Cecil County Public Schools
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A Guide to Financial Aid for Post Secondary Education

Stepping Stones to Financial Aid

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- Attend High School Financial Aid Night
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Introduction

A college education is one of the biggest and most important financial investments that a family will make. Financial aid can play a significant role in helping families to afford higher education. Keep in mind there are many sources of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs, and loans. This guide will provide students and parents with resources to help determine the type of financial aid that best suits their personal circumstances. Don’t forget the human resources that are available to you; namely, your high school counselor and the financial aid staff at the colleges you are considering. Good luck with your search.

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Special Help for Minority Students, Military Families, and Students with Disabilities

Listed are some helpful publications which may be available in guidance offices, libraries, and bookstores:

Financial Aid for African Americans - Gail Ann Schlachter


Financial Aid for Minorities in Engineering and Science - Garrett Park Press


Websites

www.blackexcel.org - Identifies scholarships for minority students.

www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml - Identifies scholarships for minority students.

Phone Number

1-800-827-1000 - Veteran’s Administration

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Dear Students and Parents:

This booklet contains important information about financial aid for post high school education planning. School counselors can assist you in making decisions and working through the processes associated with career goals.

As the cost of higher education continues to increase, you may find it necessary to seek assistance to fund your higher education goals. The financial aid information contained in this guide will be helpful as you consider funding options.

I wish you all the best in the successful pursuit of your aspirations. Please do not hesitate to contact your high school counselor and teachers for additional assistance. Again, I am hopeful that you will find this year’s Guide to Financial Aid useful and informative.

Sincerely,

D’Ette W. Devine
Superintendent of Schools

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Cecil College

More and more high school students are choosing to begin a post-secondary program by attending a local college. Students may complete general coursework requirements at Cecil College before transferring to a four-year college or specialized technical program. Advantages include:

- A variety of programs & degree options.
- Significant savings compared to four-year colleges & universities.
- Accepts some high school CTE completer programs for college credit.
- Small class sizes.
- Individual academic planning.
- AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 may be accepted for college credit.

Cecil College Contacts:

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(410) 287-6060, Ext 528                    (410) 287-6060, Ext 210

LOAN INFORMATION

The Thorn Foundation offers low interest loans to Cecil County students. Loans are administered by the law office of Scott and Scott Attorneys. Contact the law office at 410-398-0611 for an application. Funds are limited, so apply early!
Q. What is Financial Aid?
A. Financial aid falls into two broad categories. Merit-based aid is given to students based on their academic achievement or special talents. Need-based aid is given to students based on their financial need.

Q. What Types of Financial Aid Are Available?
A. Grants and Scholarships, also called gift aid, are awards that you don’t have to pay back. Grants are usually based on need, while scholarships are usually based on academic achievements, athletic ability, or special talents. Loans may be acquired by either parents and/or students and will need to be paid back over time. Work-Study may or may not be need-based. This program allows a student to work part-time on campus to help pay for school expenses.

Q. Who Gives Financial Aid?
A. Federal Government - The federal government provides most of the student financial aid; the PELL Grant, Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins and Stafford Loans, and Federal Work-Study are examples. These programs are need-based.
State of Maryland - The state has grant programs and Senatorial/House of Delegate scholarships based on need and merit.
Post-Secondary Institutions - Colleges and technical schools offer scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans; some are merit-based while others are need-based.
Private Programs - Many private organizations provide aid to students; additionally, employers, labor unions, and professional associations sponsor programs. Community and service organizations such as the Jaycees, Lions and Rotary Clubs, church groups, veterans’ organizations, and businesses are also good sources of aid. These programs can be need-based or merit-based. This booklet has a listing of some of these programs.

Q. Who Should Apply for Financial Aid?
A. All students interested in financial assistance for their education should apply. Both need and merit-based scholarships may require that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Q. When do I apply for Financial Aid?
A. Many scholarships are available throughout high school, however, each scholarship determine their requirements and eligibility. The FAFSA may be completed beginning October 1 of the senior year.
Q. How do I Apply for Financial Aid?
A. The FAFSA is the basic form used to apply for financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov). You must complete the FAFSA to apply for federal, state, and college financial aid. Many private scholarship programs also require the FAFSA. Many grants and scholarships from the state of Maryland have separate applications and deadlines. The deadline for filing the FAFSA in Maryland is March 1. Some colleges have earlier deadlines, so the sooner you file after October 1 of your senior year, the better. Many colleges also require that you complete supplemental financial aid applications, such as the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, found at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. Check with the colleges for their specific requirements.

Q. Where and When Can I Get a FAFSA?
A. FAFSA forms will be available for seniors October 1 online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To apply electronically or to find out more about federal student aid, visit the Department of Education’s website at: www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Q. How Can I Get Help Completing the FAFSA?
A. Every high school in the county hosts a financial aid meeting in late spring or early fall. The keynote speaker, who is usually a financial aid officer from a local college, goes through the FAFSA step-by-step and answers parents’ questions. The Cecil College Financial Aid Office and the Financial Aid Office at the colleges to which you are applying are resources for those who need additional help.

Q. How is My Financial Need Determined?
A. Your financial need is determined by following this formula:

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\text{Cost of Education} - \text{What your family can pay (EFC)} = \text{Financial Need}
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The Cost of Education includes tuition, room, board, books, and other related expenses. What your family can pay is called your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Your completed FAFSA is used to calculate your EFC.

Remember the March 1 FAFSA deadline to qualify for Maryland’s financial aid programs!

James Dudley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who excels in music and/or plans to major in music.
DEADLINE: May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Karen Mueller Memorial Art Scholarship
AWARD: $1000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A RSHS senior planning to pursue post secondary art studies in visual arts or art education.
DEADLINE: May 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Math Scholars Award
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College-bound RSHS senior who has demonstrated enthusiasm for mathematics; recipient selected by RSHS math department.
DEADLINE: Selected in May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Marty Smith Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS senior; math excellence; application.
DEADLINE: May 15
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Rising Sun High School Alumni Association
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Son or daughter of RSHS alumni who has demonstrated academic achievement and leadership.
DEADLINE: Mid-May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Rising Sun Lions Club - Dr. R. C. Dodson Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Award varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in the Rising Sun community; preference given to applicants with plans to major in health care/medical fields.
DEADLINE: Mid-May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Ryan Hartnett Soccer Alumni Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have been a member of the RSHS Varsity Boys or Girls Soccer Team.
DEADLINE: May 19
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.
DEADLINE: Early May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

The William C. Graham and William J. Graham Endowed Scholarships
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors who have been accepted to the University of Maryland at College Park and demonstrates financial need.
DEADLINE: May 1
CONTACT: University of Maryland, Office of Financial Aid
Fall

- Review the test-taking tips and sample questions in the PSAT student bulletin.
- Attend college fairs.
- Take the PSAT.
- Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) at your school.
- Do a college search and discuss the results with your counselor. All CCPS students can utilize Career Cruising (www.careercruising.com) for this purpose.

Winter

- Review PSAT results with your counselor and discuss their impact on your college choices.
- Ask your counselor whether you should take the ACT or the SAT.
- Register for spring tests (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT).
- Make a list of high interest schools to visit during the spring.
- Make sure your senior year academic schedule is as challenging as possible.
- See your counselor regarding Boys State/Girls State.
Spring
☐ Prepare a list of questions for your spring college visitations.
☐ If you are interested in military academies, begin filling out preliminary interest forms.
☐ Visit as many colleges as possible: take a campus tour, sit in on a class, and eat in the dining hall.
☐ Participate in the SAT School Day test administration.
☐ Share your college visitation impressions with your counselor.
☐ Revise your high interest college list.
☐ Complete the registration for Student Athlete Eligibility at www.eligibilitycenter.org for prospective college student athletes.
☐ If applicable, print out the transcript release form from the website for prospective college student athletes, and turn it in to your guidance office.
☐ Talk to your counselor about all available resources for financial aid.
☐ Take for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.

Summer
☐ Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
☐ Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer. See your Service Learning Building Coordinator or go to www.volunteermatch.org.
☐ Make college visits part of your family’s summer travel plans.
☐ Use financial aide websites to begin accessing scholarship applications.

Kathleen Lanigan Memorial Art Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with demonstrated excellence in art, academics, and community service.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Community Scholarships
AWARD: $11,000 annual fund; awards vary from $100 - $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: PHS seniors planning to attend any two-year or four-year school.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Lions Club Service Award
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who has demonstrated outstanding service to school and community.
DEADLINE: May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Riverfest Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who has been accepted to a two-year or four-year college and is a Charlestown resident.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Steven Zartler Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to study foreign languages.
DEADLINE: Early April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Todd Haley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior member of the golf team.
DEADLINE: Mid-April CONTACT: Guidance Office

RISING SUN HIGH SCHOOL
American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships, Post #194
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS female student with financial need; academic achievement; and leadership.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office

American Legion Post #194 Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors with post-secondary plans at any two-year or four-year school; academic achievement; financial need and leadership; application.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office
Scholarships from the North East Chamber of Commerce
AWARD: $1,000 to Cecil College
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS outstanding student majoring in business at Cecil College; honor roll marking period one and two of senior year; 350 word essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

North East High School Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic excellence or improvement; positive character traits; motivation; good attendance; nominated from NEHS faculty member, 350 word essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

The NEHS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior who has completed at least 11th and 12th grade at NEHS; minimum 2.5 GPA; attend NEHS alumni banquet in June.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Brandon Brinkman Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A well-rounded PHS senior with plans to attend any two-year or four-year college; must be actively involved in school and community.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation - PHS Principal’s Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awarded by principal of Perryville High School.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Harmony Lodge Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to attend college and demonstrates financial need.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with a 3.5 GPA; community service; participation in sports.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

September
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss college plans and find out about financial aid opportunities.
- Get organized. Keep a personal calendar of important dates and deadlines. Organize your important college information in folders.
- Ask your counselor to help you with a college search on the computer if you’re uncertain about college choices (i.e., Career Cruising www.careercruising.com).
- Check your colleges’ testing requirements. Sign up for the fall SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests.
- Access applications and financial aid materials online.
- Request NCAA Eligibility Center Application for initial eligibility http://www.eligibilitycenter.org for prospective college student athletes.
- Student should apply for their own Student Federal Aid (FSA) ID.
- Parent/Guardian should apply for their own FSA ID, which is required to complete the on-line FAFSA.
- Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.

