a-kind initiative providing unemployed Georgians a monetary incentive for either earning a Work Ready Certificate or improving their skills through free, online Work Ready skills gap training. Funding for the initiative is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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Governor calls for 25% cutback in June

Gov. Perdue has lowered the state revenue estimate again for fiscal year 2009, which ends June 30, by \$274.3 million and as a result is cutting funds to state agencies by 25 percent during the month of June.

scholarship requirements vary, but all applicants must write a statement explaining their interest in automotive work and their career goals. Financial need is considered for most scholarships. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than June 1. For more information or for application materials, write to the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124 (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope); call 313-240-400 0.

More information...

Due to continued revenue decreases every month, the governor said the estimated income for this year is just over \$18.6 billion, as opposed to the \$18.9 billion amended budget for FY 2009 passed during this year's legislative session.

The 25 percent cut in expenditures will likely cause a severe reduction in services by many state agencies this month.

Stimulus weatherization dollars from GEFA

On May 12, 2009, GEFA submitted comprehensive application packages to the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) for funding through the State Energy Program (SEP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). GEFA expects to receive plan approval and preliminary funding allocations from USDOE no sooner than July 12, 2009.

For those wishing to apply for funding through the State Energy Program, please note that GEFA will not release program guidance and application forms until USDOE has approved the comprehensive application.

GEFA's Web site has been updated to reflect the information included in the application packages, including copies of the actual applications submitted to USDOE and an overview of the spending plan for the State Energy Program. [Click here to access that information.](#)

City of Atlanta budget hearings scheduled

The City Council is preparing to vote on the FY 2010 balanced budget as proposed by Mayor Shirley Franklin, which also includes a 3.0 millage rate increase, on June 22, 2009. Prior to that date there will be a series of public hearings held in the Atlanta City Council Chambers (located at City Hall, 55 Trinity Avenue, SW) where you will have an opportunity to voice your concerns, thoughts and suggestions. The meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday June 4 at 9.00 am
Thursday June 11 at 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

[FY 2010 City of Atlanta Budget Document](#)

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Georgia Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.state.ga.us/>

Careers.ga.gov: <https://www.careers.ga.gov/careersLocations.asp>

AJC Jobs - Atlanta listings: <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/job-search-I-Atlanta-GA-m-0?partner=ajcjobs>

SimplyHired - Atlanta listings: <http://www.simplyhired.com/a/jobs/list/I-Atlanta%2C+GA>

CNN - Job Hunting articles and resources:
<http://money.cnn.com/news/specials/jobs/index.html>

June 12 television transmission deadline information

I-Zone-3 Technologies Inc. has been contracted by the FCC to provide FREE

support to anyone having difficulty setting up their new HDTV set top box that will replace normal TV transmissions on the June 12, 2009.

FREE technical support to is offered to people finding difficulty setting up their set top digital television boxes. I-Zone-3 will send out a technician to anyone's house to help set up their desktop box and video recording equipment ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE.

Anyone having difficulty in setting up their set top box can call 770-997-9131 for this assistance.

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