

North Point High School College & Career Center Newsletter January 2023

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NEWS BRIEFS

Freshmen, Sophomores, and **Juniors** will be meeting with their school counselors in the coming weeks to review their course selections for next school year. Be prepared by reviewing your graduation tracker to see what is required to meet minimum graduation requirements. If students are considering college, please be aware that many colleges have requirements above the high school graduation requirements. For example, advanced Math classes (Pre-Calc, AP Pre-Calc, AP Stats, AP Calc) or three years of same foreign language in high school may be required by an individual college. It is the student's responsibility to know what is required for the college(s) where they plan to submit an application.

XELLO Matchmaking Activity – **All students** should use XELLO to research different career fields. The Matchmaker activity is a quick tool asking approximately 40 questions about your work habits and interests. It takes your responses and produces career fields and specific jobs that might be a good fit for you. XELLO is a free resource as part of a student's Microsoft 365 account under CLEVER apps. If you need help locating this resource, please stop by the College & Career Center (back of Student Services/Guidance office) with your laptop.

Juniors, College Board's **BigFuture Scholarships for the Class of 2024** is now open! This unique opportunity guides students through the college planning process and offers them a chance to earn money for college for each action they complete. Students are eligible regardless of income, citizenship status, GPA, or test scores. The scholarship doesn't require an essay or an application. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$40,000 and can be used for two- or four-year institutions. Register and begin today at: <u>BigFuture Scholarships Overview - BigFuture | College Board</u>

Seniors, Scholarship Saturday – a workshop to help locate scholarships will be held Saturday, February 4th from 9am – 11:30am. Space is limited so register now at <u>https://forms.office.com/r/SH93PiLeHQ</u>

Juniors and Seniors –On Wednesday, March 1st from 8am-11:15am, NPHS will conduct an ASVAB testing for any interested Junior or Senior. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) helps identify which careers you qualify for. It does NOT bind you in any way to joining the military. As a reminder, if a student is going to use their score for enlistment, the military will pull the most recent score. Two great study websites are www.march2success.com and www.asvab-prep.com Spaces are limited, so register soon at https://forms.office.com/r/8iv2puVBs8

Quick overview of Post-Secondary options and actions

- 1. Direct workforce Create a LinkedIn profile and start networking.
- 2. Military Check out <u>FUTURES Magazine Today's Military (todaysmilitary.com)</u>. Prepare for ASVAB testing. Stay in Shape.
- 3. Apprenticeships Check out info on <u>Local Unions</u>. Make sure you have your driver's license. Prepare for aptitude testing
- 4. Vocational/Trade/Private Career Schools Research different industries and schools at <u>PCS Search</u> (maryland.gov)
- 5. 2-year schools <u>College of Southern Maryland</u> is our local college, but also check out <u>Allegany College of</u> <u>Maryland</u> which has dorms and different program options.
- 6. 4-yearschools Find your fit at <u>www.bigfuture.com</u>.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)



SENIORS and Senior Parents/Guardians -Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>?

All students who are planning to attend a 4- or 2- year college, community college, technical, trade, or career school should complete the FAFSA!!! The FAFSA application opened OCTOBER 1st of last year.

Completing the FAFSA is the KEY to being considered for most types of aid. The sooner you complete the FAFSA, the better opportunity you will have to receive money to help pay for your post-secondary education.

The FAFSA helps to determine your eligibility for federal loans, grants, work-study funds, and financial aid from the state and colleges. Many colleges require the FAFSA to be completed before a student is awarded need-based and/or merit-based financial aid.

The FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. Even if you do not qualify for federal aid because you believe parents/guardians make too much money, you could still qualify for state and school aid...but you must have completed the FAFSA.

Please see the <u>FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & RESOURCES</u> listed on the next page to help you with the FAFSA.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & RESOURCES

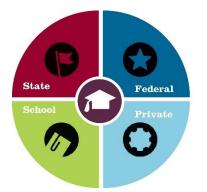
CSM Virtual Financial Aid Presentation Recording - What you need to know about Financial Aid and the FAFSA: https://ccboemdmy.sharepoint.com/personal/jcheaves ccboe com/ layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fjcheaves%5Fcc boe%5Fcom%2FDocuments%2FMeeting%20Recordings%2FCCPS%20Virtual%20Financial%20Aid%20Night%20202 2%2Emp4&ga=1 FAFSA Application for 2023/24: FAFSA.gov or https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa How to Complete the FAFSA, Documents Needed to Complete the FAFSA, Tools to Get Help **Completing the FAFSA:** https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out Creating and Using the FSA ID: https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf 2023-24 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet: (Provides a preview of questions on the FAFSA) FAFSA on the Web Worksheet, 2023-2024 (studentaid.gov) **Types of Financial Aid:** https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types How Financial Aid Works: https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid/how-aid-works How Financial Aid is Calculated: https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/how-calculated Financial Aid Video Links for several informational videos: https://csmd.financialaidtv.com/ **Federal Student Aid Resources:** https://studentaid.gov/resources **Compare Financial Aid Award Letters:** https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator •

- <u>https://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/</u>
- <u>https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/comparing-aid-offers</u>

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx

GRANTS, WORK STUDY, SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS



Sources of Financial Aid

The first source of financial aid is from the federal government through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be completed each year a student is seeking aid. The federal government provides grants, work study, and loans. Grants do not have to be paid back and typically the maximum is \$7,000 per year. Loans do need to be paid back and the maximum for first-year college students is \$5,500. The second source is the state in which a student lives and is going to school in. You must list at

least one Maryland school on your FAFSA (it is recommended to list at least one 4- year college and one twoyear college). The information from your FAFSA is sent to the Maryland Higher Education Commission. You will create a MDCAPS account which will link the information from your FAFSA. Maryland has a number of State financial aid programs that include both grants and scholarships. Another source of aid is from the school you plan on attending. Likely, the bulk of your financial aid will come from the school you plan on attending. Lastly, private sources of financial aid can include local organizations providing scholarships (which do not have to be paid back) to companies providing loans that do have to be paid back (with interest).

Types of Financial Aid

There are four main types of financial aid students can receive to help fund their education: **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS, and WORK STUDY**. Of those four options, applying for scholarships that do not have to be repaid is a priority on the college-bound student's to-do list. Few students receive scholarships unexpectedly. Maximizing your chances of receiving a scholarship requires research. Applying for scholarships can be a daunting task. However, by following some basic guidelines in applying, students can reap some valuable awards.



Scholarships

As you apply to schools, you can search for scholarships by looking at the school's website. You can also contact the school's financial aid office to find out about their scholarship opportunities. The financial aid office of prospective colleges is a great resource to find scholarships that are specific for that school. Ask about merit (academic), college specific, department specific, and non-need-based scholarship applications that may be available. Colleges differ in the number of scholarships offered, the amounts of the scholarships, the types, and the requirements for merit scholarships. **Some merit scholarships require a nomination from a school counselor or administrator before you can be considered for a particular merit scholarship. Many of these have early fall deadlines for nominations to be submitted.** Colleges offer scholarships based on talents like music, athletic abilities, and technical skills involving science and math. At some schools, freshmen are automatically considered for scholarships; other schools require students to complete additional scholarship applications. Be sure to do your research to find out how you can apply for scholarships for prospective colleges.

Local Scholarships

Applying for local scholarships through private organizations, corporations, religious organizations, unions, chambers of commerce, military, civic organizations (like the Rotary Club), or local companies is an excellent way to increase your chances of being selected for an award. Local scholarships are not as competitive as those scholarships offered at the national level through many internet database searches. Local Organizations Offering Scholarships - Charles County Public Schools (ccboe.com)

Charles County Scholarship Fund

One local source is the **Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc**. The Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides **multiple** scholarship opportunities to Charles County high school seniors. Graduating seniors who live in Charles County can apply for various local scholarships with <u>one</u> application. **The electronic online application will OPEN JANUARY 9TH and will be available on the following link!!!**

http://www.ccboe.com/ss/charles-county-scholarship-fund-inc

PRIOR to completing your application online, **PLEASE REVIEW** the following:

- Application Opens: Monday, January 9, 2023
- Application Closes: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:59 P.M. Late applications will not be accepted.
- <u>Academic Letter of Recommendation</u> The letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, school counselor or other school administrator.
- <u>Personal Letter of Recommendation</u> Must be from someone who knows you well. Can be a coach, work manager, volunteer supervisor, youth pastor, etc. (Not a parent or other family member).
- <u>Personal Statement Essay</u> Your essay is a statement regarding your academic and career objectives, goals, and aspirations. Your student statement is very important, and the Scholarship Committee relies heavily on this statement. Please include the following: What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen these goals? How do you envision making a contribution to your community after you complete your education? What impact on your community do you hope to achieve once you graduate from college?
- <u>Resume</u> The resume must include: 1. Work Experience 2. Extracurricular activities 3. Community Service activities during high school 4. Leadership positions and 5. School and Community honors and awards.
- If you want to be considered for need-based scholarships, you will need to provide a copy of your 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May/June.
- Seniors should see Mrs. Jones, NPHS College & Career Advisor, if they have any questions/concerns.

Researching Scholarships on the Internet

When researching scholarships outside your local area, scholarship information and resources are available in the Career Center / on the Career Center page of the North Point High School website, libraries, and bookstores. Publication guides providing information on scholarships and scholarship searches are also available for purchase through bookstores.

Using online scholarship databases can reveal an enormous number of scholarships for which you may be eligible to apply. Some may require an essay along with specific grade point average, gender, grade level; or ask for students who volunteer, students whose parents are in the military, or students with disabilities to name a few specifics. Recommending one particular internet scholarship matching service as the best is not possible. However, one can find many links to search for scholarships in the College and Career Center monthly newsletter. To access the Career Center page, click

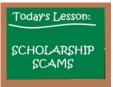
https://northpoint.ccboe.com/academics/college-and-career-center.

In conclusion, one thing is for sure. <u>YOU HAVE TO APPLY TO WIN!!!</u> Be advised that some companies may try to get you to pay for scholarship searches. Please do not fall for the scam. Most likely you will receive mail from organizations with official-sounding names that offer to find merit scholarships for you but will charge a fee. Unfortunately, these companies offer false hopes and use the student's high school as if the student has been recommended for the award. Don't fall for the "...scholarships and Honors cord offer for... \$60." Only your student's counselor or administrator can authorize honor cords to be worn at graduation ceremonies. If you have any questions, please contact the school. Do not pay for scholarship searches with all the free services available online and in the Career Center.