October
- Attend the Cecil County Public Schools’ College & Career Fair.
- Meet with selected college representatives at your high school.
- Begin filling out college applications. Compose a personal statement and activity résumé.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.
- Discuss college application essays with your English/Language Arts teacher or school counselor.
- Visit as many of your top choice colleges as possible. Make appointments for interviews and campus tours. Ask permission to sit in on some classes.
- Complete and submit your college application. “Priority” and “early decision” deadlines may be as early as October.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) at your school.
October - continued

- Access the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.ed.gov). All colleges require a completed FAFSA to determine your eligibility for financial aid.
- Check to see if your colleges also require the PROFILE form for financial aid. The application is available online at https://profileonline.collegeboard.com.
- Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.
- Complete your FAFSA as soon after October 1 as possible. (Remember, keep copies of all forms you submit!) Check with your college(s) for specific deadline dates.
- Helpful hint: Utilizing the IRS retrieval tool when completing the FAFSA will help expedite submitting your tax returns to colleges if needed.

* Talk to your counselor about the pros and cons of “early decision.”

November

- Complete and submit all college applications with a November deadline.
- Keep informed of scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT if necessary.
- Take the SAT Subject Tests if required by your colleges.
- Keep working on your college applications. Check on deadlines.
- Stay focused on your high school classes. Colleges will want a transcript that includes your first semester grades.

December

- Complete and submit all college applications.*
- Make sure an official high school transcript (request from your Guidance office) is included with your application.

* Many colleges have December application deadlines for merit-based scholarships.

January

- Give any mid-year report forms to your counselor so that your first semester grades can be sent to your colleges.
**February**

- Continue checking for scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office.
- Check to see if your mid-year reports have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Rank your final list of colleges. You should receive acknowledgements from the colleges to which you have applied.
- Check with those schools that have not contacted you.
- Make sure your FAFSA has been submitted. Maryland’s deadline for the FAFSA is March 1. Some schools may have different deadlines. Check with each institution for specific dates.

**March**

- Keep your high school counselor informed when you receive acceptance or denial letters/notifications from colleges.
- Check your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy and report any errors. Request duplicate SARs if you have not decided which college you will attend.
- Contact each admissions and financial aid office to make sure your application is complete.
- Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office.

**April**

- Expect a financial aid award letter* from the colleges that have accepted your application. If you have not received any information, contact the financial aid office of that college.
- Compare the financial aid awards that you receive.
- Talk to the financial aid officer at your first choice college if the financial aid offer does not meet your needs.
- Decide which college you will attend and send in a deposit before the deadline.
- Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- Sign and return the financial aid award letters.
- Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office.

* A listing of all types and amounts of financial aid for which you are eligible at the college.
May

- Tell your school counselor which college you will be attending and request that a copy of your final transcript be sent there.
- Notify your school counselor of all awarded financial aid including scholarships.
- Share your plans with those people who have written letters of recommendation and thank them for their support.
- Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer.
- Check for any late scholarship applications.
- Request that a final transcript be sent to NCAA Eligibility Center.

Senior year is full of many emotions, excitements, and decisions. This year tends to pass very quickly, and the key aspect to staying on top of things is prioritizing your priorities. It is very exciting to commit to a college or university, but the financial burden comes into play very fast. I recommend that you start filling out scholarships as soon as possible, even before you commit. The earlier you start, the better chance you have of receiving the award because most people miss those early deadlines. Make sure you keep track of the scholarships for which you have applied and the ones you still need to do. Always be on top of those deadlines; they creep up on you very fast. Apply to every scholarship for which you qualify, no matter the amount. Even small amount scholarships add up very quickly. You may think that a $500 scholarship isn’t worth your time, but that amount goes a long way, especially for books or housing expenses. It does not hurt or cost anything to apply to scholarships, so do as many as you can! In the end, it is free money! I know the feeling of senioritis, but don’t let that stop you from working hard because it definitely pays off. Overall, you will certainly not regret the time you spend on these scholarships.

The time and effort put into applying for scholarships can be overwhelming, but it is definitely worth it. College is expensive so every little bit helps. The more I receive in scholarships is that much less I have to pay back upon completing my college education. There are so many scholarships available and not as many students apply as you may think.

Emily Caldarelli
Elkton High School
Class of 2017

Cassidy Hufford
Bohemia Manor
High School
Class of 2017

Cory White
North East High School
Class of 2017

Bronwyn Bare
North East High School
Class of 2017

Steven Chen
Elkton High School
Class of 2017

While it is beyond stressful applying for scholarships, each application, essay, and transcript printed makes everything worth all of the short-term stress. A paramount suggestion would be to make sure that you are very organized in the process. Too often people will have every intent of applying for a scholarship and then forget about the deadline and miss a tremendous opportunity that would undoubtedly enhance the affordability of one’s post-graduation plans. Making a spreadsheet or a list of some sort that includes the designated scholarship, the deadlines, and requirements was something that I found extremely beneficial; it helped me stay on top of all of my scholarships. Remember, the temporary stress and the dreaded 500 essays and applications is well worth the outcome.

After many attempts at applying for scholarships, I wanted to share what I have learned to anyone who is starting the scholarship process. The most important thing in looking for scholarships is to first look for scholarships that are school-specific or major-specific. These scholarships, no matter the amount offered, will give you the best chance in winning them. School-specific and major-specific scholarships limit the competition you will encounter and thus increase the chance that you will win. Equally as important, always apply for any scholarship for which you qualify. It’s better to say I’ve tried rather than I gave up. Remember to not compare yourself with others; your only competition is yourself.

Making college affordable is a big deal. Senior year is stressful and the best advice I can give is to be organized. Start early and prioritize applications by due dates. I found it helpful to make a checklist or a spreadsheet for yourself so you have all deadlines in one place. Be prepared with a list of everything you have done in high school- from volunteer hours to extracurricular activities. This will make filling out scholarships so much easier! Make it a regular habit to see your school counselor and check to see what scholarships apply to you. Before you apply for a scholarship, make sure you have all your paperwork you need ready to go. Most scholarships require an essay. Write a general essay, like a template, that can be modified to any scholarship. Lastly, good luck and once you’re awarded the scholarship all the frustrations you had will be worth it!
Important Financial Aid Information Specific to Maryland

Maryland College Aid Processing System (MD CAPS) is MHEC’s new comprehensive financial aid system that allows MD to process state scholarship applications and allocate funds more efficiently using today’s technology. It replaces the old Student Inquiry system. To use MD CAPS, you must first create a Student Login Profile and then click the activation link in the message sent to your e-mail account. To create a profile, go to https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us; then create a student login.

Seniors: Make sure to log on to MD CAPS at least once every couple of weeks once you complete your FAFSA in order to see if you have qualified for any Maryland only scholarships. You must log in to MD CAPS and accept your awards in a timely manner or you will not be able to receive them. Refer to the website for additional information.

Helpful Websites to Aid in Your College Journey

Every high school in the Cecil County Public School system has Internet access making it possible for all students to obtain the most up-to-date information about financial aid sources. Remember to also check the websites of any colleges you are considering since these sites often have links to other financial aid information or scholarship databases.

These websites help students plan their careers, search for schools, apply for admission, and apply for financial aid.

Check out some of the features:
• College search
• Scholarship search
• Career assessment tools
• College and financial aid applications

Check out.......
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
Sallie Mae - www.salliemae.com
The Financial Aid Information page - www.finaid.org
Maryland Higher Education Commission - www.mdgo4it.org
Financial Aid Search through the Web - www.fastweb.com
GoodCall Scholarship Search - www.goodcall.com
Peterson’s Education Center - www.petersons.com
Princeton Review - www.princetonreview.com
College Board - www.collegeboard.org
Black Excel - www.blackexcel.org
National Application Center - www.nationalappcenter.com
School Soup - www.schoolsoup.com

MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
The American Legion - www.legion.org
City-Year - www.cityyear.org
The Corporation for National & Community Service - www.nationalservice.gov
Today’s Military - www.todaysmilitary.com/training/ROTC

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES
National Junior College Athletic Association - www.njcaa.org
NCAA Eligibility Center - www.eligibilitycenter.org

INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS
Protect Yourself from Scholarship Scams - www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

Cecil Soccer League College Scholarship
AWARD: Two $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CSL participation; community service; minimum 2.5 GPA; must enroll in two-year or four-year college program; application with supporting materials.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Conowingo Lions Club Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must live in Conowingo Elementary School attendance area; financial need; academic record.
DEADLINE: May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.25 GPA; at least one season of soccer during high school years; accepted to a two-year or four-year college; participation in Boy/Girl Scouts suggested.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Lisa Wiegand Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CCPS Senior planning to attend a public college/university in the state of Maryland; pursuing a degree in teacher education; minimum GPA 3.0; essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Orbital ATK STEM Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: GPA 3.0 or higher; planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university for a STEM related program. One scholarship to be awarded to a student at each CCPS High School, including the School of Technology.
DEADLINE: Mid April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Women’s Club of Cecil County
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior with at least a 3.0 GPA; good attendance; financial need; school involvement; application and essay required.
DEADLINE: March 15 CONTACT: Guidance Office

LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Brenda Reynolds Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior who has been active in yearbook, service learning, and/or business education may apply.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office
Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

It’s true! Numerous scholarships are made available every year; so many, in fact, there is no way for any Guidance Office to maintain a current and complete file. Even the sample listings included here may already contain inaccurate information because changes occur so frequently. Therefore, interested applicants should carefully review current scholarship notices to ascertain the correct award amounts, eligibility criteria, and deadlines.

Remember to check your school’s Guidance Office for more extensive scholarship publications that are devoted entirely to private endowment sources. Even more help can be found on the Internet! Just by exploring the websites, students might discover a “gold mine” of scholarship information.

