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## Pay for School in 2016: Fastweb's Recommendations for Students in the New Year

Chicago, IL (January 5, 2016) – As 2016 begins, Fastweb (<a href="www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>), the leading website for scholarship and financial aid information and a member of the Monster.com network, recommends two significant actions students should take in the new year as they focus on paying for school.

**Apply for Scholarships**: The new year presents exciting scholarship opportunities for all students to find more ways to pay for school. In <u>Fastweb's 2016 Scholarships</u> article, they have shown several of the many valuable opportunities open now. High School focused scholarships such as the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Science Competition with awards between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and the Optimist International Oratorical Contest with an award of \$2,500 are excellent examples. Graduate opportunities, such as the Swann Foundation Fellowship award of \$15,000, are also available and open now. Students should apply now for scholarships that match their interest and academic goals.

"The new year is the time for students to focus on ways to pay for school and achieve their educational goals, finding and applying to scholarship opportunities is an important part of any plan", states Mark Nelson, Managing Director of Fastweb. He adds, "new opportunities are identified and added to our industry leading scholarship database on an ongoing basis, so students can benefit all year long"

**Complete the FAFSA**: The FAFSA (*free application for federal student aid*) application for 2016-17, opened on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Students should fill out the application as early as possible to initiate the federal student aid process. More information about the FAFSA is available at <u>Fastweb's Everything FAFSA page</u>. Significant changes are also coming to the 2017-18 FAFSA, learn more with Fastweb's outline, <u>2017-18 FAFSA Changes: What Prior-Prior Year (PPY)</u> Means for You.

Get more information on scholarship opportunities and the FAFSA on <u>Fastweb.com</u>. All resources are available online and always at no charge.

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## About Fastweb

Fastweb, a top site in the Monster Worldwide (NYSE:MWW) network, is the nation's recognized leader in helping students pay for school, by providing scholarship and financial aid information, as well as information on jobs and internships. One out of three college-bound seniors use the site, and more than 50 million users have benefitted from Fastweb's information and services. Fastweb lets students create personalized profiles that can be matched against its expansive databases of colleges and scholarships. As the oldest and most popular free online scholarship matching service, the database has more than 1.5 million scholarships totaling over \$3.4 billion. To learn more about Fastweb, visit www.fastweb.com and follow Fastweb on social media for the latest on paying for school all year long: Twitter (at @PayingForSchool); Facebook; Pinterest; Google+.

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