Here are some additional links to research scholarships, grants, and loans:

https://mhec.maryland.gov	https://scholarships.uncf.org/	
www.fastweb.com	www.blackscholarships.org	
https://studentaid.gov/	www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/	
www.studentscholarships.org	www.scholarships.com	
www.cappex.com	https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx	
http://www.chegg.com/scholarships	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college	
www.finaid.org	https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans	
www.raise.me	www.tmcf.org	
www.scholarshipamerica.org		
www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile/financial-aid.html		

www.college-scholarships.com/free-scholarship-searches/ www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx



****Avoid Scholarship Scams****

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has created a specific website to help consumers keep away from fraudulent scholarships. Visit the FTC's website for more tips: <u>www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams</u>

COLLEGE COSTS

Cost of Attendance

Costs of Attendance are *estimates* of the education expenses incurred by students during the nine-month academic year. These budgets include direct university charges (tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board) and estimates of indirect expenses (transportation, books, supplies, miscellaneous living expenses, and off-campus room and board). Off-campus cost of living expenses are determined based on the average room and board charges for the local area. These are indirect costs, not billed by the university.

Net Price Calculator

Click on this link (or copy and paste it into your browser) <u>http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/</u> This page has lots of information on financing your education. It also has a list of colleges and universities that use the College Board's Net Price Calculator. If you do not see your college listed here, go directly to your College's website. All colleges are required to either link to a net price calculator or have one directly on their website.

Have questions about Financial Aid? Check out CSM Financial Aid TV!



Or go to: <u>http://csmd.financialaidtv.com/</u>

<u>Maryland Public Television (MPT)</u> also has a website: Ways to Pay for College which provides resources and videos you can watch. Go to: <u>www.mpt.org/college</u>



<u>College Board</u> – Provides a chart where you can do a side-by-side comparison of the Financial Aid Award Letters you receive in the financial aid packages from your schools. Go to: <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-</u>

calculator

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) – Provides tools and resources to help compare financial aid offers, college costs, understand student loan options, and more. Go to: www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college

Federal Student Aid – https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/comparing-aid-offers

JANUARY GRADE LEVEL REMINDERS

9th Grade:

- Challenge yourself with advanced classes. Take different classes to explore your interests.
- Keep up your grades. Freshman year DOES count.
- Keep a list of volunteer experiences, extracurricular activities, awards, etc. to create a high school resume. A student involved is a productive student. Look on the Career Center page of the North Point High School website for a resume template.
- Think about what you want to do when you graduate from high school. Use the **XELLO** link under your Office 365 Clever App to explore careers and colleges.
- Students who took the PSAT in October should be to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home.
- Start reviewing scholarship lists. Apply to those for freshmen and you meet the criteria. Make notes of criteria for scholarships as a senior.

10th Grade:

- Challenge yourself with advanced classes.
- Keep up your grades. The number #1 factor for most scholarships is Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Expand your list of volunteer experiences, extracurricular activities, awards on your a high school resume. A student involved is a productive student. Look on the Career Center page of the North Point High School website for a resume template.
- Think about what you want to do when you graduate from high school. If you have not already, complete the XELLO Matchmaker activity using the **XELLO** link under your Office 365 Clever App to explore careers and colleges.
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- Create a diligent study plan for SAT/ACT preparation.
- Start to research different colleges. Think about what colleges might be a good fit based on different categories (such as location, size, major, activities available, etc). Continue to work on a list of possible colleges based on results from your PSAT.



11th Grade:

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- Use the resources on College Board (SAT) and ACT websites to prepare for these tests. Map out what testing
 you need for your college admissions applications. Juniors should plan to take their first SAT and/or ACT no later
 than the end of their junior year!!! This will provide you the opportunity to retake the test again at the
 beginning of your senior year. Please REGISTER for these exams EARLY and don't miss the deadlines as
 expensive late fees apply.
- Make plans to visit colleges and attend college fairs...many **VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON** ones are available!!! Be sure to register for college visits on the college's website so you have the opportunity to attend an information session and take a tour of the campus.
- Expand your list of volunteer experiences, extracurricular activities, awards on your a high school resume. A student involved is a productive student. Look on the Career Center page of the North Point High School website for a resume template.



12th Grade:

- Some colleges are still accepting applications for fall admission. Don't miss DEADLINES! Check the status of your applications to make sure the admissions office has received <u>ALL REQUIRED</u> paperwork such as test scores from testing agencies, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays submitted electronically or mailed with sufficient postage. Be assertive as paper can be lost in the process.
- The **FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid has been available to complete since October 1st! If you have not filed your FAFSA yet, please be sure to do so as soon as possible as funding is distributed as forms are processed and FINANCIAL AID CAN RUN OUT. For more information about the FAFSA and how to complete it, go to: www.fafsa.gov
- Contact your College and Career Advisor if you have questions about financial aid. Some colleges require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile for financial aid consideration. Be sure you submit the appropriate forms for your prospective colleges. The CSS/Financial Aid Profile is available to complete at: <u>https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/</u>
- Some colleges may expect to see your mid-year grades and/or transcript. Be sure to submit the mid-year report requested by your prospective colleges to your counselor. Informing admissions offices of additional information such as any accolades or awards you have received since submitting your admissions application is appropriate. You should also inform the admissions staff of any special projects or events you participated or higher SAT and/or ACT scores you have received.
- Seniors planning to attend the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) in the fall need to apply to CSM online at <u>www.csmd.edu/apply-register</u> as soon as possible so you can receive your student identification number and start receiving emails and/or text messages about what you need to do to register for classes. Seniors are required to show college readiness before they can enroll in college level classes at CSM. For more information, please visit: <u>www.csmd.edu/student-services/testing-services/placement-testing</u>



• Check the Career Center / Career Center page of the North Point High School website often for scholarship information and updates. The Career Center Newsletter and the Career Center page on the NPHS website have a monthly newsletter with a List of Scholarships. You should <u>ALWAYS</u> check this List of Scholarships <u>FIRST</u>!!! Don't forget the <u>Charles County Scholarship Fund</u> application is electronic and will be available starting <u>JANUARY 9TH, 2023</u>!



Deadline for submission is March 1, 2023.

SENIORS...Please remember to bring/email me copies of <u>ALL</u> your college acceptance letters <u>AND</u> scholarships, grants, awards, Financial Aid Award military commitments to Mrs. Jones, the College & Career Advisor!!!

PSAT/NMSQT

TESTING

Students who took the PSAT in October should be able to access their PSAT Score

Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home.

JUNIORS WHO ARE PLANNING TO APPLY TO COLLEGE DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, SHOULD TAKE THEIR 1ST ACT AND/OR SAT SPRING OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR!!!

- ✓ Students must register to take the ACT and/or SAT using the links below.
- ✓ There are 2 testing sites in Charles County Westlake High School & College of Southern Maryland. Seats are limited, REGISTER EARLY so you can reserve a seat at one of these local testing sites.
- ✓ Pay attention to DEADLINES!!!
- ✓ Students who qualify for FREE/REDUCED LUNCH, please see Mrs. Jones for a FEE WAIVER.

While most colleges are going test optional again this year for admissions, some schools are still requiring an SAT or ACT score in order to qualify for certain merit financial aid. Check with the college(s) you are interested in to see what their test optional policy is for merit based aid.

College Entrance Exams

Many colleges require scores from the ACT or SAT tests as a part of the college admissions process. Most high school students take the ACT, SAT, or both June of their junior year. If you need to raise your score, then August, September, or even October of your Senior year. Typically, these scores are just one piece of the college applications. College admissions officers will review these test scores alongside your high school GPA, the classes you took in high school, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and personal essays. How important these scores are in the college application process varies from school to school. Overall, the higher you score on the ACT and/or SAT, the more options for attending and paying for college will be available to you. Most colleges and universities will accept scores from either the SAT or ACT, and do not favor one test over the other. It is important to note that before COVID-19, the ACT was looking at offering individual section retakes (versus retaking the entire test). The best way to decide if taking the SAT, ACT, or both tests is right for you is to take a timed full-length practice test of each. No matter which test you choose, a well-structured study plan that you stick to is necessary.

FairTest: The validity of these tests as accurate indicators of college readiness and success have been debated. Add COVID-19 and many colleges have gone test-optional for admissions. This website includes institutions that are "test optional", "test flexible" or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT. Go to www.fairtest.org/university/optional

Study Resources

https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/testing-services/national-standardized-testing/ https://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/new-sat/new-sat-tips-planning/new-sat-about-sat/v/walk-through-satpractice-platform www.4tests.com www.erikthered.com/tutor www.march2success.com www.number2.com https://marcolearning.com/student-act-sat-collegeapp-review/

SAT[°]

The SAT exam is offered nationally every year in August, October, November, December, March, May, and June. There are two sections consisting of Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. Each of these sections is worth 800 (for a total of 1600). The SAT is 3 hours long. For more information, visit <u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat</u>

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Score Release Date
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 17, 2021	September 10, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021	October 15, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021	November 19, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021	December 17, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	July 13, 2022



The ACT consists of four sections: English, Reading, Math, and Science. There is an optional essay. The ACT is 2 hours and 55 minutes (without the essay). Each section of the ACT is scored on a 1 to 36 point scale. Your composite ACT score is the average of your

four section scores, also on a scale from 1 to 36. For more information, visit: <u>www.act.org</u>

2021-2022 Test Dates (National)

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Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20	September 3
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1	October 15
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19	December 3
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21	February 4
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11	March 25
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24	July 8

Touring College Campuses



If an on campus tour is not possible, colleges still have virtual tours available. Please check the college's website for information about what types of tours they offer

Ideally, touring the college campuses you are considering is the best way to find out if a college is for you. However, during these times you may not have the opportunity to personally visit a college campus and...just because you may want to attend a school out of state doesn't mean you have to spring for plane tickets to every university on your Top 10 list. <u>Many</u> of the college websites also provide a virtual tour of their campus....be sure to check it out on their website! To help whittle down the choices, there are also websites

where you can find VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS !!!

You can take a virtual

tour at:



www.campustours.com



www.youvisit.com

Art Students National Portfolio Days.... Virtual & In-Person Events



The National Portfolio Day Association will host virtual and in-person events throughout the year. Click on the link below to see the schedule of upcoming events and how you can register to participate in them!!!

www.nationalportfolioday.org

Researching Colleges

2023 Best Colleges in America The Best Colleges ranking is based on rigorous analysis of **academic**, **admissions**, **financial**, and **student life** data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and alumni. **2021 Best Colleges in America - Niche**

Big Future – The College Board: Choosing a college is a big and exciting decision. Explore your interests and take the time to find a college that will put you on the path to a bright future. Go to **www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org**



<u>CappexConnect Online</u>: at <u>http://www.cappex.com</u> connect with colleges, faculty and admissions, watch live presentations from a variety of institutions on your computers, and learn more about specific colleges

<u>College Majors 101</u> Students learn about majors, students get recruited by Universities for them <u>www.majors101.com</u>

<u>College Navigator</u> from the US Dept. of Education, Find the right college for you: <u>www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator</u>

<u>College Results Online</u> This is an interactive, user-friendly Web tool designed to provide parents and students with information about graduation rates for nearly any four-year college or university in the country or to compare colleges. Go to: <u>www.collegeresults.org</u>

<u>College Simply:</u> College Simply provides clear, easy to understand admission chances, rankings and tools to help simplify the college search process. Go to: <u>www.collegesimply.com</u>

College Week Live Virtual College Info free and available online www.CollegeWeekLive.com

<u>Common Application</u> - There are over 900 Colleges and Universities using the Common App. While they represent tremendous diversity in size, mission, location, and selectivity, they all share a commitment of promoting access through holistic admission. For more information and to see which colleges and universities accept *CommonApp* go to: www.commonapp.org.