Scholarship Application Tips

1. The student, not the parent, should do the application!
2. Photocopy the application. Fill in the copy first.
3. If online, download and print the application. Fill in the copy first.
4. Read over the entire application before responding to the requested information.
5. Type or print in blue or black ink for all responses unless instructed otherwise.
6. Recheck the completed application to make sure all the information and signatures are included.
7. Ask a responsible person to proofread the final version.
8. Keep copies of everything!
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AED Superstore College Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College bound high school senior. Essay required.
DEADLINE: May 31 and Nov. 30 CONTACT: scholarship@aedsuperstore.com

AES Engineers Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Essay required.
DEADLINE: October 6 CONTACT: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

American Chemical Society Scholarship
AWARD: Varies; up to $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior of African-American, Hispanic, or American Indian heritage with minimum 3.0 GPA; planning to study the chemical sciences.
DEADLINE: March 1 CONTACT: www.acs.org/scholars 1-800-227-5558 x6250

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $2,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Well-rounded; determined to succeed; achievement at job; sports or extracurricular activity.
DEADLINE: February 15 CONTACT: us.axa.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html

Ayn Rand Essay Contests
AWARD: Various awards ranging from $50 to $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students write 600-1,600 word essay related to Ayn Rand’s The Atlas Shrugged, The Fountainhead, or The Anthem.
DEADLINE: Varies CONTACT: www.aynrand.org/contests

BestMattressReviews.com Sleep Scholarships
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current high school students pursuing a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution. Essay required. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
DEADLINE: May 19 CONTACT: www.bestmattressreviews.com/

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program
AWARD: Up to $25,000 (fifty $25,000 - renewable for up to four years)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Four year college; majoring in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, finance, business administration, marketing or design; seeking a career in automotive or related industry.
DEADLINE: February 28 CONTACT: www.buickachievers.com

Burger King Scholars Program
AWARD: $1,000-$50,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; full-time enrollment for the entire year at an accredited two-year or four-year college or technical school.
DEADLINE: December 15 CONTACT: www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/burger-king-scholars-program/

Everyone wants to be accepted into the school of their dreams, but being accepted is not the only challenge. Many of our dream schools can be very expensive. Getting accepted is a great feeling until you realize that affording it will be difficult. To make sure that you are financially prepared, you should apply to as many scholarships as you can. Applying for scholarships can be a hassle, but when you get accepted and have money to cover some of the cost it will all feel worth it.
Everyone knows that college is expensive, and only gets more expensive through the years. Money does not grow on trees and scholarships are the perfect opportunity to receive “free money.” Applying for scholarships has dramatically reduced the amount I have to pay in the future. Despite typing countless essays and obtaining transcripts and letters of recommendations, scholarship are worth it! Don’t eliminate the scholarships that award a couple hundred dollars. Every amount adds up! It is crucial to stay updated with scholarships because your school counselors have a large supply and deadlines can change at anytime. It’s also important to research scholarships online because you never know what you can find, but be careful and avoid scams! This book is an excellent source of scholarships, so take advantage and highlight the ones that match your criteria. It’s your last year, so make it count and get a jump start on your future!

The unfortunate reality is that college education is expensive. Take every opportunity you can to help ease the burden by applying to as many scholarships as you can; you never know, and a lot of the time there are not a whole lot of other people applying. Another piece of advice would definitely be to save any essays you write for a scholarship because a lot of the prompts overlap and you can reuse essays or at least parts of them for other applications. Plan time to work just on these scholarship applications and essays with a group of friends. This will make the process more enjoyable and ensure you get them done. Finally, keep in touch with your school counselor, keep them updated on your decisions and thoughts for school and have them make you aware of any new scholarships available to you as they come in. The work put into the applications could definitely be worth it in the long run!

Start applying for scholarships as soon as possible. The sooner you start the more time you have to apply for scholarships. If you see a scholarship for which you are eligible, don’t rule it out because it is long or has an essay or an interview. Every cent helps when it comes to paying college tuition, don’t be afraid to apply to as many as possible.
Future Farmers of America Scholarships
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Varies; some require FFA membership. See 2016 scholarship catalog for additional information.
DEADLINE: Varies CONTACT: www.FFA.org/scholarships

Gates Millennium Scholars
AWARD: Full tuition
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, Hispanic American student with a minimum 3.3 GPA; leadership; service; must qualify for Pell Grant.
DEADLINE: January CONTACT: www.gmsp.org

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship
AWARD: One hundred four $20,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Perseverance in overcoming a personal obstacle; great financial need; 2.0 GPA; extracurricular activities.
DEADLINE: October 15 CONTACT: https://scholars.horatioalger.org

Jackie Robinson Foundation
AWARD: Four year scholarship up to $7,500/year
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating minority high school senior.
APPLY: February 15 CONTACT: http://jackierobinson.org/apply

Kohl’s Kids Who Care Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recognition for volunteer efforts and nominated by someone.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
AWARD: $500 - $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College-bound child of a Marine; limited income; 300 word essay required.
DEADLINE: March CONTACT: www.mcsf.scholarshipapps.org

National CO-OP Scholarship
AWARD: $6,000 (renewable)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Attending a WACE partner college or university (Clarkson, Drexel, Johnson & Wales, Merrimack, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of Toledo, or Wentworth Institute of Technology); essay required; minimum 3.5 GPA.
DEADLINE: February 15 CONTACT: www.co-op.edu

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Award
AWARD: $2,000 - $15,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be nominated by NFIB member; GPA; SAT or ACT; essay required.
DEADLINE: Mid-December CONTACT: Guidance Office or 1-800-552-6342 www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/yef-programs/young-entrepreneur-awards/

Sara A. Roye Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; college acceptance; minimum 3.2 GPA; one year of foreign language; essay; two letters of recommendation.
DEADLINE: March 31 CONTACT: akaxideltaomega.com/scholarship-information

Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Chesapeake Post Scholarship Application
AWARD: $300-$1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing careers in STEM fields: engineering, architecture, mathematics, technology, computer, or related science (chemistry, biology, physics). Health Sciences are not included.
DEADLINE: March 31 CONTACT: www.same.org/chesapeake

Soroptimist Scholarship-Live Your Dream Award
AWARD: $3000-$10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female; demonstrates financial need: two academic, one art, one college bound.
DEADLINE: November 15 CONTACT: www.soroptimist.org

Women in Defense (WID) Mid Atlantic Chapter Mary Doak Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship
AWARD: $2,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field benefitting national security or defense; minimum GPA of 3.25 mid year of senior year; public college in Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia; resident of Baltimore, Cecil, or Harford County.
DEADLINE: Mid-June CONTACT: www.widmidatlantic.org

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Cecil College Board of Trustees Scholarship
AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum “B” grade average; financial need and academic achievement.
DEADLINE: Mid-April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College County Council’s Scholarship
AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC plus $750 for books; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum “B” grade average; financial need and academic achievement; school nomination.
DEADLINE: Mid-April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation Arts and Communications Scholarship
AWARD: Numerous awards; varying amounts
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to attend CC for one of the following fields: Art, Dance, Journalism, Literary Arts, Music Performance Theater, Visual Communications.
DEADLINE: Mid-April CONTACT: must apply online at www.cecil.edu
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<td>Three $1000</td>
<td>Students pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation, or a related field of study; minimum 2.75 GPA.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.nophnrcse.org">www.nophnrcse.org</a></td>
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<td>Four $1,000</td>
<td>Must be of Polish descent; academic achievement; financial need; school and community involvement.</td>
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<td><strong>Prudential Spirit of Community Awards</strong></td>
<td>$1,000 - $5,000</td>
<td>Application and volunteer service; overall excellence.</td>
<td>End of October</td>
<td>1-888-450-9961 or <a href="http://www.spirit.prudential.com">www.spirit.prudential.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Ron Brown Scholar Program</strong></td>
<td>Ten $10,000; which can be renewed for a total of $40,000</td>
<td>Academic and leadership excellence; financial need; application with essay required; African-American student.</td>
<td>November 1</td>
<td>434-964-1588 or <a href="http://www.ronbrown.org">www.ronbrown.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>SAE Engineering Scholarship Program</strong></td>
<td>Several awards by participating colleges ranging from $1,000 - $10,000</td>
<td>Seniors or juniors intending to major in engineering or related science; 3.5 GPA and minimum SAT/ACT scores.</td>
<td>March 15</td>
<td>724-776-4970 or <a href="http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar">http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar</a></td>
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<td>$7,500</td>
<td>Outstanding scholar-athlete with leadership excellence and community service.</td>
<td>Early March</td>
<td>Guidance Office or <a href="http://www.scholarships123.com/award/scholar-athlete-milk-mustache-of-the-year-sammy-award">www.scholarships123.com/award/scholar-athlete-milk-mustache-of-the-year-sammy-award</a></td>
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**Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Scholarship**
- Award: $1,000
- Eligibility Criteria: Harford or Cecil County resident; accepted to an accredited HBCU; minimum 2.7 GPA; essay.
- Deadline: March 31
- Contact: guidance@akaxideltaomega.com

**James Weldon Johnson Memorial Scholarship**
- Award: $1,000
- Eligibility Criteria: Senior males enrolled in a Harford or Cecil County high school; able to demonstrate a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities; minimum GPA 3.0.
- Deadline: April 1
- Contact: Guidance Office

**Howard Wood Memorial**
- Award: $1,000
- Eligibility Criteria: High school seniors residing in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s or Talbot counties pursuing careers in agriculture, land use planning, alternative energy, or other conservation related fields. Essay required.
- Deadline: April 15
- Contact: jbelanger@eslc.org or 410-348-5214

**Jason R. Wehmer Memorial Scholarship**
- Award: $1,000
- Eligibility Criteria: Full-time enrollment at Harford Community College; 3.0 cumulative GPA; must be enrolled in Political Science curriculum; preferred financial need and veteran status.
- Deadline: May 15
- Contact: Financial Aid Office

**Leona Dorbert Memorial Scholarship**
- Award: $250
- Eligibility Criteria: Harford or Cecil County resident and member of a Harford or Cecil County Fire or EMS service.
- Deadline: March 30
- Contact: Guidance Office

**Maryland Municipal League, Cecil/Harford Chapter**
- Award: $500
- Eligibility Criteria: Student residing in chapter area; good grades; application with essay required.
- Deadline: April
- Contact: Guidance Office

**Mildred G. Stansbury Memorial Scholarship Award**
- Award: $1,000
- Eligibility Criteria: Harford or Cecil County resident; minimum 2.7 GPA; college acceptance; essay; two letters of recommendation.
- Deadline: March 31
- Contact: akaxideltaomega.com/scholarship-information
UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student with epilepsy or living with family member of an epilepsy patient; academic achievement; activities outside school; role model; accepted to college.
DEADLINE: See website CONTACT: www.UCBEpilepsyscholarship.com or Call 1-888-275-7928

U. S. Military, Civilian & Spouses’ Club Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.0 GPA; taken SAT or ACT; unmarried; legal dependent of APG community.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: www.mscftirwin.org

Voice of Democracy Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000 - $30,000 at local, state, and national levels
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Three to five minute essay required on a designated theme.
DEADLINE: October 31 CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.vfw.org/VOD

Washington Crossing Foundation
AWARD: $500 to $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to pursue government or military service.
DEADLINE: January CONTACT: http://gwcf.org/AppDownload.html

Will To Win Scholarship
AWARD: $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior with asthma who has achieved a level of excellence and has received at least one award related to one of the following categories: performing arts, community service, science, athletics, visual arts; minimum GPA 3.5.
DEADLINE: April 30 CONTACT: www.studentscholarshipssearch.com/scholarships/will-to-win-scholarship.php 1-800-724-3746

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Common Market
AWARD: In-state tuition rates at specified out-of-state institutions
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland resident accepted into an approved program of study not offered at a Maryland public college or university; specific application form from Maryland Higher Education Commission.
DEADLINE: July CONTACT: 410-974-2971 or www.sreb.org/overview/academic-common-market or Guidance Office

American Legion Oratorical Contest
AWARD: Seven state awards ($500 - $2,500); national and regional awards ($1,000 - $18,000)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student speech related to the U.S. Constitution with local contests leading to national awards. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible.
DEADLINE: Fall CONTACT: Guidance Office or www legion.org/ scholarships

The BGE Scholars Program
AWARD: Up to $50,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be dependents of BGE customers and must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational and technical training full-time.
DEADLINE: April 3 CONTACT: 410-415-5558 www.central-scholarships.org/scholarships/the-bge-scholars-program/

Children’s Home Foundation Scholarship
AWARD: Maximum $3,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Financial need; must attend a community college or trade/technical school within 250 miles from home; not for general studies.
DEADLINE: March CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cody G. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund
AWARD: $1,000 - $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school running athlete in Cecil or Harford County; minimum GPA of 3.0 weighted; high school senior accepted to an accredited college or university and the affiliated running program; application with supporting materials.

Doris G. Carey Honorary Book Award Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; minimum 2.7 GPA; college acceptance; essay.
DEADLINE: March 31 CONTACT: akaxdoscholarships.webs.com

Edward L. Walmsley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior attending regional school; academic performance; school/community activities, especially with the American Legion; application and essay required.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: 410-658-9078 or Charles Thomas 410-642-3976

Francis Scott Key Chapter of ITEA
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior pursuing a college degree in math, engineering, or physical sciences; academic achievement; extra-curricular activities; employment in math/science field.
DEADLINE: February CONTACT: www.fskitea.org
Senatorial Scholarship
AWARD: Numerous awards in varying amounts
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recipients must attend an accredited Maryland or approved out-of-state institution; financial need; and merit considerations.
DEADLINE: Must complete FAFSA by March 1; varies by legislative district.
CONTACT: Guidance Office

The Credit Union Foundation of MD & DC Scholarship
AWARD: One essay award for $1,000; one video-based award for $1,000; one photo essay award for $1,000.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Member of Maryland Credit Union.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: www.cufound.org/consumer-resources/college-scholarship/

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program
AWARD: Up to $4,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student and parent residents of Maryland; student planning to work in specific careers: child care, human services, teaching, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, or public services; attend a Maryland college.
DEADLINE: July 1
CONTACT: www.mhec.state.md.us/Preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_WSSAG.aspx

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU) College Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current APGFCU member in good standing; minimum 3.0 GPA.
DEADLINE: February 1
CONTACT: www.apgfcu.com

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Aberdeen Chapter - Education Foundation Scholarship
AWARD: $4,000 ($1,000 per year for four years)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Cecil and Harford County student high school senior; planning on entering a STEM related field of study and must stay in the field of study through graduation; cumulative GPA of at least 3.5; combined SAT score of 2,000.
DEADLINE: January
CONTACT: Jeff Murter 443-402-9097 or e-mail jeffrey.s.murter@leidos.com

Associated Builders and Contractors, Baltimore Metro Chapter
AWARD: $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female high school students planning to pursue construction related fields of study in post high school education.
DEADLINE: May 12
CONTACT: Ally D’Ovidio- 410-821-0351

Central Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $10,000 a year and up to $40,000 lifetime
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland residents attending or planning to attend an accredited United States college, university, community college or career school.
DEADLINE: April 3
CONTACT: 410-415-5558
www.central-scholarship.org/scholarships/the-bge-scholars-program/

Charles Riley Fire and Medical Emergency Tuition Reimbursement Program
AWARD: Full tuition
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current firefighter, ambulance, or rescue squad member; enrollment in college courses leading to a degree in fire service or emergency medical technology.
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office or mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/progrmdescription/prog-fire.aspx

Columbia Bank Diversity Scholarship
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student plans to attend a 2-year or 4-year undergrad degree program majoring in Business, Communications, IT, Finance, or Marketing; must be of diverse ethnic background; financial need; essay required; three forms of recommendation.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: Angela Bell 410-996-2268

Cynthia E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: First generation college student who will attend a Maryland college majoring in a medical-related field.
DEADLINE: End of February
CONTACT: www.cemsfund.com

Delegate Scholarships
AWARD: Amounts vary and can only be used for Maryland or approved out-of-state institutions.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must reside in specific delegate’s area and complete the application process.
DEADLINE: Early March
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship
AWARD: Ten $1,000 (renewable)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be residents of Maryland or the District of Columbia for at least one year preceding the date of the award; accepted as a full-time student; financial need; 2.0 overall GPA; pursing a career in business education
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: www.asbo.org/content.php?page=awards

Joseph Fox Jr. Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $2,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduation from Maryland high school; enrollment as full-time student at accredited college with major in education; 3.2 GPA; documented community service.
DEADLINE: Mid-April
CONTACT: www.somirac.org
Libby Frist Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Tobacco-free and has demonstrated a commitment as an anti-smoking advocate.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: www.blog.grampspromisefoundation.org

Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Scholarship (MAHPERD)
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Enrolled as a full-time student preparing to teach dance, health, physical education, or recreation; rank in upper half of class; GPA 2.5 or higher; leadership qualities; three letters of recommendation.
DEADLINE: May 20 CONTACT: www.mahperd.org/grantsscholarships

Maryland Association of Private Colleges and Career Schools (MAPCCS)
AWARD: Numerous awards up to $12,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to attend a Maryland private technical school; scholastic achievement; community involvement; extra-curricular participation; application and recommendations.
DEADLINE: May CONTACT: 410-974-4473 or www.mapccs.org

Maryland Athletic Association (MPSSAA) Minds In Motion Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.25 GPA (unweighted); participated in interscholastic athletics in high school.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: www.mpssaa.org

Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior pursuing a career in emergency management or related field; essay required; community involvement; and references required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.mdema.org

Maryland Farm Bureau Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicant must be a full-time student and a member (or a parent must be a member) of the Farm Bureau.
DEADLINE: February 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office www.mdfarmbureau.com

Maryland JCI Senate Foundation
AWARD: $500 to Maryland senior and consideration for $1,000 national scholarship
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Extra-curricular activities; service; brief essay required; financial need; and recommendation letters.
DEADLINE: January CONTACT: www.usjcisenate.org

Maryland Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest
AWARD: Varying awards from $300 - $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Application with essay required.
DEADLINE: January 15 CONTACT: www.mensaorganization.org/scholarships or call 1-800-66-MENSA

Maryland Multicultural Coalition
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to teach PreK - 12 upon completion of undergrad degree; minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA; financial need-based.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: MMC/NAME Scholarship Chairperson 410-386-1680 (Debra Misiag)

Maryland PTA Scholarship
AWARD: Minimum of $300 per year
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student with plans to major in education; financial need; academic record; positive character and personality.
DEADLINE: March 15 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) Scholarship Foundation
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to major in a field of study such as Marine Biology, Environmental Engineering and Management, or other curricula related to the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic seaboard.
DEADLINE: April 15 CONTACT: www.mssa.net or Guidance Office

Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA)
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland High School Senior; transcript; 300-500 word essay required on the impact a school counselor has had on his/her life; can be elementary, middle, or high school counselor.
DEADLINE: November 30 CONTACT: www.mscaonline.org

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.
AWARD: Up to $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicants who are judged by local, regional, and state Masonic committees; application; academic and leadership achievements.
DEADLINE: March CONTACT: 410-527-0600

McDaniel College Educator’s Legacy Scholarship
AWARD: $100,000 ($25,000 per year)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be a son or daughter of a K - 12 school employees who have served in a school district for four or more years. Must apply to McDaniel College
DEADLINE: Varies CONTACT: http://www.mcdaniel.edu/undergraduate/admissions/apply/educators-legacy-scholarship

Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship
AWARD: $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be planning to attend a college in an approved engineering program; GPA of 3.5 or higher.
DEADLINE: February 3 CONTACT: www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/Community/Pages/engineeringScholars.aspx
Libby Frist Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Tobacco-free and has demonstrated a commitment as an anti-smoking advocate.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: www.blog.gramspromisefoundation.org

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AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Enrolled as a full-time student preparing to teach dance, health, physical education, or recreation; rank in upper half of class; GPA 2.5 or higher; leadership qualities; three letters of recommendation.
DEADLINE: May 20 CONTACT: www.mahperd.org/grantsscholarships

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Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior pursuing a career in emergency management or related field; essay required; community involvement; and references required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.mdema.org

Maryland Farm Bureau Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicant must be a full-time student and a member (or a parent must be a member) of the Farm Bureau.
DEADLINE: February 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office www.mdfarmbureau.com

Maryland JCI Senate Foundation
AWARD: $500 to Maryland senior and consideration for $1,000 national scholarship
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Extra-curricular activities; service; brief essay required; financial need; and recommendation letters.
DEADLINE: January CONTACT: www.usjcisenate.org

Maryland Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest
AWARD: Varying awards from $300 - $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Application with essay required.
DEADLINE: January 15 CONTACT: www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships or call 1-800-66-MENSA

Maryland Multicultural Coalition
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to teach PreK - 12 upon completion of undergrad degree; minimum 3.5 unweighted GPA; financial need-based.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: MMC/NAME Scholarship Chairperson 410-386-1680 (Debra Misiag)

Maryland PTA Scholarship
AWARD: Minimum of $300 per year
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student with plans to major in education; financial need; academic record; positive character and personality.
DEADLINE: March 15 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) Scholarship Foundation
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to major in a field of study such as Marine Biology, Environmental Engineering and Management, or other curricula related to the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and coastal waters of the mid-Atlantic seaboard.
DEADLINE: April 15 CONTACT: www.mssa.net or Guidance Office

Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA)
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland High School Senior; transcript; 300-500 word essay required on the impact a school counselor has had on his/her life; can be elementary, middle, or high school counselor.
DEADLINE: November 30 CONTACT: www.mscaonline.org

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.
AWARD: Up to $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicants who are judged by local, regional, and state Masonic committees; application; academic and leadership achievements.
DEADLINE: March CONTACT: 410-527-0600

McDaniel College Educator's Legacy Scholarship
AWARD: $100,000 ($25,000 per year)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be a son or daughter of a K - 12 school employees who have served in a school district for four or more years. Must apply to McDaniel College
DEADLINE: Varies CONTACT: http://www.mcdaniel.edu/undergraduate/admissions/apply/educators-legacy-scholarship

Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship
AWARD: $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be planning to attend a college in an approved engineering program; GPA of 3.5 or higher.
DEADLINE: February 3 CONTACT: www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/Community/Pages/engineeringScholars.aspx
Senatorial Scholarship
AWARD: Numerous awards in varying amounts
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recipients must attend an accredited Maryland or approved out-of-state institution; financial need; and merit considerations.
DEADLINE: Must complete FAFSA by March 1; varies by legislative district.
CONTACT: Guidance Office

The Credit Union Foundation of MD & DC Scholarship
AWARD: One essay award for $1,000; one video-based award for $1,000; one photo essay award for $1,000.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Member of Maryland Credit Union.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: www.cufound.org/consumer-resources/college-scholarship/

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program
AWARD: Up to $4,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student and parent residents of Maryland; student planning to work in specific careers: child care, human services, teaching, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, or public services; attend a Maryland college.
DEADLINE: July 1
CONTACT: www.mhec.state.md.us/Preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_WSSAG.aspx

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU) College Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current APGFCU member in good standing; minimum 3.0 GPA.
DEADLINE: February 1
CONTACT: www.apgfcu.com

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Aberdeen Chapter - Education Foundation Scholarship
AWARD: $4,000 ($1,000 per year for four years)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Cecil and Harford County student high school senior; planning on entering a STEM related field of study and must stay in the field of study through graduation; cumulative GPA of at least 3.5; combined SAT score of 2,000.
DEADLINE: January
CONTACT: Jeff Murter 443-402-9097 or e-mail jeffrey.s.murter@leidos.com

Associated Builders and Contractors, Baltimore Metro Chapter
AWARD: $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female high school students planning to pursue construction related fields of study in post high school education.
DEADLINE: May 12
CONTACT: Ally D’Ovidio- 410-821-0351

Central Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $10,000 a year and up to $40,000 lifetime
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland residents attending or planning to attend an accredited United States college, university, community college or career school.
DEADLINE: April 3
CONTACT: 410-415-5558
www.central-scholarship.org/scholarships/the-bge-scholars-program/

Charles Riley Fire and Medical Emergency Tuition Reimbursement Program
AWARD: Full tuition
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current firefighter, ambulance, or rescue squad member; enrollment in college courses leading to a degree in fire service or emergency medical technology.
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office or mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescription/prog-fire.aspx

Columbia Bank Diversity Scholarship
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student plans to attend a 2-year or 4-year undergrad degree program majoring in Business, Communications, IT, Finance, or Marketing; must be of diverse ethnic background; financial need; essay required; three forms of recommendation.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: Angela Bell 410-996-2268

Cynthia E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: First generation college student who will attend a Maryland college majoring in a medical-related field.
DEADLINE: End of February
CONTACT: www.cemsfund.com

Delegate Scholarships
AWARD: Amounts vary and can only be used for Maryland or approved out-of-state institutions.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must reside in specific delegate’s area and complete the application process.
DEADLINE: Early March
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship
AWARD: Ten $1,000 (renewable)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be residents of Maryland or the District of Columbia for at least one year preceding the date of the award; accepted as a full-time student; financial need; 2.0 overall GPA; pursing a career in business education
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: www.asbo.org/content.php?page=awards

Joseph Fox Jr. Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $2,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduation from Maryland high school; enrollment as full-time student at accredited college with major in education; 3.2 GPA; documented community service.
DEADLINE: Mid-April
CONTACT: www.somirac.org
UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student with epilepsy or living with family member of an epilepsy patient; academic achievement; activities outside school; role model; accepted to college.
DEADLINE: See website CONTACT: www.UCEpilepsyscholarship.com or Call 1-888-275-7928

U. S. Military, Civilian & Spouses’ Club Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.0 GPA; taken SAT or ACT; unmarried; legal dependent of APG community.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: www.mscfritwin.org

Voice of Democracy Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000 - $30,000 at local, state, and national levels
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Three to five minute essay required on a designated theme.
DEADLINE: October 31 CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.vfw.org/VOD

Washington Crossing Foundation
AWARD: $500 to $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to pursue government or military service.
DEADLINE: January CONTACT: http://gwcf.org/AppDownload.html

Will To Win Scholarship
AWARD: $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior with asthma who has achieved a level of excellence and has received at least one award related to one of the following categories: performing arts, community service, science, athletics, visual arts; minimum GPA 3.5.
DEADLINE: April 30 CONTACT: www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/scholarships/will-to-win-scholarship.php

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Common Market
AWARD: In-state tuition rates at specified out-of-state institutions
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland resident accepted into an approved program of study not offered at a Maryland public college or university; specific application form from Maryland Higher Education Commission.
DEADLINE: July CONTACT: 410-974-2971 or www.sreb.org/overview/academic-common-market or Guidance Office

American Legion Oratorical Contest
AWARD: Seven state awards ($500 - $2,500); national and regional awards ($1,000 - $18,000)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student speech related to the U.S. Constitution with local contests leading to national awards. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible.
DEADLINE: Fall CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.legion.org/scholarships

The BGE Scholars Program
AWARD: Up to $50,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be dependents of BGE customers and must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or career and technical training full-time
DEADLINE: April 3 CONTACT: 410-415-5558 www.central-scholarships.org/scholarships/the-bge-scholars-program/

Children’s Home Foundation Scholarship
AWARD: Maximum $3,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Financial need; must attend a community college or trade/technical school within 250 miles from home; not for general studies.
DEADLINE: March CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cody G. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund
AWARD: $1,000 - $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school running athlete in Cecil or Harford County; minimum GPA of 3.0 weighted; high school senior accepted to an accredited college or university and the affiliated running program; application with supporting materials.

Doris G. Carey Honorary Book Award Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; minimum 2.7 GPA; college acceptance; essay.
DEADLINE: March 31 CONTACT: akaxdoscholarships.webs.com

Edward L. Walmsley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior attending regional school; academic performance; school/community activities, especially with the American Legion; application and essay required.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: 410-658-9078 or Charles Thomas 410-642-3976

Francis Scott Key Chapter of ITEA
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior pursuing a college degree in math, engineering, or physical sciences; academic achievement; extra-curricular activities; employment in math/science field.
DEADLINE: February CONTACT: www.fskitea.org
Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; accepted to an accredited HBCU; minimum 2.7 GPA; essay.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: akaxideltaomega.com/scholarship-information

James Weldon Johnson Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior males enrolled in a Harford or Cecil County high school; able to demonstrate a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities; minimum GPA 3.0.
DEADLINE: April 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Howard Wood Memorial
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school seniors residing in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's or Talbot counties pursuing careers in agriculture, land use planning, alternative energy, or other conservation related fields. Essay required.
DEADLINE: April 15
CONTACT: jbelanger@eslc.org or 410-348-5214

Jason R. Wehner Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Full-time enrollment at Harford Community College; 3.0 cumulative GPA; must be enrolled in Political Science curriculum; preferred financial need and veteran status.
DEADLINE: May 15
CONTACT: Financial Aid Office
fainaid@harford.edu or 443-412-2257

Leona Dorbert Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $250
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident and member of a Harford or Cecil County Fire or EMS service.
DEADLINE: March 30
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Maryland Municipal League, Cecil/Harford Chapter
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student residing in chapter area; good grades; application with essay required.
DEADLINE: April
CONTACT: Guidance Office

National Organization of Professional Hispanics NRCS Employees (NOPHNRCSE)
AWARD: Three $1000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation, or a related field of study; minimum 2.75 GPA.
DEADLINE: May/June
CONTACT: www.nophnrcse.org

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp Scholarship
AWARD: Partial to full tuition and other financial benefits.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Highly competitive national selection process.
DEADLINE: January
CONTACT: www.nrotc.navy.mil

Polish Heritage Scholarships
AWARD: Four $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be of Polish descent; academic achievement; financial need; school and community involvement.
DEADLINE: Winter
CONTACT: www.pha-md.org

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
AWARD: $1,000 - $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Application and volunteer service; overall excellence.
DEADLINE: End of October
CONTACT: 1-888-450-9961 or www.spirit.prudential.com

Ron Brown Scholar Program
AWARD: Ten $10,000; which can be renewed for a total of $40,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic and leadership excellence; financial need; application with essay required; African-American student.
DEADLINE: November 1
CONTACT: 434-964-1588
www.ronbrown.org

SAIL Engineering Scholarship Program
AWARD: Several awards by participating colleges ranging from $1,000 - $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Seniors or juniors intending to major in engineering or related science; 3.5 GPA and minimum SAT/ACT scores.
DEADLINE: March 15
CONTACT: 724-776-4970
http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar

SAMMY - Got Milk Scholarship
AWARD: $7,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Outstanding scholar-athlete with leadership excellence and community service.
DEADLINE: Early March
CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.scholarships123.com/award/scholar-athlete-milk-mustache-of-the-year-sammy-award
Future Farmers of America Scholarships
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Varies; some require FFA membership. See 2016 scholarship catalog for additional information.
DEADLINE: Varies
CONTACT: www.FFA.org/scholarships

Gates Millennium Scholars
AWARD: Full tuition
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, Hispanic American student with a minimum 3.3 GPA; leadership; service; must qualify for Pell Grant.
DEADLINE: January
CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.gmsp.org

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship
AWARD: One hundred four $20,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Perseverance in overcoming a personal obstacle; great financial need; 2.0 GPA; extracurricular activities.
DEADLINE: October 15
CONTACT: https://scholars.horatioalger.org

Jackie Robinson Foundation
AWARD: Four year scholarship up to $7,500/year
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating minority high school senior.
APPLY: February 15
CONTACT: http://jackierobinson.org/apply