<u>EDU, Inc.</u> Common Black College Application: 65 member institutions, \$20.00 application fee-<u>https://commonblackcollegeapp.com</u> (*Includes 3 Maryland schools – Coppin State University, Morgan State University, & University of Maryland Eastern Shore!!!)

Exploring College Options Student/Parent Information Sessions – Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford – in the Metro DC area, go to: **www.exploringcollegeoptions.org**

<u>HBCU Interactive Directory</u> The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is pleased to present the inaugural publication of the "**PGCAC Interactive HBCU Directory**" to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of HBCUs. You can access this HBCU Interactive Directory to find information about the HBCUs at: <u>www.flipsnack.com/BBC666666AED/pgcac-interactive-hbcu-directory.html</u>

<u>NICHE</u> Niche allows you to research different colleges and narrow down colleges based on a multitude of filter options. <u>https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/college-quiz/</u>

Virtual tour: www.campustours.com

Petersons: This website provides information and tools to help you find, get in, and pay for school. www.petersons.com

PLAYING COLLEGE SPORTS



Student-Athletes wishing to play sports at the Division I or Division II level need to know what courses



taken in high school constitute a core course. Not all classes you take to meet high school graduation requirements are core courses. You must know your **Core Course GPA**. Keep track of your courses and the units that apply towards eligibility. Use the <u>www.CoreCourseGPA.com</u> program paid for by Charles County Public Schools to monitor your progress towards eligibility. Speak to your high school Coach, Athletic Director, or Counselor for further information.

How to ACTIVATE your FREE Membership: Step 1: Go to <u>www.CoreCourseGPA.com</u> Step 2: In the "New Member Account Creation" box, enter: School ID: 211061 School Code: **726090004**

REMINDER.... ***Juniors and seniors need to send your ACT and/or SAT scores directly from the testing agencies using the **CODE "9999" to have your official scores considered for NCAA eligibility.**

List of NCAA Approved Courses:

For a complete list of NCAA Approved courses at your high school, visit <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>, create an account, navigate to the "Resources" tab; click "U.S. Students" and then "List of NCAA Courses." Follow the prompts to search for your high school's list by name.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS & TEST SCORES:

Division I Academic Requirements http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/DI_ReqsFactSheet.pdf

Division II Academic Requirements –

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/DII_ReqsFactSheet.pdf



National Association of Intercollegiate Association (NAIA)

Over 250 small colleges in the United States use the NAIA to ascertain eligibility. The NAIA Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on your high school grades (and

sometimes your SAT/ACT scores, class rank and/or dual credit. Check out the NAIA and its member schools at <u>PlayNAIA - NAIA - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (mynaia.org)</u>



RESEARCH JOBS & CAREERS



XELLO - Students are able to take **Interest and Skills Assessments**, look at **Career Profiles**, watch Multimedia Interviews, research College and Financial Aid Information, save items to the Electronic Career Portfolio and create a resume using the Resume Builder. To access the website go under Clever in in your student Office 365

CareerOneStop - Sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Learn about careers, find career information, and locate career resources and advice. Visit www.careeronestop.com

Career Coach – College of Southern Maryland has a website that is

available for students to use as they prepare for their future. It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Visit the website at: <u>https://csmd.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=Southern%20Maryland</u>

College Majors – Visit the following website: www.collegemajors101.com

Employment Information –

- There are many websites available for you to be able to browse jobs that are available in a certain area and/or use their resources to learn some tips to help you when you are finding a job. Go to: www.indeed.com, www.glassdoor.com, www.careeronestop.org, www.snagajob.com, www.onetonline.org,
- LinkedIn: This platform is primarily used for professional networking and career development where one can upload their resumes. <u>www.linkedin.com</u>
- The Maryland Job Service is located at 175 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. Office hours for Job Service referrals are from 8:00 am-3:00 pm daily. Maryland Job Service: 301-645-8712 or go online at: <u>https://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/</u>
- The Maryland Workforce Exchange website at: https://mwejobs.maryland.gov
- Federal Jobs and Internships Students and recent graduates may be eligible for federal internships and job opportunities through the Pathways and other student programs: www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students

DOD Pathways for the Future - Figure out what's next! This website presents career, college and the Military as options, allowing students to explore all possibilities and gain insight into each option. More than 1,000 civilian and military career fields and nearly 7,000 accredited colleges and trade schools are featured. Go to: www.myfuture.com.

Work Permits – Students who are between 14 – 17 years of age and would like to work are required to get a work permit. For more information and to apply online, go to: https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/wages/empm.shtml

O*NET OnLine – This is a tool for career exploration and job analysis! This site has detailed descriptions of the world of work! Build your future with O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/

My Next Move - U.S. Department of Labor's Career Search Tool: www.mynextmove.org

Maryland Natural Resources Police – Natural Resource Cadet, high school graduate (men and women) between ages of 18 and 20, full-time position. Apply at: <u>https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2015/04/06/nrp-seeking-applicants-for-cadet-program/</u>

Federal Government Jobs and Internships – Opportunities for jobs with the Federal Government <u>http://www.USAJOBS.GOV</u> Under "Explore Hiring Paths" CLICK on "Students and recent graduates." **Marine Trades Association of Maryland** – Career opportunities in the boating industry. <u>www.mtam.org</u> – Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc. – A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, www.seafarers.org Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, 45353 St. Georges Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674

Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc – A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, www.seafarers.org. Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, 45353 St. Georges Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674

Maryland Dental Assistant School – 10 weeks, entry-level dental assistant program, Dr. Evelyn Leach, 888-401-4555, fax 240-253-2673, 15638 Livingston Road Unit 9, Accokeek, MD 20607

Dental Assistant Training - Contact Dr. Coleman at 703-963-8969

Divers Academy International – Career opportunities in commercial diving and underwater welding, hands-on learning, comprehensive certifications, 5 month program, career assistance, high job placement, high income potential. www.diversacademy.edu

Year Up (National Capital Region) – Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults from the National Capital Region, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits and corporate internships. The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months focuses on applying these skills through corporate internships. Year Up is FREE of charge and students earn a weekly stipend. For more information, go to: www.yearup.org and https://www.yearup.org/about-us/ourlocations/national-capital-region. You can also contact the admissions office at 703-312-9327 or NCRadmissions@yearup.org and attend an Open House (see website for dates).



APPRENTICESHIPS

Maryland and U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program - Apprenticeships combine supervised, structured, paid on-the-job training and related technical instruction to teach apprentices the skills necessary to succeed in a specific occupation. The apprentice works full time and receives training from the sponsoring organization.

U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program <u>www.apprenticeship.gov</u> MD State Apprenticeship and Training Program <u>www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/</u> Baltimore DC Building Trades <u>https://www.bdcbt.org/</u>

Boilmakers: Fabrication (and repairs) of steel, iron or copper into boilers. Local #45- Zone 193, (410) 355-2344 www.boilermakers.org

Bricklayer: Laying and binding of building materials, such as brick, structural tile, concrete block, cinder block, glass block and terra-cotta block, with mortar and other substances to construct or repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers and other structures. Local #1, (240) 695-9463 http://www.bacweb.org



Carpenters: Fabrication, building and installation of a variety of materials. KML Carpenters Local #197, (301) 736-1696 b

Operating Engineers: Specializes in construction industry equipment operation including cranes, backhoes, bulldozers, front end loaders, hoists, and drills for highway construction, mining, utility work, excavation, etc. Local #77, (301) 283-3476 <u>https://www.iuoelocal77.org/</u>

Millwrights: Install, erect, dismantle and clean heavy machinery, equipment and other heavy materials. Millwrights Local 219, (215) 569-255) http://www.easternmillwrights.com/

Plasterers and Cement Masons: Work primarily with concrete and plaster materials to conduct the "finishing" work such as curbs, sidewalks, decorative molding, etc. Local #891, (202) 398-5859 http://www.opcmia.org

Electricians and Telecommunications Technicians: Electricians install and repair the wiring that brings electrical power into any type of building or structure. Telecommunications install and repair the wiring for telecommunications (phone, cable, internet) into a building. Local #26, (301) 429-2575 www.ibewlocal26.org; http://www.getchargedup.org

Elevator: Repair, install, maintain, and modernize systems that move us such as elevators, escalators, moving walkways, home lifts and wheelchair and handicap lifts. Local #10, (301) 459-0497 http://www.iuec10.org

Heat and Frost Insulators: Installs, repairs, and maintains insulating material to prevent or reduce the passage of heat, cold, vapor, moisture, sound, or fire. Local #24, (301) 498-9162 http://www.insulators24.org

Ironworkers: Construct and reinforce iron or steel components outlined in a structures plans. Local #5, (301) 599-0940 https://www.ironworkerslocal5dc.com/

Plumbers and Gasfitters: Install, remove, and maintain plumbing and gas systems for piped fixtures, fixed appliances and accessories. Local #5, (301) 552-3505 https://local5plumbers.org/

Sheet Metal Workers: Designs, fabricates, installs, air balance, repairs, and alters sheet metal products.



Local #100, (301) 5688655 ext. 3 http://www.smart100trainingcenter.org/ Sprinkler Fitters: Sprinkler fitters are pipefitters who specialize in the repair and

Sprinkler Fitters: Sprinkler fitters are pipefitters who specialize in the repair and installation of sprinkler systems that help prevent the spread of fires in residential and commercial buildings. Local #669, (410) 312-5202 http://www.sprinklerfitters669.org/

Steamfitters: Maintain, repair, assemble, and even create pipe and piping systems. Local #602, (301) 341-1555 www.steamfitters-602.org/

ARMED SERVICES

ASVAB - Wednesday, March 1st from 8am-11:15am, NPHS will conduct an ASVAB testing. Register now at https://forms.office.com/r/8iv2puVBs8



Registering with Selective Service -*Attention all* 17 and 18 year old male students: If you are not registered with Selective Service, you must do so within 30 days of turning 18. You <u>MUST</u> register. This is not a school requirement, it's the law. If you fail to register, it could affect your ability to receive Federal college loans, grants and student aid or your ability to receive job training or to gain citizenship. It will even curtail opportunities to get many good jobs in the future. Register online at <u>www.sss.gov</u> or fill out a registration card at any U.S. Post Office.