Kohl’s Kids Who Care Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recognition for volunteer efforts and nominated by someone.
DEADLINE: March

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
AWARD: $500 - $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College-bound child of a Marine; limited income; 300 word essay required.
DEADLINE: March
CONTACT: www.mcsf.scholarshipapps.org

National CO-OP Scholarship
AWARD: $6,000 (renewable)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Attending a WACE partner college or university (Clarkson, Drexel, Johnson & Wales, Merrimack, Rochester Institute of Technology, State University of New York Oswego, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of Toledo, or Wentworth Institute of Technology); essay required; minimum 3.5 GPA.
DEADLINE: February 15
CONTACT: www.co-op.edu

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Award
AWARD: $2,000 - $15,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be nominated by NFIB member; GPA; SAT or ACT; essay required.
DEADLINE: Mid-December
CONTACT: Guidance Office or 1-800-552-6342 www.nfib.com/foundations/yef/yef-programs/young-entrepreneur-awards/

Sara A. Roye Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; college acceptance; minimum 3.2 GPA; one year of foreign language; essay; two letters of recommendation.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: akaxdeltaomega.com/scholarship-information

Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Chesapeake Post Scholarship Application
AWARD: $300-$1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing careers in STEM fields: engineering, architecture, mathematics, technology, computer, or related science (chemistry, biology, physics). Health Sciences are not included.
DEADLINE: March 31
CONTACT: www.same.org/chesapeake

Soroptimist Scholarship-Live Your Dream Award
AWARD: $3000-$10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female; demonstrates financial need: two academic, one art, one college bound.
DEADLINE: November 15
CONTACT: www.soroptimist.org

Women in Defense (WID) Mid Atlantic Chapter Mary Doak Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarship
AWARD: $2,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field benefitting national security or defense; minimum GPA of 3.25 mid year of senior year; public college in Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia; resident of Baltimore, Cecil, or Harford County.
DEADLINE: Mid-June
CONTACT: www.widmidatlantic.org

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Cecil College Board of Trustees Scholarship
AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum “B” grade average; financial need and academic achievement.
DEADLINE: Mid-April
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College County Council’s Scholarship
AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC plus $750 for books; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum “B” grade average; financial need and academic achievement; school nomination.
DEADLINE: Mid-April
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation Arts and Communications Scholarship
AWARD: Numerous awards; varying amounts
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to attend CC for one of the following fields: Art, Dance, Journalism, Literary Arts, Music Performance Theater, Visual Communications.
DEADLINE: Mid-April
CONTACT: must apply online at www.cecil.edu
Everyone knows that college is expensive, and only gets more expensive through the years. Money does not grow on trees and scholarships are the perfect opportunity to receive “free money.” Applying for scholarships has dramatically reduced the amount I have to pay in the future. Despite typing countless essays and obtaining transcripts and letters of recommendations, scholarship are worth it! Don’t eliminate the scholarships that award a couple hundred dollars. Every amount adds up! It is crucial to stay updated with scholarships because your school counselors have a large supply and deadlines can change at anytime. It’s also important to research scholarships online because you never know what you can find, but be careful and avoid scams! This book is an excellent source of scholarships, so take advantage and highlight the ones that match your criteria. It’s your last year, so make it count and get a jump start on your future!

The unfortunate reality is that college education is expensive. Take every opportunity you can to help ease the burden by applying to as many scholarships as you can; you never know, and a lot of the time there are not a whole lot of other people applying. Another piece of advice would definitely be to save any essays you write for a scholarship because a lot of the prompts overlap and you can reuse essays or at least parts of them for other applications. Plan time to work just on these scholarship applications and essays with a group of friends. It will make the process more enjoyable and ensure you get them done. Finally, keep in touch with your school counselor, keep them updated on your decisions and thoughts for school and have them make you aware of any new scholarships available to you as they come in. The work put into the applications could definitely be worth it in the long run!

Start applying for scholarships as soon as possible. The sooner you start the more time you have to apply for scholarships. If you see a scholarship for which you are eligible, don’t rule it out because it is long or has an essay or an interview. Every cent helps when it comes to paying college tuition, don’t be afraid to apply to as many as possible.

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Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in grades 4-11 may apply; 3.75 unweighted GPA; outstanding humanitarian qualities.
DEADLINE: January
CONTACT: www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc.
AWARD: Numerous awards ranging from $4,000 - $20,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. citizen attending high school full-time and planning to attend college in the USA; demonstrates character and personal merit; minimum of 3.0 GPA.
DEADLINE: October 31
CONTACT: www.coca-colascholars.org
1-800-306-2653

College Scholarships for Individuals with Parents with Disabilities
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic and personal achievement; parent with disabilities; essay required; transcript; letter of recommendation.
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: www.lookingglass.org/national-services/scholarships or 1-800-644-2666

DFW International Community Alliance Scholarships
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Varies
DEADLINE: Varies
CONTACT: www.dfwinternational.org/resource_center

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship
AWARD: Five hundred national awards ranging from $4,000 to $40,000 per year for four years
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Scholarship, leadership, and financial need.
DEADLINE: Varies
CONTACT: Guidance Office or 410-287-4747 Ms. Bolt or elizbolt@udel.edu; or www.elks.org/enf/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards
AWARD: $4,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior whose parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is a living member in good standing of an Elks Lodge; judged on knowledge, charity, community, and integrity.
DEADLINE: February 1
CONTACT: www.elks.org/enf/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm

Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship
AWARD: Thirty $2,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Rural youth; 2.0 GPA; interest in working in a rural community following graduation; 300 word essay required.
DEADLINE: March 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.frs.org/youth-programs/college-scholarship/program
Call 703-351-2026
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AED Superstore College Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College bound high school senior. Essay required.
DEADLINE: May 31 and Nov. 30 CONTACT: scholarship@aedsuperstore.com

AES Engineers Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Essay required.
DEADLINE: October 6 CONTACT: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

American Chemical Society Scholarship
AWARD: Varies; up to $5,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior of African-American, Hispanic, or American Indian heritage with minimum 3.0 GPA; planning to study the chemical sciences.
DEADLINE: March 1 CONTACT: www.acs.org/scholars
1-800-227-5558 x6250

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship
AWARD: Up to $2,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Well-rounded; determined to succeed; achievement at job; sports or extracurricular activity.
DEADLINE: February 15 CONTACT: us.axa.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html

Ayn Rand Essay Contests
AWARD: Various awards ranging from $50 to $10,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students write 600-1,600 word essay related to Ayn Rand’s The Atlas Shrugged, The Fountainhead, or The Anthem.
DEADLINE: Varies CONTACT: www.aynrand.org/contests

BestMattressReviews.com Sleep Scholarships
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current high school students pursuing a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution. Essay required. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
DEADLINE: May 19 CONTACT: www.bestmattressreviews.com/

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program
AWARD: Up to $25,000 (fifty $25,000 - renewable for up to four years)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Four year college; majoring in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, finance, business administration, marketing or design; seeking a career in automotive or related industry.
DEADLINE: February 28 CONTACT: www.buickachievers.com

Burger King Scholars Program
AWARD: $1,000-$50,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; full-time enrollment for the entire year at an accredited two-year or four-year college or technical school.
DEADLINE: December 15 CONTACT: www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/burger-king-scholars-program/

Everyone wants to be accepted into the school of their dreams, but being accepted is not the only challenge. Many of our dream schools can be very expensive. Getting accepted is a great feeling until you realize that affording it will be difficult. To make sure that you are financially prepared, you should apply to as many scholarships as you can. Applying for scholarships can be a hassle, but when you get accepted and have money to cover some of the cost it will all feel worth it.
It’s true! Numerous scholarships are made available every year; so many, in fact, there is no way for any Guidance Office to maintain a current and complete file. Even the sample listings included here may already contain inaccurate information because changes occur so frequently. Therefore, interested applicants should carefully review current scholarship notices to ascertain the correct award amounts, eligibility criteria, and deadlines.

Remember to check your school’s Guidance Office for more extensive scholarship publications that are devoted entirely to private endowment sources. Even more help can be found on the Internet! Just by exploring the websites, students might discover a “gold mine” of scholarship information.

Scholarship Application Tips

1. The student, not the parent, should do the application!
2. Photocopy the application. Fill in the copy first.
3. If online, download and print the application. Fill in the copy first.
4. Read over the entire application before responding to the requested information.
5. Type or print in blue or black ink for all responses unless instructed otherwise.
6. Recheck the completed application to make sure all the information and signatures are included.
7. Ask a responsible person to proofread the final version.
8. Keep copies of everything!
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Sallie Mae - www.salliemae.com
The Financial Aid Information page - www.finaid.org
Maryland Higher Education Commission - www.mdgo4it.org
Financial Aid Search through the Web - www.fastweb.com
GoodCall Scholarship Search - www.goodcall.com
Peterson’s Education Center - www.petersons.com
Princeton Review - www.princetonreview.com
College Board - www.collegeboard.org
Black Excel - www.blackexcel.org
National Application Center - www.nationalappcenter.com
School Soup - www.schoolsoup.com

MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The American Legion - www.legion.org
City-Year - www.cityyear.org
The Corporation for National & Community Service - www.nationalservice.gov
Today’s Military - www.todaysmilitary.com/training/ROTC

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

National Junior College Athletic Association - www.njcaa.org
NCAA Eligibility Center - www.eligibilitycenter.org

INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

Protect Yourself from Scholarship Scams - www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

Cecil Soccer League College Scholarship
AWARD: Two $1,500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CSL participation; community service; minimum 2.5 GPA; must enroll in two-year or four-year college program; application with supporting materials.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Conowingo Lions Club Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must live in Conowingo Elementary School attendance area; financial need; academic record.
DEADLINE: May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.25 GPA; at least one season of soccer during high school years; accepted to a two-year or four-year college; participation in Boy/Girl Scouts suggested.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Lisa Wiegand Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CCPS Senior planning to attend a public college/university in the state of Maryland; pursuing a degree in teacher education; minimum GPA 3.0; essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Orbital ATK STEM Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: GPA 3.0 or higher; planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university for a STEM related program. One scholarship to be awarded to a student at each CCPS High School, including the School of Technology.
DEADLINE: Mid April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Women’s Club of Cecil County
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior with at least a 3.0 GPA; good attendance; financial need; school involvement; application and essay required.
DEADLINE: March 15 CONTACT: Guidance Office

LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

BOHEMIA MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Brenda Reynolds Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior who has been active in yearbook, service learning, and/or business education may apply.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office
Important Financial Aid Information Specific to Maryland

Maryland College Aid Processing System (MD CAPS) is MHEC’s new comprehensive financial aid system that allows MD to process state scholarship applications and allocate funds more efficiently using today’s technology. It replaces the old Student Inquiry system. To use MD CAPS, you must first create a Student Login Profile and then click the activation link in the message sent to your e-mail account. To create a profile, go to https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us; then create a student login.

Seniors: Make sure to log on to MD CAPS at least once every couple of weeks once you complete your FAFSA in order to see if you have qualified for any Maryland only scholarships. You must log in to MD CAPS and accept your awards in a timely manner or you will not be able to receive them. Refer to the website for additional information.

Helpful Websites to Aid in Your College Journey

Every high school in the Cecil County Public School system has Internet access making it possible for all students to obtain the most up-to-date information about financial aid sources. Remember to also check the websites of any colleges you are considering since these sites often have links to other financial aid information or scholarship databases.

These websites help students plan their careers, search for schools, apply for admission, and apply for financial aid.

Check out some of the features:
• College search
• Scholarship search
• Career assessment tools
• College and financial aid applications

Check out........

www.careercruising.com
(See your school counselor for access codes to Career Cruising.)

Big Future
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org
Tell your school counselor which college you will be attending and request that a copy of your final transcript be sent there.

Notify your school counselor of all awarded financial aid including scholarships.

Share your plans with those people who have written letters of recommendation and thank them for their support.

Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer.

Check for any late scholarship applications.

Request that a final transcript be sent to NCAA Eligibility Center.

Senior year is full of many emotions, excitements, and decisions. This year tends to pass very quickly, and the key aspect to staying on top of things is prioritizing your priorities. It is very exciting to commit to a college or university, but the financial burden comes into play very fast. I recommend that you start filling out scholarships as soon as possible, even before you commit. The earlier you start, the better chance you have of receiving the award because most people miss those early deadlines. Make sure you keep track of the scholarships for which you have applied and the ones you still need to do. Always be on top of those deadlines; they creep up on you very fast. Apply to every scholarship for which you qualify, no matter the amount. Even small amount scholarships add up very quickly. You may think that a $500 scholarship isn’t worth your time, but that amount goes a long way, especially for books or housing expenses. It does not hurt or cost anything to apply to scholarships, so do as many as you can! In the end, it is free money! I know the feeling of senioritis, but don’t let that stop you from working hard because it definitely pays off. Overall, you will certainly not regret the time you spend on these scholarships.

The time and effort put into applying for scholarships can be overwhelming, but it is definitely worth it. College is expensive so every little bit helps. The more I receive in scholarships is that much less I have to pay back upon completing my college education. There are so many scholarships available and not as many students apply as you may think.

While it is beyond stressful applying for scholarships, each application, essay, and transcript printed makes everything worth all of the short-term stress. A paramount suggestion would be to make sure that you are very organized in the process. Too often people will have every intent of applying for a scholarship and then forget about the deadline and miss a tremendous opportunity that would undoubtedly enhance the affordability of one’s post-graduation plans. Making a spreadsheet or a list of some sort that includes the designated scholarship, the deadlines, and requirements was something that I found extremely beneficial; it helped me stay on top of all of my scholarships. Remember, the temporary stress and the dreaded 500 essays and applications is well worth the outcome.

After many attempts at applying for scholarships, I wanted to share what I have learned to anyone who is starting the scholarship process. The most important thing in looking for scholarships is to first look for scholarships that are school-specific or major-specific. These scholarships, no matter the amount offered, will give you the best chance in winning them. School-specific and major-specific scholarships limit the competition you will encounter and thus increase the chance that you will win. Equally as important, always apply for any scholarship for which you qualify. It’s better to say I’ve tried rather than I gave up. Remember to not compare yourself with others; your only competition is yourself.

Making college affordable is a big deal. Senior year is stressful and the best advice I can give is to be organized. Start early and prioritize applications by due dates. I found it helpful to make a checklist or a spreadsheet for yourself so you have all deadlines in one place. Be prepared with a list of everything you have done in high school- from volunteer hours to extracurricular activities. This will make filling out scholarships so much easier! Make it a regular habit to see your school counselor and check to see what scholarships apply to you. Before you apply for a scholarship, make sure you have all your paperwork you need ready to go. Most scholarships require an essay. Write a general essay, like a template, that can be modified to any scholarship. Lastly, good luck and once you’re awarded the scholarship all the frustrations you had will be worth it!
### February
- Continue checking for scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office.
- Check to see if your mid-year reports have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Rank your final list of colleges. You should receive acknowledgements from the colleges to which you have applied.
- Check with those schools that have not contacted you.
- Make sure your FAFSA has been submitted. Maryland’s deadline for the FAFSA is March 1. Some schools may have different deadlines. Check with each institution for specific dates.

### March
- Keep your high school counselor informed when you receive acceptance or denial letters/notifications from colleges.
- Check your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy and report any errors. Request duplicate SARs if you have not decided which college you will attend.
- Contact each admissions and financial aid office to make sure your application is complete.
- Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office.

### April
- Expect a financial aid award letter* from the colleges that have accepted your application. If you have not received any information, contact the financial aid office of that college.
- Compare the financial aid awards that you receive.
- Talk to the financial aid officer at your first choice college if the financial aid offer does not meet your needs.
- Decide which college you will attend and send in a deposit before the deadline.
- Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- Sign and return the financial aid award letters.
- Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office.

* A listing of all types and amounts of financial aid for which you are eligible at the college.

### Scholarship Opportunities

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### Scholarship Details

- **ELKTON HIGH SCHOOL**
- **Andy Sands Memorial Scholarship**
  - Award: Varies
  - Eligibility Criteria: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to study science.
  - Deadline: May
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Barbara Edwards Memorial Scholarship**
  - Award: Varies
  - Eligibility Criteria: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to study English/communications.
  - Deadline: Early May
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Cecil College Foundation - EHS Principal’s Scholarship**
  - Award: $1,000
  - Eligibility Criteria: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Elkton High School.
  - Deadline: May 1
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship**
  - Award: $600
  - Eligibility Criteria: Any EHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
  - Deadline: May 1
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Edmund T. Pratt Alumni Scholarships**
  - Award: Amount may vary
  - Eligibility Criteria: EHS seniors with demonstrated financial need; essay required.
  - Deadline: Early May
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Elk Neck Athletic Association**
  - Award: $300 Gift certificate to Staples
  - Eligibility Criteria: EHS senior with highest GPA who plays at least two interscholastic sports.
  - Deadline: June 1
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Elkton High School Alumni Scholarships**
  - Award: Amount varies according to need and merit
  - Eligibility Criteria: Any EHS senior with financial need and academic achievement; school/community activities and employment; essay required.
  - Deadline: Early May
  - Contact: Guidance Office
- **Elkton Town Commissioners’ Scholarship**
  - Award: $500
  - Eligibility Criteria: Any EHS senior residing within town limits of Elkton; minimum GPA 3.0; good attendance; school and community activities.
  - Deadline: Early May
  - Contact: Guidance Office
October - continued

- Access the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.ed.gov). All colleges require a completed FAFSA to determine your eligibility for financial aid.
- Check to see if your colleges also require the PROFILE form for financial aid. The application is available online at https://profileonline.collegeboard.com.
- Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.
- Complete your FAFSA as soon after October 1 as possible. (Remember, keep copies of all forms you submit!) Check with your college(s) for specific deadline dates.
- Helpful hint: Utilizing the IRS retrieval tool when completing the FAFSA will help expedite submitting your tax returns to colleges if needed.

* Talk to your counselor about the pros and cons of “early decision.”*

November

- Complete and submit all college applications with a November deadline.
- Keep informed of scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT if necessary.
- Take the SAT Subject Tests if required by your colleges.
- Keep working on your college applications. Check on deadlines.
- Stay focused on your high school classes. Colleges will want a transcript that includes your first semester grades.

December

- Complete and submit all college applications.*
- Make sure an official high school transcript (request from your Guidance office) is included with your application.

* Many colleges have December application deadlines for merit-based scholarships.

January

- Give any mid-year report forms to your counselor so that your first semester grades can be sent to your colleges.

Nelson K. Bolender Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior pursuing a post-secondary degree in education; essay required.
DEADLINE: May>Contact: Guidance Office

Marsha L. Burnett Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to enter an educational program to work with students with special needs; essay required.
DEADLINE: Early May>Contact: Guidance Office

Rodney Todd Helsel Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior who participates in interscholastic sports as a senior; essay required.
DEADLINE: Early May>Contact: Guidance Office

NORTH EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Cecil College Foundation - NEHS Principal’s Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of North East High School.
DEADLINE: May Contact: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May Contact: Guidance Office

Donald Preston Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NEHS college-bound senior who has completed the most community service hours.
DEADLINE: May Contact: Guidance Office

Elk Neck Athletic Association Award
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS student with academic excellence and participation in at least two sports.
DEADLINE: May Contact: Guidance Office

Henry A. Shaffer Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NEHS student with a GPA of 3.0 or better; acceptance into a two-year or four-year college/university; demonstration of service in school and community.
DEADLINE: May 15 Contact: Guidance Office
Scholarships from the North East Chamber of Commerce
AWARD: $1,000 to Cecil College
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS outstanding student majoring in business at Cecil College; honor roll marking period one and two of senior year; 350 word essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

North East High School Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic excellence or improvement; positive character traits; motivation; good attendance; nominated from NEHS faculty member; 350 word essay required.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

The NEHS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior who has completed at least 11th and 12th grade at NEHS; minimum 2.5 GPA; attend NEHS alumni banquet in June.
DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Brandon Brinkman Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A well-rounded PHS senior with plans to attend any two-year or four-year college; must be actively involved in school and community.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation - PHS Principal’s Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Perryville High School.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Harmony Lodge Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to attend college and demonstrates financial need.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office

Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with a 3.5 GPA; community service; participation in sports.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

September

☐ Meet with your school counselor to discuss college plans and find out about financial aid opportunities.
☐ Get organized. Keep a personal calendar of important dates and deadlines. Organize your important college information in folders.
☐ Ask your counselor to help you with a college search on the computer if you’re uncertain about college choices (i.e., Career Cruising www.careercruising.com).
☐ Check your colleges’ testing requirements. Sign up for the fall SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests.
☐ Access applications and financial aid materials online.
☐ Request NCAA Eligibility Center Application for initial eligibility http://www.eligibilitycenter.org for prospective college student athletes.
☐ Student should apply for their own Student Federal Aid (FSA) ID.
☐ Parent/Guardian should apply for their own FSA ID, which is required to complete the on-line FAFSA.
☐ Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.