ARMED SERVICES WEBSITES

ARMY <u>www.goarmy.com</u>

AIR FORCE www.airforce.com

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD www.nationalguard.com

COAST GUARD www.gocoastguard.com NAVY <u>www.navy.com</u>

MARINE CORPS www.marines.com

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COAST GUARD RESERVE www.uscg.mil/reserve ARMY RESERVE www.goarmyreserve.com

NAVY RESERVE www.navyreserve.com

AIR FORCE RESERVE www.afreserve.com

MARINE CORPS RESERVE www.marines.com/eligibility/serviceoptions/reserve

Local Recruiters

U.S. Army	U.S. Navy
Staff Sergeant (SSG) Halid Gariba	ETN1 (SW) Christopher L. Robbins
Cell: (202) 380-7344	Cell:301-955-6409
Halid.gariba.mil@army.mil	Christopher.I.robbin@navy.mil
U.S. Air Force	U.S. Marines
Staff Sergeant Jordan Burge	Staff Sergeant Andre S. Rosado
Cell: 240-304-4476	Cell: (240)274-9560
Jordan.burge@us.af.mil	Andre.Rosado@marines.usmc.mil
U.S. Coast Guard	Maryland Army National Guard
Petty Officer 1 st Class (PO1) Ramirez	SFC Demaro O. McFarlane
202-430-1300 (cell)	(410) 533-1053
ruben.ramirez@uscg.mil	demaro.o.mcfarlane.mil@army.mil
D.C. Air National Guard	U.S. Air Force Reserves
TSgt Derron McGoines	MSgt Sofia Ronquillio
(240)-603-1342	(240)-832-2569
derron.mc_goines.3@us.af.mil	

Financial Aid for Veterans and their Dependents

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

The <u>Department of Veterans Affairs</u> (<u>www.va.gov/</u>) provides information on <u>educational benefits</u> (<u>https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/</u>) for veterans and their dependents.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

Of particular interest is the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA). It provides up to 45 months of education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. To be eligible, you must be the son, daughter, or spouse of a veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability, or who died while such a disability was in effect, or is MIA or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or is forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power. Sons and daughters must be between the ages of 18 and 26. Spousal benefits end 10 years from the date the VA finds the spouse as eligible or from the date of death of the veteran. To apply, complete VA Form 22-5490, Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance. For more information, call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

Updated annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the publication *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* contains information about education and training benefits available to veterans and eligible dependents. For more information go to: www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp or call 1-800-827-1000.

GI Transferability Bill

Post 9/11 GI Bill family transfer option allows service members to shift their benefits to their families. For more information, see www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/benefits_chap05.asp.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

MOAA offers several educational assistance programs, including interest-free loans, grants and the American Patriot Scholarship. For more information, go to: <u>www.moaa.org/Content/Benefits-and-Discounts/Education-Assistance.aspx</u>.

Other organizations that offer educational assistance to military personnel, veterans and their dependents include:

- Army Emergency Relief (www.armyemergencyrelief.org)
- <u>Air Force Aid Society</u> (<u>https://afas.org</u>)
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (www.mcsf.org)
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (www.nmcrs.org)
- <u>Coast Guard Mutual Assistance</u> (<u>www.cgmahq.org</u>)

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program:

ThanksUSA is a non-profit tax-exempt charitable organization focused on thanking American troops. ThanksUSA "thanks" the men and women of the United State Armed Forces by awarding scholarships for their children and spouses. As many as 500 scholarships are available for undergraduate study at accredited two- and four-year institutions of higher education. A minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale is required. Active duty US military personnel is defined as having served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard for at least 180 days since September 11, 2001, including all members of the Armed Forces who were killed or wounded in action. (Members of the reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and federalized members of the National Guard are eligible.) Dependent children (including adopted and stepchildren) must be age 24 and under as of the deadline. The scholarship program opens on April 1 and the deadline is May 15. Recipients are selected based on financial need, academic performance, leadership and community service. Preference is given to the families of military personnel who are wounded or killed during active duty. For more information, go to: www.thanksusa.org.

FISHER HOUSE – Scholarship Programs for Military Families: <u>https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs</u>.



Military Academy Summer Programs

Service Academy summer programs offer high school students a chance to experience life as a cadet or midshipmen. This can help students decide if they really want to apply to attend an academy. Service academy summer programs are packed with presentations from academy leaders, demonstrations of military gear, and tours of academic facilities. But it's not all passive watching. There is hands-on training as well with obstacle courses, basic squad tactics, damage control exercises and more.

United States Air Force Academy Summer Seminar for Juniors

Apply online from December 1 – January 15 Questions, email <u>Summer.Seminar@usafa.edu</u>

Summer Seminar at the United States Air Force Academy offers a unique opportunity to get the Academy experience first-hand. Specially designed for high school juniors heading into their senior year, Summer Seminar allows participants to see a realistic slice of cadet life. This fun yet demanding program will give you a solid understanding of the challenges and rewards of life as a cadet, as well as insights into what it means to serve as an officer in the United States Air Force. You will leave Summer Seminar more informed, prepared and motivated to excel! Program costs approximately \$300.

2023 Summer Seminar Dates

Session 1: June 6 – 9 (In-Person) Session 2: June 12 -15 (In-Person) Session 3: June 21 – 23 (Virtual)

Summer Seminar 2023 is subject to change in dates, status, and in person or virtual. Please monitor the website regularly for updates. For more information, go to: <u>www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/</u>

United States Coast Guard Academy Summer Program for Juniors

February 8: AIM Application OPENS April 15: AIM Application <u>CLOSES</u> For more information, go to: <u>www.uscga.edu/aim/</u> or call 1-800-883-USCG.

Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)

It is important that you make an informed decision about applying to and attending the Coast Guard Academy. Our Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program that gives you the chance to see if the Academy is right for you, and if you have what it takes to succeed. If you are selected, you will be able to personally experience the rigor, discipline, and rewards of the Coast Guard Academy, just like a cadet, for one week in July following your junior year in high school. You will meet faculty and staff; learn about our academic, military, and athletic programs; talk with cadets who have sailed on *Eagle*, flown aircraft, and started their leadership journey; and meet with Coast Guard professionals who are protecting our nation right now. In recent years, one-third of the incoming class at USCGA attended AIM. Program Cost is approximately \$750

AIM 2022

Session 1: July 2 – 7 (On Campusl) Session 2: July 9 – 14 (On Campus) Session 3: July 18 – 23 (On Campus)







United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) Program for Juniors

January 4: Application <u>OPENS</u> April 15: Application <u>CLOSES</u>

Spots are limited. Apply as soon as possible. Visit <u>Summer Seminar :: Admissions :: USNA</u>

The United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high achievers who have completed their junior year in high school. Summer Seminar teaches you about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. If you think that you may be interested in pursuing an appointment to one of the nation's service academies and serving your country as an officer, you should seriously consider attending the Naval Academy's Summer Seminar. Program cost is approximately \$550.

2023 Summer Seminar Dates

Session 1: June 3 - 8Session 2: June 10 - 15Session 3: June 18 - 23

West Point United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience

February 1: Application <u>OPENS</u> March 15: Application <u>CLOSES</u>

Visit: https://westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program

The Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) program is highly competitive and gives high school juniors a week to experience life as a cadet in their college decision process. It is a fast-paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics conducted for a couple of weeks during the month of June each year. You must have standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT) to be considered for SLE. Program cost approximately \$625. **Please note that attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**

2023 SLE Dates

Session 1: June 3 - 9 Session 2: June 10 - 16

Naval Academy STEM Camps

One-week STEM intensive camps for rising 9th-11th graders. Focus is more on STEM experiences than military orientation. Program cost approximately \$800 (includes food and lodging at Naval Academy).

Rising 9th graders: June 5-10 Rising 10th graders: June 12-17 Rising 11th graders: June 19-23 January 4: Application <u>OPENS</u> April 15: Application <u>CLOSES</u>





OPPORTUNITIES



Bank of America Student Leaders Program – A unique opportunity for high school juniors & seniors to earn an 8 week, 35 hours a week, **paid internship** at a local non-profit organization and participate in a national leadership summit in Washington, D.C. You will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. The **application deadline is January 13, 2023**. The application and more details about the program can be found at:

www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders

<u>Banson NYC Fashion Week Adventure</u> – February 9 to February 13, 2023 - For high school and college students, weeklong session to teach students fundamentals of the fashion industry. More information can be found at: <u>www.bansonnyc.org</u> or 917-328-1469

Banson NYC 2021 In-Person Fashion Camps – For high school and college students. See dates below. Each camp will be a week-long. Programs will be dynamic, interactive and fun! More information can be found at: <u>www.bansonnyc.org</u> or 917-328-1469.

Session A: June 18 - June 24, 2023 (In-Person Career Camp) Session B: July 9 - July 15, 2023 (In-Person Career Camp)

<u>Capitol Technology University – Cyber Saturday Camps</u> – Are you a high school student interested in computers, coding, gaming and cybersecurity? Capitol Technology University offers a series of Cyber Saturdays that will provide you with the opportunity to explore those activities in a fun, game-like environment. Cyber Saturdays are scheduled regularly throughout the year. Next date is February 4th. For more information and to register, go to: www.captechu.edu/degrees-and-programs/cyber-saturday

<u>High School Girls Biotech Day – Sponsored by the United States Naval Academy</u> Explore how scientists and engineers use biotechnology for discovery and innovation. NO COST TO ATTEND & ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Jan 21, 2023 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM) For more information and to apply online, visit: <u>www.usna.edu/stem</u>

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENTIFIC TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (HISTEP)

The National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Intramural Training & Education and Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity are proud to host the *High School Scientific Training and Enrichment Program (HiSTEP)*. The goal of HiSTEP is to expand the pipeline of students interested in biomedical and healthcare careers by providing opportunities for high school students from schools with a large population of financially-disadvantaged students. We encourage <u>current high</u> <u>school juniors</u> interested in STEM-M (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medically-related) fields to apply. HiSTEP students will take part in a summer internship located on the main NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. HiSTEP students will explore the breadth of the scientific enterprise, the importance of biomedical research, and many STEM-M careers. They will participate in workshops, and lectures. Students will receive a <u>stipend</u> determined by their education level completed prior to starting at the NIH.

Eligibility Criteria:

HiSTEP welcomes applications from **CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS** eager to explore science and health-related careers. We encourage students from diverse backgrounds to apply. Applicants must commit to complete the entire sixweek internship experience. HiSTEP applicants must also:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Be 17 years or older on June 15th
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Students with a GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 should apply if their grades have shown steady improvement.

Application Deadline is February 1st. For more information and to apply, go to: <u>www.training.nih.gov/histep</u>

Rotary Club of Charles County is calling students to

The Rotary Club of Charles County has started a community-based **Rotary Interact Club**. Take action, build international understanding,

and make new friends around the world!!! Interact Club, for ages 12-18, develops leadership skills while discovering the power of **Service Above Self**.

Join Charles County Interact for a year of:

Rotary

Club of

Charles County (La Plata)

- Local and global service projects
- Peace promoting local projects
- Environmental protection projects
- Fun activities

The Interact Club will meet on Mondays from 7 – 7:45 PM, at Spring Dell Center, 6040 Radio Station Rd, Plata. For more information, visit:

www.neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org/rotary-interact or email msgeorgia@neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org



The NAACP's Academic, Cultural, Technological, & Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is designed to pair teens with professionals in specific areas of interest.

Students of color who are U.S. citizens, in Grades 9 to 12 and who are amateurs are eligible to participate in ACT-SO. A community-based enrichment program, ACT-SO pairs students with volunteer instructors and mentors to develop projects and take part in enrichment opportunities like workshops, tutorials, and field trips. The interest areas are in STEM, business, humanities, performing visual and culinary arts, and hospitality management.

Local ACT-SO competitions and ceremonies highlight projects, research and work completed by students. Competition winners at the local level receive medals and prizes provided by local and regional sponsors and contributors. Gold medalists at the local level advance to the national competition where they vie for scholarships and other rewards provided by national sponsors.

Students can participate in up to three competition areas and if they advance at the local level, they receive the opportunity to compete against other top students from around the country on a national scale.

The interest areas are: **STEM, Business, Visual Arts, Humanities, Performing Arts, Culinary Arts,** and **Hospitality Management. For more details about each category, please visit:**

https://charlescountynaacp.org/act-so

Students and their parents who would like more information about ACT-SO, may contact: dora.actso@gmail.com or ccnaacpactso@gmail.com

Distinguished Young Women of Southern Maryland Scholarship Class of 2024

scholarships leadership life skills

\$1 BILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE & FREE TO ENTER!

Girls in the Class of 2024, this program is for YOU!

Distinguished Young Women of

is part of a national program that empowers young women to reach their full potential by providing scholarships, life skills workshops (like interview), and a positive peer network.

PLUS showcase your abilities and what makes you, uniquely YOU!

Sign up TODAY! DistinguishedYW.org Deadline:











Deadline - January 13, 2023

For more information - http://charles.md.distinguishedyw.org

MARYLAND RESOURCES



<u>Maryland Guide to Higher Education</u> MHEC is the State of Maryland's higher education coordinating board responsible for establishing statewide policies for Maryland public and private colleges and universities and forprofit career schools. MHEC also administers state financial aid programs that affect students on a statewide basis. <u>https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx</u>

<u>Academic Common Market</u> tuition savings program for college students who live in the 16 states that are members of the Southern Regional Education Board and want to pursue a degree not available in your home state yet pay in-state rates. <u>https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/commonmarket.aspx</u>

<u>ARTSYS</u> Articulation system for transferring courses from one Maryland University or College to another, <u>artsys.usmd.edu</u>

Financial Aid Resources: The State has an extensive range of financial aid programs in the form of grants, scholarships and other awards for students who want to further their education beyond high school. For more information, click on the following

link: https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/index.aspx

<u>Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship</u> The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is a <u>last dollar</u> scholarship that is available to students who enroll at a Maryland community college. Eligible student can receive up to \$5,000 to cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fee expenses **after** Federal or state financial aid has been applied.

Who May Apply? A Maryland high school graduate or GED recipient eligible for in-state tuition who is planning to enroll or is currently enrolled as a full-time (12 credits semester for credit-bearing courses) student at a Maryland community college

How do I apply? Submit either the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> (FAFSA) OR <u>Maryland State</u> <u>Financial Aid Application</u> (MSFAA) by **March 1**. The MSFAA should only be completed by undocumented individuals who are ineligible to receive federal financial aid

GPA Requirement an unweighted cumulative 2.3 GPA at the end of the **first semester** of their senior year in high school or by the **end** of their senior year in high school.

Income Requirements Students must be within the required adjusted gross income limits based on the 2021 tax year:

- \$100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single parent household; or
- \$150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two parent household.

Important Deadlines

- March 1: FINAL deadline to submit the FAFSA or MSFAA
- **June 1: AWARDING** performed for renewal recipients
- July 15: **DEADLINE** to submit all required documentation
- August 1: AWARDING performed for initial applicants

FOR more information., please visit:

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_MDCommunityCollegePro miseScholarship.aspx

Overview of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship



The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is a last dollar scholarship that is available to students who enroll at a Maryland community college and now has NO SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT OR AGE REQUIREMENTS. Eligible students can receive up to \$5,000 to cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fee expenses after Federal or State Financial aid has been applied.

Who May Apply?

A high school graduate or GED recipient who is planning to enroll, or is currently enrolled at a Maryland community college as a candidate in:

- a credit-bearing vocational certificate;
- a credit-bearing certificate;
- an associate degree program;
- a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or
- a registered apprenticeship program.
- Applicants must be eligible for in-state tuition, as determined by the community college in accordance with Title 15 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
 - High school applicants must have earned an unweighted cumulative GPA of at least a 2.3 (or its equivalent):
 - At the end of the first semester of their senior year in high school; or
 - At the end of their senior year in high school
- Applicants who graduated from high school, five or more years before the date of application, are not subject to the GPA requirements for an initial award.
 - Applicants whose annual adjusted gross income was not more than:
 - \$100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent household; or
 - \$150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent household for the 2018 tax year as defined by MHEC;
 - Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree or an associate degree; and
- Applicants who have not been awarded other educational grants or scholarships that cover the full cost of attendance at community colleges.

Application Requirements

- Submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa or the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) online through MDCAPS for any applicant who is ineligible to receive federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition by March 1;
- Applicants who meet the income requirements as reported on their FAFSA or MSFAA by March 1 will be notified by email of the required documentation to submit for the Scholarship. Applicants should login to their MDCAPS account and review their "To Do List" section for a complete listing of all required documentation that must be submitted to MHEC by July 31 (Late submissions will not be accepted).

Enrollment Requirements

- All eligible applicants must attend the community college located in their county, or in the case of a regional community college, the region in which they live. However, if the community college located where the student lives does not offer the degree or program in which they enrolled, the student may attend any other Maryland community college that offers that program;
- Applicants who plan to enroll as candidates in credit-bearing vocational certificates, credit-bearing certificates, or associate
 degrees must enroll in and complete at least 12 credits per semester at a community college; and
- Applicants who plan to enroll in a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification must enroll in the next available courses offered at the community college for their sequence.

Important Reminder

Applicants who listed a four- year institution on their FAFSA or MSFAA, and now plan to attend a community college, may change their school of choice in one of the following ways prior to the deadline of July 31:

- Go to the student's Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) account and click on the "Enrollment" tab; or
- Go to the student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or completed Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) to add the new college.

The information contained in the one pager is for informational purposes only; and if there is any variance between this website and applicable statutes and regulations, the statutes and regulations shall prevail.



This information applies to <u>SENIORS</u> who plan to attend CSM after high school.

College of Southern Maryland Information

College of Southern Maryland: Application and Testing Process:



Seniors who are interested in attending the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) after they graduate, can apply <u>NOW</u>!!!

Visit: https://www.csmd.edu/apply-register/ CLICK on Get Started as a Credit Student

1. Apply online at **www.csmd.edu/apply-register**, there is no fee.

2. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The FAFSA is available NOW! List the College of Southern Maryland on your FAFSA. CSM's school code is **002064.** If your application is not completed, your financial aid cannot be processed.

*Please Note: In order to be considered for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship, students must complete the FAFSA, LIST the College of Southern Maryland (*Community College*) on the FAFSA as one of the schools you may attend, and submit the FAFSA by March 1. Students will be notified by an email from MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission) of the required documentation to submit for further consideration of the Scholarship. For more information, please visit:

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_MDCommunityCollegePromise Scholarship.aspx

 Visit the CSM website for information about CSM's Placement Testing at <u>https://www.csmd.edu/student-</u> services/testing-services/placement-testing/.

4. Pay attention to the EMAILS you receive from the College of Southern Maryland and register for an appointment for the Studen

t Orientation And Registration (S.O.A.R.) by calling the college at 301-934-2251.

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) \$cholarship Finder!!!

Check out CSM's Online Scholarship Finder!!! It's EASY! It's FREE! Check it out!

Visit <u>www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships/scholarship-finder.html</u> for the most up-todate information and eligibility requirements.

For more information, contact the CSM Financial Assistance Department at (301) 934-7531

SCHOLARSHIPS



Each year there are hundreds of scholarships available for students transitioning to higher education. Individuals, corporations and foundations, colleges and universities, as well as state and federal aid offer scholarships and grants. Students can search for scholarships on the Internet under hundreds of scholarship databases.

Make sure you take the time to <u>SEARCH</u> and <u>APPLY</u> for SCHOLARSHIPS!!!



January Deadline:

Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Need-based, plan to major in computer science or engineering. 2.3+ GPA, Award: \$40,000 Deadline: 1/20; https://scholarshipamerica.org/amazonfutureengineer/

Distinguished Young Women (DYW) Scholarship Program

Eligible: Junior females – CLASS OF 2023, 3.0+GPA

Criteria: GPA 3.0+; FIVE categories in the selection process: Scholastic, Interview, Talent, Physical Fitness, Self-Expression

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: 1/13; https://distinguishedyw.org/apply-now/; Questions? Email southernMD@DistinguishedYW.org Information and forms available on the *Career Center webpage* of the St. Charles High School website under "SCHOLARSHIPS".

*Please see the DYW flyer at the end of the list of scholarships.

Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) Scholarship

Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University)

Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Financial Need, Pursue studies in a pertinent chemical and engineering industry STEM field, with preferred majors including, but not limited to: Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Computer Science, Biochemistry, Material Science, Environmental Sciences, IT, Sustainability, Agriculture/Science, Aerospace Engineering **Award:** \$10,000 for 4 years

Deadline: 1/31; https://futureofstemscholars.org/fossi/apply

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Leadership, Drive, Integrity, Citizenship, GPA 3.0+ on 4.0 scale, plan to enroll in four-year college or university Award: \$10,000-\$40,000 Deadline: 1/5; apply online at: https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-

Deadline: 1/5; apply online at: <u>https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-</u> foundation-scholarship-program. For more information: www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships

Hamilton Relay Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors who are deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or has difficulty speaking **Criteria:** Must be deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or has difficulty speaking; essay; letter of recommendation **Award:** \$500 **Deadline:** 1/31; https://hamiltonrelay.com/high-school-scholarships.html

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Minority Senior Criteria: leadership, academic excellence, community service, financial need, SAT & ACT scores not required, attending a 4-year college/university, letter of recommendation, essays Award: varies- up to \$30,000 over four years Deadline: 1/11; www.jackierobinson.org/apply/, www.jackierobinson.org

Maryland Mensa Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Essay explaining career, academic, and/or vocational goals Award: Up to \$1,000 Deadline: 1/15; www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships

<u> Taco Bell Live Mas</u>

Eligible: Juniors and Seniors

Criteria: Submit an original video that tells us the story of your real, driving passion. It could be a short film, animation or just a simple testimonial.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 1/11; https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/eligibilityfaq/

National Society DAR Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Multiple scholarships to students pursuing degrees in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science, and English.

Award: Varies, based on academic excellence, commitment to the field of study, and/or financial need, or other criteria. **Deadline: 1/31;** www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships

National DAR - American Indians Scholarships

National DAR – American Indians Committee Eligible: Native American Students Criteria: Proof of American Indian, financial need, GPA 3.25+ Award: \$4,000 Deadline: 1/31; http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian

The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) Pathways Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Plan on attending the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and majoring in engineering to support STEM workforce development at NAWCAD, GPA 3.0+, apply to the Southern Maryland Pathways Program in Engineering, majoring in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering.

Award: Full scholarship to cover tuition, fees, and books for up to two years.

Deadline: 1/31; https://csmd.academicworks.com/opportunities/3953

Pettable Pet Lovers Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Students who have had a meaningful relationship with a pet. Must be a US citizen or legal resident Award: \$1,000 Deadline: various but next is 1/5 https://pettable.com/scholarship#pet-lovers

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Eligible: 9-12th graders Criteria: Students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through volunteer efforts. Award: \$1,000 Deadline: 1/31; https://pprize.princeton.edu/

<u> The Ron Brown Scholar Program (RBSP)</u>

Eligible: Black/African American High School Seniors

Criteria: honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. High school senior applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. **Award:** RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year). **Deadline:** 1/9; https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/

United States JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Plan to attend college, university, vocational school, leadership, community service, transcript, letters of recommendation, personal statement, ACT or SAT scores if going to college **Award:** \$1,000

Deadline: 1/13; https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program Scholarship

Eligible students must be U.S. citizens, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, have been accepted at one of the 1890 HBCUs, study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related academic disciplines, demonstrate leadership and community service. Please visit the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program website for more information **Award: Full Scholarship**

DEADLINE: 1/31; More information and an application can be found at: www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in government service, essay, letter of recommendation, transcript Award: \$500 to \$5,000 Deadline: 1/15 (*POSTMARKED BY); https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship

February Deadline:

Elks National Legacy Scholarship

Eligible: Senior Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members Award: \$4,000 Deadline: 2/6; https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm

Coolidge Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors

Criteria: Academic excellence, Interest in public policy and appreciation for Coolidge values, displays a sense of service and care for the well-being of others, leadership credentials in high school.

Award: Full-ride, presidential scholarship that covers 4 years undergraduate study tuition, room, board, and expenses Deadline: 2/23; https://coolidgescholars.org/

HBCU WEEK X CAPITAL ONE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University)

Criteria: Provide most recent, verifiable high school transcript (Subject to authentication); Provide proof of acceptance at an Historically Black College or University (HBCU); US citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States; GPA 3.0+ on a 4.0 scale (unweighted); entering freshman year of college and attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) for the entirety of their college education; financial need

Award: Varies

DEADLINE: 2/15; https://www.hbcuweek.org/capitalone

HBCU Week X NFL Scholarship

HBCU Week Foundation Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University) Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Academic accomplishments, Community Involvement, Financial Need Award: Varies Deadline: 2/15; www.hbcuweek.org/nfl/

HBCU WEEK X LEXISNEXIS® RISK SOLUTIONS GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University)

Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Academic accomplishments, Community Involvement, Financial Need

Award: Varies

DEADLINE: 2/15; For information and application - https://www.hbcuweek.org/lexisnexisrisksolutionsgroup/

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Senior Criteria: 3.0+, U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, financial need Award: \$500-\$5,000 Deadline: 2/6; www.jimmyranefoundation.org

Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards

Michelle Obama Award for Memoir Eligible: Senior Criteria: Plan to enroll in a 2- or 4-Year school or vocational-technical school, literary writing Award: 5 - \$10,000 scholarships Deadline: 2/1; https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/penguinrandomhouse/

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Planning to pursue a degree and a healthcare-related field, GPA 3.0+, FAFSA SAR, transcript, report card, letters of recommendation, resume, essay Award: Up to \$3,000 per semester for four years Deadline: 2/24; www.medstarstmarys.org/careers/healthcare-scholarships

TheDREAM.US – National Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: 2.5+ GPA, 2- or 4- Year school, eligible for in-state tuition at Partner College, have current DACA or TPS or DACA eligible, financial need Award: Varies

Deadline: 2/28, www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship

March Deadline:

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

• Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship: Scholarships for high school students who are direct descendants, stepchildren, step-grandchildren of U.S. wartime veterans. Application available at: https://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors

• Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Member: Scholarships awarded to Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Application available at: https://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/Spirit-of-Youth Award: Various - \$2,500-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/1; For more information visit: www.ALAforVeterans.org

American Welding Society District Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Students seeking an undergraduate degree in welding engineering, welding technology, or a welding related field, must be accepted into a welding related educational or training program Award: \$1,000 and up, renewable Deadline: 3/1; www.aws.org/foundation/page/district-scholarships

Automotive Scholarship Gateway

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Certified post-secondary automotive/heavy duty/or collision repair school, one-page essay about your career goals, letter of reference, transcript. Deadline: 3/31; www.automotivescholarships.com

BYF Human Resources Construction Council

Eligible: senior, planning to attend a technical school or approved craft training program in any discipline of construction Criteria: min GPA 2.0 Award: \$500

Deadline: Various, http://www.byf.org/get-involved/scholarships/

Carter Marohn-Johnson Memorial Scholarship (Representative was at the Scholarship Fair.)

Eligible: Graduating High School Seniors in Charles County, MD who are pursuing their career, trade school, or college dreams

Criteria: Narrative essay, video submission, or a visual portfolio of no more than \$1,000 words (essay) or no longer than four minutes (video) sharing what you plan to do after high school and how the scholarship would help make those post-graduation dreams a reality.

Award: Two to Five individual scholarships - \$500 - \$1,500 each

Deadline: 3/15; www.cartermjscholarship.com

Colonial Farm Credit (Financial Institution) - Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation, Inc.

Eligible: Student who resides in one of the counties served by Colonial Farm Credit, which includes Charles County **Criteria:** Varied but includes scholastic ability, leadership, financial need & educational goals **Award:** Varies

Deadline: 3/1; https://www.colonialfarmcredit.com/scholarships, www.colonialfarmcredit.com

Create-A-Holiday-Card Scholarship

Eligible: High school students Criteria: Design a greeting card Award: \$10,000 scholarship Deadline: Students can submit designs through 3/2/23. Monthly voting ends 4/16/23; For more information and details, visit https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm

FEEA Federal employee Education & Assistance Fund

Eligible: Seniors who are children of Federal Employees or postal workers Criteria: Academic Record, Community Service Award: \$1,000-\$5,000 Deadline: 3/16 by 3:00pm; www.feea.org/scholarships

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: 3.0+ unweighted GPA, low income (will need to submit FAFSA) Award: varies Deadline: 3/15; https://www.hsf.net/scholarship

Look Back Give Back Foundation, Inc. – 3 Scholarship Opportunities!!! – OPENS DECEMBER

Albert Burks, Jr. Presidential Scholarship (\$5,000) Robert Faulk Basley Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500) Give Back Book Scholarship (\$1,500)

Eligible: Black or African American Seniors

Criteria: Unweighted GPA 2.0+, Maryland resident, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activity involvement, attending a 2- or 4- year college/university, letter of recommendation, essay **Award:** \$1,500-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/31; https://lookbackgivebackfoundation.com/

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) – State funded Grants & Scholarships Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Complete the FAFSA by March 1st to be considered for these opportunities Award: Varies – Create a MDCAPS account to accept and process STATE Financial Aid, go to: https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us Deadline: 3/1; https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/descriptions.aspx

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Phi Alpha Zeta Chapter Founder's Centennial Viola Tyler Goings Scholarship
Eligible: Female Senior, need based
Criteria: GPA min 3.0, accepted to 4-year school, transcript, letters of recommendation, school and community involvement and/or participating in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority programs, essay
Award: \$125,000
Deadline: 3/2; https://z-nefscholarships.smapply.org/res/p/Scholarship-Programs/

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta National Educational Foundation Scholarships Eligible: Female Senior Criteria: various including GPA, essay, leadership, letters of recommendation, school and community activities Award: \$3,000 Deadline: 3/2; <u>https://z-nefscholarships.smapply.org/res/p/Scholarship-Programs/</u>

ACS (American Chemical Society) Scholars Award

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Student must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino or American Indian, accredited college or community college, GPA 3.0+ in chemistry-related science or science, transcript, letters of recommendation, FAFSA SAR **Award:** Up to \$5000 per academic year

Deadline: 3/1, www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars.html

AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest

Eligible: A student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and must also *enter* a four-year accredited college or university within 12 months of the application deadline.

Criteria: This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has had on their own lives and others in their family and community. **Award:** Various Awards

Deadline: 3/1; For more information and application go to: <u>https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-</u>contest/

Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors of African descent (for example, African-American, African, or Ethiopian) **Criteria:** GPA 3.0+, attend 4-year college/university, major in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, business programs (finance, business administration, or marketing), financial need, letters of recommendation, resume, transcript, essays **Award:** \$2,500-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/15; <u>www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx</u>

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarships

Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Maryland and the District of Columbia **Eligible:** High School Seniors **Criteria:** Resident of Maryland for at least one year preceding the date of award, been accepted for admission as a fulltime student (as defined by the recipient's attending school), demonstrated financial need, GPA 2.0+, transcript, essay, SAT/ACT results **Award:** \$1,000 **Deadline:** 3/1; https://asbo.org/page/Jacobus, www.asbo.org

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (College Scholarships and Career & Technical Education Scholarships) Eligible: High School Seniors Criteria: Child of active duty, reserve, retired, deceased U.S. Marine or Navy Corpsmen, GPA 2.0+, and financial need Award: Varies Deadline: 3/1; www.mcsf.org/apply

<u>RN STAT</u>

Scholarship and mentoring program that University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center (UMCRMC) provides to candidates interested in a nursing career and have been accepted to the College of Southern Maryland (CSM).