October

☐ Attend the Cecil County Public Schools’ College & Career Fair.
☐ Meet with selected college representatives at your high school.
☐ Begin filling out college applications. Compose a personal statement and activity résumé.
☐ Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.
☐ Discuss college application essays with your English/Language Arts teacher or school counselor.
☐ Visit as many of your top choice colleges as possible. Make appointments for interviews and campus tours. Ask permission to sit in on some classes.
☐ Complete and submit your college application. “Priority” and “early decision” deadlines may be as early as October.
☐ Take the SAT and/or ACT.
☐ Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) at your school.
Spring

☐ Prepare a list of questions for your spring college visitations.
☐ If you are interested in military academies, begin filling out preliminary interest forms.
☐ Visit as many colleges as possible: take a campus tour, sit in on a class, and eat in the dining hall.
☐ Participate in the SAT School Day test administration.
☐ Share your college visitation impressions with your counselor.
☐ Revise your high interest college list.
☐ Complete the registration for Student Athlete Eligibility at www.eligibilitycenter.org for prospective college student athletes.
☐ If applicable, print out the transcript release form from the website for prospective college student athletes, and turn in to your guidance office.
☐ Talk to your counselor about all available resources for financial aid.
☐ Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
☐ Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.

Summer

☐ Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
☐ Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer. See your Service Learning Building Coordinator or go to www.volunteermatch.org.
☐ Make college visits part of your family’s summer travel plans.
☐ Use financial aide websites to begin accessing scholarship applications.

Kathleen Lanigan Memorial Art Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with demonstrated excellence in art, academics, and community service.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Community Scholarships
AWARD: $11,000 annual fund; awards vary from $100 - $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: PHS seniors planning to attend any two-year or four-year school.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Lions Club Service Award
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who has demonstrated outstanding service to school and community.
DEADLINE: May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Riverfest Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who has been accepted to a two-year or four-year college and is a Charlestown resident.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Steven Zartler Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to study foreign languages.
DEADLINE: Early April CONTACT: Guidance office

Todd Haley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior member of the golf team.
DEADLINE: Mid-April CONTACT: Guidance office

RISING SUN HIGH SCHOOL

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships, Post #194
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS female student with financial need; academic achievement; and leadership.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office

American Legion Post #194 Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors with post-secondary plans at any two-year or four-year school; academic achievement; financial need and leadership; application.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office
The Ambitious Junior’s Pre-College Planning Calendar

**Fall**
- Review the test-taking tips and sample questions in the PSAT student bulletin.
- Attend college fairs.
- Take the PSAT.
- Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) at your school.
- Do a college search and discuss the results with your counselor. All CCPS students can utilize Career Cruising (www.careercruising.com) for this purpose.

**Winter**
- Review PSAT results with your counselor and discuss their impact on your college choices.
- Ask your counselor whether you should take the ACT or the SAT.
- Register for spring tests (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT).
- Make a list of high interest schools to visit during the spring.
- Make sure your senior year academic schedule is as challenging as possible.
- See your counselor regarding Boys State/Girls State.

Cecil College Foundation - RSHS Principal’s Scholarship
AWARD: $1,000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Rising Sun High School.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship
AWARD: $600
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.
DEADLINE: May 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office

David A. LeBrun Live Like LeBrun Award
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current Rising Sun High School senior who is well-rounded; exemplary student with similar characteristics to David LeBrun.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

David A. LeBrun Math Excellence Award
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Math GPA of 3.25 or higher and a member of the Math League.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

David A. LeBrun Scholar Athlete Award
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current RSHS senior who participates in at least one sport and has a GPA of 3.25 or higher.
DEADLINE: Early May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Dr. Neil Taylor Memorial Award
AWARD: $500
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS student pursuing an education in a medical field.
DEADLINE: Mid-May CONTACT: Guidance Office

Future Educator Textbook Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who is pursuing a degree in education; application required.
DEADLINE: May 15 CONTACT: Guidance Office

Harmony Lodge Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior planning to attend college and demonstrates financial need.
DEADLINE: April CONTACT: Guidance Office
Q. How do I Apply for Financial Aid?
A. The FAFSA is the basic form used to apply for financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov). You must complete the FAFSA to apply for federal, state, and college financial aid. Many private scholarship programs also require the FAFSA. Many grants and scholarships from the state of Maryland have separate applications and deadlines. The deadline for filing the FAFSA in Maryland is March 1. Some colleges have earlier deadlines, so the sooner you file after October 1 of your senior year, the better. Many colleges also require that you complete supplemental financial aid applications, such as the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, found at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. Check with the colleges for their specific requirements.

Q. Where and When Can I Get a FAFSA?
A. FAFSA forms will be available for seniors October 1 online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To apply electronically or to find out more about federal student aid, visit the Department of Education’s website at: www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Q. How Can I Get Help Completing the FAFSA?
A. Every high school in the county hosts a financial aid meeting in late spring or early fall. The keynote speaker, who is usually a financial aid officer from a local college, goes through the FAFSA step-by-step and answers parents’ questions. The Cecil College Financial Aid Office and the Financial Aid Office at the colleges to which you are applying are resources for those who need additional help.

Q. How is My Financial Need Determined?
A. Your financial need is determined by following this formula:

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\text{Financial Need} = \text{Cost of Education} - \text{What your family can pay (EFC)}
\]

The Cost of Education includes tuition, room, board, books, and other related expenses. What your family can pay is called your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Your completed FAFSA is used to calculate your EFC.

Remember the March 1 FAFSA deadline to qualify for Maryland’s financial aid programs!

James Dudley Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who excels in music and/or plans to major in music.
DEADLINE: May 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Karen Mueller Memorial Art Scholarship
AWARD: $1000
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A RSHS senior planning to pursue post secondary art studies in visual arts or art education.
DEADLINE: May 1
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Math Scholars Award
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College-bound RSHS senior who has demonstrated enthusiasm for mathematics; recipient selected by RSHS math department.
DEADLINE: Selected in May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Marty Smith Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS senior; math excellence; application.
DEADLINE: May 15
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Rising Sun High School Alumni Association
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Son or daughter of RSHS alumni who has demonstrated academic achievement and leadership.
DEADLINE: Mid-May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Rising Sun Lions Club - Dr. R. C. Dodson Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Award varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in the Rising Sun community; preference given to applicants with plans to major in health care/medical fields.
DEADLINE: Mid-May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Ryan Hartnett Soccer Alumni Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have been a member of the RSHS Varsity Boys or Girls Soccer Team.
DEADLINE: May 19
CONTACT: Guidance Office

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.
DEADLINE: Early May
CONTACT: Guidance Office

The William C. Graham and William J. Graham Endowed Scholarships
AWARD: Varies
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors who have been accepted to the University of Maryland at College Park and demonstrates financial need.
DEADLINE: May 1
CONTACT: University of Maryland, Office of Financial Aid

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Q. What is Financial Aid?
A. Financial aid falls into two broad categories. Merit-based aid is given to students based on their academic achievement or special talents. Need-based aid is given to students based on their financial need.

Q. What Types of Financial Aid Are Available?
A. Grants and Scholarships, also called gift aid, are awards that you don’t have to pay back. Grants are usually based on need, while scholarships are usually based on academic achievements, athletic ability, or special talents. Loans may be acquired by either parents and/or students and will need to be paid back over time. Work-Study may or may not be need-based. This program allows a student to work part-time on campus to help pay for school expenses.

Q. Who Gives Financial Aid?
A. Federal Government - The federal government provides most of the student financial aid; the PELL Grant, Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins and Stafford Loans, and Federal Work-Study are examples. These programs are need-based.
State of Maryland - The state has grant programs and Senatorial/House of Delegate scholarships based on need and merit.
Post-Secondary Institutions - Colleges and technical schools offer scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans; some are merit-based while others are need-based.
Private Programs - Many private organizations provide aid to students; additionally, employers, labor unions, and professional associations sponsor programs. Community and service organizations such as the Jaycees, Lions and Rotary Clubs, church groups, veterans’ organizations, and businesses are also good sources of aid. These programs can be need-based or merit-based. This booklet has a listing of some of these programs.

Q. Who Should Apply for Financial Aid?
A. All students interested in financial assistance for their education should apply. Both need and merit-based scholarships may require that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Q. When do I apply for Financial Aid?
A. Many scholarships are available throughout high school, however, each scholarship determine their requirements and eligibility. The FAFSA may be completed beginning October 1 of the senior year.
Dear Students and Parents:

This booklet contains important information about financial aid for post high school education planning. School counselors can assist you in making decisions and working through the processes associated with career goals.

As the cost of higher education continues to increase, you may find it necessary to seek assistance to fund your higher education goals. The financial aid information contained in this guide will be helpful as you consider funding options.

I wish you all the best in the successful pursuit of your aspirations. Please do not hesitate to contact your high school counselor and teachers for additional assistance. Again, I am hopeful that you will find this year’s Guide to Financial Aid useful and informative.

Sincerely,

D’Ette W. Devine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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**Cecil College**

More and more high school students are choosing to begin a post-secondary program by attending a local college. Students may complete general coursework requirements at Cecil College before transferring to a four-year college or specialized technical program. Advantages include:

- A variety of programs & degree options.
- Significant savings compared to four-year colleges & universities.
- Accepts some high school CTE completer programs for college credit.
- Small class sizes.
- Individual academic planning.
- AP scores of 3, 4 or 5 may be accepted for college credit.

**Cecil College Contacts:**

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Director of Enrollment         Director of Financial Aid  
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**LOAN INFORMATION**

The **Thorn Foundation** offers low interest loans to Cecil County students. Loans are administered by the law office of Scott and Scott Attorneys. Contact the law office at 410-398-0611 for an application. Funds are limited, so apply early!
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Stepping Stones to Financial Aid

- Talk to your counselor
- Attend College Fair
- Read Senior Newsletters, E-mails, Listen for announcements
- Attend High School Financial Aid Night
- File the FAFSA
- Continue checking for local scholarships
- Look for Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- Examine financial aid award letters from your colleges
- Make your college decision