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, essay, transcripts, letters of recommendation, completed College of Southern Maryland (CSM) application, personal interview

Deadline: 3/27; Please email or see Ms. Jones in the College & Career Center for application.

<u> Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarships</u>

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Community or extracurricular activity involvement, plan to attend a two-year college, a four-year college/university <u>OR</u> a Career/Vocational/Technical program, transcript, school recommendation, community service recommendation, essay, awards, copy of acceptance letter

MULTIPLE Scholarships Available:

- Elvear B. Johnson (Ph.D.) Scholarship (Major in Education, Liberal Arts, STEM) \$1,000
- Tri-County Maryland Scholarship \$1,000
- College of Southern Maryland Scholarship \$500
- Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship \$750
- Educational Program Scholarship (Involved in Delta GEMS or EMBODI) \$500
- Zandra Isaac Book Scholarships \$500

Deadline: 3/15; https://form.jotform.com/220049100798150 -

Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program

Eligible: Seniors who are sons or daughters of a veteran who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts **Criteria:** Filed FAFSA by March 1, military parent documentation (see website) **Award:** Varies

Deadline: 3/1; For more information on how to apply, please go to:

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_vaic.aspx

Society of Women Engineers – (Freshmen Application opens March 1)

Eligible: 12th Grade Female Students – Financial assistance to women studying community college or a 4-Year college (*ABET-accredited programs*) in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology, or computer science Criteria: Resume, letters of reference/recommendation, transcripts attend 2- or 4- year school Award: Varied

Deadline: 3/20 for Freshmen Application (Opens Feb 1); https://scholarships.swe.org/applications/login.asp

April Deadline:

AMVETS National Scholarships

Eligible: High School Seniors who are military dependents Criteria: Military dependent (Active or Veteran), financial need, transcript, FAFSA SAR, essay, resume Award: Varies

Deadline: 4/30; <u>www.amvets.org/scholarships</u>

Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Plan to attend a U.S. accredited 2 or 4 year college in CA, IL, MD, NV, NJ, NY, TX, MA, or WA. Open to ALL MAJORS, GPA 3.0+, Plan to attend College/University or Community College, Financial Need, Community Service, Letter of Recommendation from Community Service Advisor, Transcript

Award: Twenty - \$1,000 scholarships

Deadline: 4/1; <u>www.apcf.org/cathay-bank-foundation-scholarship-open</u> Questions??? CALL (213) 624-6400 ext. 6 or EMAIL <u>scholarships@apcf.org</u>

Crescent Cities Charities Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: GPA 3.0+, scholastic or other achievement, good leadership qualities, community involvement, enroll in degree or certificate program

Award: \$1,000 - \$10,000 (multiple scholarships awarded)

Deadline: 4/15; https://cccharities.org/scholarships For more information, email: steve.novak@cccharities.org

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Business and Finance Scholarship

Rosemary Brinkley Business and Finance Scholarship Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in business, finance, or related field; essay Award: \$3,000 Deadline: 4/1; https://supporteducation.org/helping-college-bound-students/

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union High School Scholarship

Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarship Eligible: Seniors Criteria: GPA 2.75+ and essay, plan on attending a four-year university, community college, technical college or trade school. Award: \$3,000 Deadline: 4/1; https://supporteducation.org/helping-college-bound-students/

Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors, in the NPHS JROTC, Criminal Justice Program, Cheer Team, Girls Basketball Team Criteria: Min GPA 2.5, 2 or 4-year college bound, official transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, essay topic provided Award: 4 awards - \$500 each Deadline: 4/15; https://rachelathomas.org/scholarship

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Eligible: Senior Criteria: GPA 2.5+, 4-year college bound, majors: various Engineering programs, Computer Science, Systems Engineering, Math, Physics, Information Systems/Management Information Systems or Information Assurance, interest in a paid internship with Lockheed Martin Award: 200 scholarships of \$10,000 per student, renewable each year Deadline: 3/31, www.lockheedmartin.com/scholarship

American Foreign Service – National High School Essay Contest

Eligible: 9th-12th grade students, parents CANNOT be members of the Foreign Service Criteria: Essay, US Citizen Award: \$1,250 - \$2,500 Deadline: 4/3; http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest

ASBC Foundation Scholarships

Sponsored by Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) Eligible: Senior Criteria: US Citizen, admitted and attending four-year institution, community service, GPA 2.5+, financial need Award: \$1,000 - \$30,000 Deadline: 4/30; https://www.alfredstreet.org/stewardship/asbc-foundation/

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program for Military Dependents

Eligible: Seniors who are military dependents of active duty, discharged, or retired military personnel (ALL military branches)

Criteria: Enroll in full-time undergraduate study at 2- or 4-year college/university, vocational or technical school or trade school, GPA 2.0+. Selections based on academic performance, financial need, community/activity involvement, essay. **Award:** Varies

Deadline: 4/15; (<u>Application Opens March 1</u>) <u>https://www.thanksusa.org/apply.html</u> For questions, please email <u>Questions@ThanksUSA.org</u>

Chesapeake Language Project Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: <u>Current or former English learner (has participated in ESOL/ESL program)</u>, GPA 3.0+, extracurricular activities or work experience, applying to college/university Award: \$1,000 scholarship Deadline: 4/15; http://thechesapeakelanguageproject.org/scholarship-program

Credit Union (CU) Foundation of MD & DC Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Member of a Maryland or District Columbia-based credit union, essay, photo, and/or video **Award:** \$1,000 scholarships for college or trade school **Deadline: 4/15**; www.cufound.org/scholarship

Delegate Debra Davis – DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Students planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college, community college, or certificate/licensure private career schools. Complete the FAFSA by March 1, 2023; copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA; resume; unofficial transcript; statement on career and academic goals **Award:** Varies

Deadline: 4/1; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczQnCW4pkpK-CV5XOIajFJI5JnQ_Qxd0IIWSsWX1UhGn7k6Q/viewform

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Parents/Guardians are SMECO customers, GPA 3.0+, Copy of SAR from FAFSA, Transcripts, Based on Scholastic Achievement (30%); Financial Need (30%); Interview (20%), Community Involvement & School Involvement (20%) ***PARENTS – A copy of pages 1 and 2 of your 2021 tax forms is needed for this scholarship application.** Award: \$2,500 Deadline: 4/6; https://smeco.coop/scholarships

Washington Regional Transplant Community

Leslie A. Ebert Legacy of Life Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Write a persuasive essay (not to exceed 1,000-words) and/or produce a video (not to exceed 90 seconds) that educates, then motivates, an audience to become registered organ, eye, and tissue donors! **Award:** \$1,000-\$5,000

Deadline: 4/14; https://www.beadonor.org/scholarship/

May Deadline:

B. Davis Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors and Seniors Criteria: 1000-word essay Award: \$1000 Deadline: 5/21; <u>www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm</u>

Port Tobacco Players Memorial Scholarship

Eligible: Graduating high school senior Criteria: GPA 3.0+, have participated in the performing arts in some capacity, have been involved in community service in some capacity. Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 5/1; www.ptplayers.com/ptp-memorial-scholarship-award.html

Ongoing:

Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.

Eligible: Student with a parent or guardian who has suffered a catastrophic or fatal accidental injury or occupational disease while working for a Maryland employer **Award:** Varies, depending on need and educational expenses, covers tuition and books, may also include housing and

meals

Apply: www.kidschance-md.org/scholarships

Build Your Future Scholarships

Eligible: senior, planning to attend a technical school or approved craft training program in any discipline of construction Criteria: GPA 2.0+ Award: \$500 Deadline: VARIOUS DEADLINE DATES – CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, http://www.byf.org/getinvolved/scholarships/

College Board Opportunity Scholarship – CLASS of 2024!!!

This unique opportunity guides students through the college planning process and offers them a chance to earn money for college for each action they complete. Students in the **CLASS of 2024** are eligible regardless of income, citizenship status, GPA, or test scores. The scholarship doesn't require an essay or an application. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$40,000 and can be used for two- or four-year institutions.

- 1. Build a College List: \$500
- 2. Practice for SAT: \$500
- 3. Explore Scholarships: \$500
- 4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500
- 5. Complete the FAFSA: \$500
- 6. Apply to Colleges: \$500

Complete Your Journey by Completing ALL 6 Steps above for a chance at \$40,000!

For more information and to apply, CLICK on the link: <u>https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships</u>

Gordon Croft Scholarships

To be eligible students must reside in Southern Charles County, south of Route 225 from La Plata to Indian Head and south of Route 6 from La Plata to the St. Mary's County line, as well as students residing in La Plata and Indian Head towns. Students must demonstrate financial need to be eligible to apply.

<u>University of Maryland (College Park, MD)</u> A. James Clark School of Engineering is offering 3 renewable scholarships: The Carol Croft Linde, The Kent Gordon Croft and The Russell Gordon Croft for students, engineering major, financial need

<u>Washington and Lee University-</u> Russell Croft '96 Scholarship provides tuition scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need and who physically attend the Lexington, VA campus. The scholarship awards up to \$9,000 per year.

<u>**Randolph College**</u> Jane Aurell Croft Scholarship provides tuition scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship awards up to \$8,000 per year. The scholarship is awarded by the Director of Financial Planning and Assistance.

<u>Johns Hopkins University-</u> Russell Gordon Croft Southern Charles County Scholarship provides a tuition scholarship to students who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship awards up to \$12,000 per year. <u>Dartmouth College -</u> Croft Scholarship Award provides a tuition scholarship to students at Dartmouth who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship awards up to \$10,000 per year. Contact the Dartmouth Financial Aid office for details.

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

The goal of the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is to increase the number of minorities studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, and the related disciplines. Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at one of the 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities (HBCUs). The program will provide full tuition, employment, employment benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years to selected students pursuing a bachelor's degree at the following universities:

- · Alabama A&M University
- · Alcorn State University
- · Central State University, Ohio
- Delaware State University
- · Florida A&M University
- · Fort Valley State University, Georgia
- Kentucky State University
- · Langston University, Oklahoma
- Lincoln University, Missouri
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Prairie View A&M University, Texas

- · South Carolina State University
- · Southern University, Louisiana
- Tennessee State University
- · Tuskegee University, Alabama
- · University of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- · University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- · Virginia State University
- · West Virginia State University

DEADLINE: January 31, 2023; More information and an application can be found at: <u>www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars</u>



Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc. Scholarship Information

Application Opens: Monday, January 9, 2023

Application Closes: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:59 P.M.

How To Apply:

Please visit <u>www.ccboe.com</u> and look under the Counseling Services Department. Please have the following documents ready when filling out your application.

- Academic Letter of Recommendation The letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, school counselor or other school administrator.
- **Personal Letter of Recommendation** Must be from someone who knows you well. (Not a parent or other family member)
- Personal Statement Essay Your essay is a statement regarding your academic and career objectives, goals, and aspirations. Your student statement is very important, and the Scholarship Committee relies heavily on this statement. Please include the following: What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen these goals? How do you envision making a contribution to your community after you complete your education? What impact on your community do you hope to achieve once you graduate from college?
- **Resume** The resume must include: 1. Work Experience 2. Extracurricular activities 3. Community Service activities during high school 4. Leadership positions and 5. School and Community honors and awards.
- If you want to be considered for need-based scholarships, you will need to provide a **copy of your 2023-24 Free** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Seniors should see their school counselor or their school's College and Career Advisor if they have any questions/concerns.
- Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May/June.



Maryland Senatorial & Delegate Scholarships

Who may apply???

Students planning to enroll as full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduates at a 2-year or 4-year public or independent college or university in Maryland may apply. Students attending private career schools are also eligible to apply.

Senatorial Scholarships

<mark>Senator Arthur Ellis</mark>

301-858-3616 File your FAFSA by March 1st to be considered for this scholarship. <u>DEADLINE:</u> TBD. The 2023 – 2024 Senatorial Scholarship will be available in early 2023. Please check the following website for updated information: <u>https://arthurellis.us/scholarship.html</u>

Delegate Scholarships

<mark>Delegate Debra Davis</mark>

Contact: 301-858-3337 <u>DEADLINE:</u> April 1, 2023. The Scholarship Application can be completed ONLINE at: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczQnCW4pkpK-CV5XOIajFJI5JnQ_Qxd0llWSsWX1UhGn7k6Q/viewform</u>

Delegate Edith J. Patterson

Contact: 301-858-3247 <u>DEADLINE</u>: March 31, 2023. <u>Google Forms: Sign-in</u> Questions or to request a scholarship application, please email: <u>Edith.Patterson@house.state.md.us</u>

Delegate C.T. Wilson

Contact: 301-858-3325

DEADLINE: April 3, 2023 Scholarship Applications will be available starting January 18, 2023 and will be posted on the Career Center page of the North Point High School website. Students can also email Delegate C.T. Wilson's office at <u>C.T.Wilson@house.state.me.us</u> or call 301-858-3325 to request a copy of the scholarship application packet.

*You <u>MUST</u> live in the 28th District. To verify, go to <u>http://mdelect.net</u> and type in your address.

*If you do not have a MDCAPS Account, you MUST create one at:

https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/MDCAPS/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMDCAPS%2fint%2fFinAid%2findex.a

<u>spx</u>

*You <u>MUST</u> file a FAFSA by MARCH 1ST to be considered for any of the Maryland Senatorial, Delegate, or State Scholarships

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS



Seniors planning to attend the College of Southern Maryland after graduation...

Be sure to apply for SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

Check out CSM's Online Scholarship Finder

It is available for students who plan to attend CSM in the FALL!

It's Online! It's EASY! It's FREE! Check it out!



Visit <u>www.csmd.edu/scholarshipfinder</u> for the most up-to-date information and eligibility requirements. Remember to apply early for best consideration! Contact the CSM Financial Assistance Department at (301) 934-7531 for additional information.

SCHOLARSHIPS from SPECIFIC SCHOOLS or ORGANIZATIONS

Here are some scholarship opportunities offered by <u>specific schools or organizations</u>. <u>ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS</u> go to

the college's website to check for more scholarship opportunities!!!

To be eligible for scholarships offered by individual schools, the student must apply and be planning to attend that particular college or university.

Individual College or University Scholarships

Students should look at every college/university website for information about scholarship opportunities that are available. To be eligible for scholarships offered by individual schools, the student must apply and be planning to attend that particular college/university. Students should check with the Financial Aid Office **EVERY** year they are in school to see if there are scholarship opportunities available for them!!!

Local Scholarships!!!

Applying for local scholarships through civic organizations, like the Rotary Club, religious affiliations, or local companies is an excellent way to increase your chances of being selected for an award. Local scholarships are not as competitive as those scholarships offered at the national level through many internet database searches. Click on the link below and read each description for qualifications. Pay attention to the various deadlines. Local Organizations Offering Scholarships - Charles County Public Schools (ccboe.com)

<u>"Call Me MISTER" Program (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models)</u>

This initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background. The program is contributing to the talent pool of excellent teachers by identifying and supporting them. The project provides:

- Tuition assistance through Loan Forgiveness programs for admitted students pursuing approved programs of study in teacher education at participating colleges.
- An academic support system to help assure their success.
- A cohort system for social and cultural support.
- Assistance with job placement.

Clemson University sponsors the "CALL ME MISTER" program which is offered at several Two Year Colleges and Four Year Colleges/Universities. For a list of the participating schools and for more information about this program, go to: www.clemson.edu/education/programs/programs/call-me-mister.html

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

MSDE tuition assistance program for childcare providers to obtain a college education at participating colleges/universities in Maryland. Funding is available in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, and Special Education. For additional information: **Region 10 – Southern Maryland Office (Calvert, Charles and St Mary's Counties)** 41670 Courthouse Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650, (301) 475-3770, (800) 874-6797 <u>https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/office-child-care/credentialingbranch/child-care-career-and-professional</u>

Frostburg State University – MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music Scholarship Audition days are Saturday, January 21, 2023, and Thursday, February 16, 2023. For more information and the Music and Marching Band Scholarship Applications, please visit: www.frostburg.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/music/admissions/scholarships.php

Harvard College – Harvard University

Offering free tuition to families if their income is less than \$75,000 per year. For more information, visit https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/why-harvard/affordability

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs

One of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs that assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives. Seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need. For more information about their scholarship programs and the deadlines, visit: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships

McDaniel College, Educator's Legacy Scholarship

Seniors with at least a 2.5 GPA and who are children of current K-12 educators who have at least four years of continuous full-time employment in a school setting are eligible to receive a scholarship valued at up to \$30,000 per year (\$120,000 over 4 years) to help fund your college education at McDaniel College. (Any service in a K-12 school qualifies – teachers, counselors, nurses, support staff, administrator.) www.mcdaniel.edu/admissions-cost/cost-financial-aid/types-financial-aid/mcdaniel-scholarships/educators-legacy

Medical Condition Scholarships

This is a listing of scholarships that are offered for students with specific medical conditions. There are also some for students who have a parent or a family member with a specific diagnosis. Most can be used at any school. Some cover one specific condition, while others cover whole types of diagnoses (such as all types of cancers) or even all chronic diseases. Most have some type of eligibility requirements, usually financial ones.

How to Search for Scholarships:

The scholarships are sorted several ways:

- By Medical Condition/Diagnosis (specific conditions such as brain cancer or general categories like cancer)
- By Non-Medical Condition (social, emotional, psychological or educational issues and disabilities. This includes such categories as bereavement, bullying victims, family issues and children whose family has or is in the Armed Forces).
- By All Conditions
- By Residency of Applicant
- By Scholarship Name

Visit: http://www.needymeds.org/scholarships.taf



UNCF Scholarships – MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UNCF manages various scholarship programs, and each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates and required documentation. To apply for a UNCF scholarship, you must apply through the on-line application process. For more information about deadlines and the award amounts, go to: <u>https://scholarships.uncf.org/</u>

Williamson College of the Trades (PA)

Private 3-year technical college for men, residential campus, need-based financial aid available for full-time students, 8 varsity sports in the Junior Athletic Association. Go to: <u>www.williamson.edu</u>



SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information Online

There is plenty of <mark>FREE</mark> information and help; <u>do not pay</u> for scholarships, scholarship searches, or help with completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application.

College Affordability and Transparency Center

This website by the U.S. Department of Education helps students find information about how much it costs to attend different colleges. Below is a list of links available:

- College Scorecard Helps you search for a college that is a good fit.
- **College Navigator** Helps you search for and compare colleges based on all sorts of criteria (costs, majors offered, size of school, campus safety, graduation rates, admission, retention, and financial aid).
- Net Price Calculator Center Allows you to find links to colleges' net price calculators. Net price calculators help you estimate how much colleges cost after scholarships and grants.
- College Affordability and Transparency List You can find information about tuition and net prices at postsecondary institutions.

VISIT: www.collegecost.ed.gov

Bold.org

Students at any education level, field of study, and GPA can search and apply for scholarships. Create a **FREE** account and profile at: <u>www.bold.org/</u>

Cappex.com/Scholarships

This is a multi-million-dollar scholarship database. Create a FREE account to find personalized scholarship matches: https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/

Career One Stop

Search more than 7,500 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities: www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

Central Scholarship Bureau

Seniors planning to attend college full time in the fall who meet other eligibility requirements may apply for scholarships and loans through this Maryland agency. Applications begin Jan 1. Visit: <u>www.central-scholarship.org</u>

Free-to-Apply Scholarships on NICHE

Compare free-to-apply scholarships to help fund you education. Create a <u>FREE</u> account on NICHE to get matched to college scholarships. You can also read millions of college reviews, see college rankings and search for colleges!!! www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

Free Scholarship Searches

More than 70 no-cost scholarship websites, information which includes an instant GPA calculator, contact info for every college in the U.S., a list of colleges which offer comprehensive programs for students with learning disabilities, lists of Christian, Catholic, and woman's colleges, a list of HBCU's, and links to more than 2,500 career schools, online degree programs, and colleges. <u>www.college-scholarships.com</u>

Going Merry scholarship

Scholarship applications made simple, one place for all your scholarships, free and secure platform, saves you time and makes it simple to win more scholarships, <u>www.goingmerry.com</u>

GI Transferability Bill

Post 9/11 GI Bill family transfer option allows service members to shift their benefits to their families. For more information, visit www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts_forms.asp.

Mometrix

Top 175 Scholarships for College - https://www.mometrix.com/blog/scholarships-for-college/

Scholarships.com

Search over 3.7 million scholarships and grants; get matched to scholarships, FREE SEARCH ****Recommended by College Representatives*!!! <u>www.scholarships.com</u>

Student Scholarships.org

Maryland scholarship database, quality & depth information, huge time saver, free newsletter option, privacy policy www.studentscholarships.org

Scholarships360.org

A scholarship website dedicated to helping students find great scholarships. Many leading colleges and universities recommend Scholarships360. <u>https://scholarships360.org/</u>



SENIORS...

Please remember to email <u>ALL</u> Your college acceptance letters and your scholarship and grant awards to Mrs. Jones in the Career Center!



Visit the NPHS College & Career Center website to view more information on post-high school activities, important notices on upcoming events, and scholarships. These programs, opportunities, and scholarships are provided as a courtesy. Charles County Public Schools and North Point High School do not rate the quality or value of any of these. Please check with the organizational for any changes in the opportunity. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jones at cajones@ccboe.com.

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