News Briefs

On Friday, November 10, 2017 the College & Career Center and the Cafeteria Computer Lab will be available from 8 am – 12 noon for any parent/student who would like to come in and work on FAFSA forms, college applications, scholarships, etc. Mrs. Walls and the school counselors will be available to assist you. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please call Mrs. Walls at 301-753-1753 or email cwalls@ccboe.com to RSVP.

If you are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), you should take advantage of the Common Black College Application. For $35 you can apply to over 40 colleges and universities from one application: [www.commonblackcollegeapp.com](http://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com).

The regular Common Application website is [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org); there are over 600 colleges or universities that will accept the common application and application fee (some colleges also require supplemental materials).

The Academic Common Market allows students to study specific majors at out-of-state colleges and universities for in-state tuition costs. Check out the list at [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us).

**SENIORS, please remember to bring in a copy of all your college acceptance letters and your notification of any scholarships, grants, and other awards to Mrs. Walls in the College & Career Center**

Writing a College Essay

**Do some self-exploration.**
Your college essay is all about showcasing yourself. Think about which of your strengths and interests you would most like colleges to know about you. What are you passionate about? What’s important to you? What are you best at?

**If you need to pick the topic, be focused and specific.**
Writing about a single experience is usually a good idea: Your essay should prove a single point or message. Try to avoid cliché topics like "winning a big game," "taking a trip," or even dealing with a death – these will not help your application stand out from the group.

**Get started early.**
Self-exploration can be fun, but don’t procrastinate on the actual writing. You don’t want to rush or be up against a tight deadline; it will affect your work.
Show your thoughtfulness.
Be thoughtful in both your topic choice and the tone of your writing. Colleges look for students who have dealt with adversity, have overcome challenges and continue to grow from their experiences. Admitting shortcomings is a sign of maturity and intelligence, so there is no need to portray yourself as a superhero – they will see through it.

Create an essay outline.
Sometimes creating an outline for your essay can help you get started. It will also help you organize your thoughts and develop a framework.

Read the instructions and follow them.
Be conscious of any length limits, and – if the topic is provided for you – analyze the question carefully. You want to be aware of everything they ask and answer everything thoroughly.

Use your own voice.
Don’t use big words just for the sake of using big words. They can distract from the essay when misused. Remember, this essay is about you – so use words you would use.

Use quotations and examples to show personal detail.
Instead of just stating your point of view, you want to make your reader feel the experience. Adding detail will help convey your stance. But don’t use quotations simply to use them; make sure they make sense.

Try to be concise.
While adding personal detail is good, you don’t want to be wordy or long-winded; short sentences can be more powerful.

Don’t use slang words.
Generally speaking, slang words conjure the feeling of someone being unpolished, uncaring or not that serious. These are three things you don’t want your admissions reader thinking about you. Likewise, avoid clichés and overuse of contractions.

Be honest.
The point of this essay is to show who you are, not who you wish you were. Stick to what you know and your true personality will shine through.

Don’t be afraid to use humor if it’s part of who you are.
Admissions officers can have a sense of humor, too, and, when used appropriately, humor can make you stand out. However, don’t make being funny one of your top goals in your college essay.

Step away from your essay and come back later.
Sometimes it helps to take a break from your work and come back in a few days. Review what you’ve written and make sure it still makes sense and conveys what you want it to.

Write multiple drafts.
Sometimes you need to write a couple of drafts to get your essay right where you want it.

Type your essay.
No matter how good your essay, if people can’t read your handwriting they won’t appreciate the work.

Proofread your essay.
You want to make sure you’ve used proper spelling, grammar and punctuation, so ask an expert to proofread your essay.

Get feedback from others.
Ask your friends and family to read your essay and tell you what they think. Be open to suggestions and ways to improve it, even if this means going back to the drawing board.

Revise if necessary.
You want to edit your essay down to what is important. Make every word count!
Maryland Resources

**MDgo4it** is a valuable resource for juniors and seniors. It includes deadline dates for State financial assistance, tips on preparing for postsecondary education, college admission information, and resources on careers. www.MDgo4it.org

**College 411 – A Student Guide to Higher Education & Financial Aid in Maryland** – go to http://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/College411/college411home.aspx

**Academic Common Market** tuition savings program for college students who live in the 16 states that are members of the Southern Regional Education Board and want to pursue a degree not available in your home state yet pay in-state rates. www.mhec.state.md.us click on Academic Common Market under the red column for parents and students.

**ARTSYS** Articulation system for transferring courses from one Maryland University or College to another, http://artweb.usmd.edu

**Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success**
http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

- This is an online college application system that allows high school students, grades 9-12 to set up an account and begin learning about the application and financial aid processes.
- There are 95 public and private universities across the U.S. that comprise the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success. http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/alert.html
- The University of Maryland, College Park will use the application provided by the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success beginning in mid-August 2017 for students seeking freshman admission to the university Fall 2018.

Research Jobs & Careers

**Career Coach:** www.csmd.emsicareercoach.com

**Career Cruising:** Interest and Skills Assessments - Career Profiles - Multimedia Interviews - Electronic Career Portfolio - Resume Builder www.careercruising.com

**Careers in the Electrical Industry** Students can see Mr. Gascon, NPHS Electrical Construction instructor for Apprenticeship opportunities for high school graduates with IBEW. First-year students earn approximately $51,000 while participating in the tuition-free program. The graduates of the program earn up to $84,800 per year plus benefits once they become journeyman electricians.

**Career One Stop**- sponsored by the US Dept. of Labor www.careeronestop.com

**Dental Assistant Training** contact Dr. Coleman, 703-963-8969

**DOD Website** to Help Youth Explore Pathways for Their Future: http://www.myfuture.com This website presents career, college and the Military as options, allowing students to explore all possibilities and gain insight into each option. More than 1,000 civilian and military career fields and nearly 7,000 accredited colleges and trade schools are featured.

**Employment Information:** The Maryland Job Service: 175 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. Office hours for Job Service referrals are from 8:00 am-3:00 pm daily. Maryland Job Service: 301-645-8712 or http://dllr.state.md.us/

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

Marine Trades Association of Maryland Career in the boating industry, www.mtam.org

Maryland and U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program -Apprenticeships combine supervised, structured, paid on-the-job training and related technical instruction to teach apprentices the skills necessary to succeed in a specific occupation. The apprentice works full time and receives training from the sponsoring organization. : www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/ https://mwejobs.maryland.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx (Click on Apprentice Training Jobs)

Maryland Apprenticeships websites:
http://www.local5plumbers.org/  Electrical Industry www.getchargedup.org

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

Maryland Natural Resources Police Natural Resource Cadet, high school graduate, men and women between ages of 18 and 20, full-time position, to apply: www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp

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

O*NET OnLine –Career exploration and job analysis, detailed descriptions of the world of work http://www.onetonline.org/

Security Professional Development Institute training and development of security practitioners for the security industry, training academy information: www.spdtraining.com

Snagajob – America’s largest hourly employment network for job seekers and employers. Browse jobs that are available in a certain area and/or use their resources to learn some tips to help you when you are finding a job. Go to: www.snagajob.com

STEMjob.com - Discover your career, do what you love, go to www.STEMjobs.com click on “Find Your STEM Type, take quiz and get results, see which jobs match your type

United States Intelligence Community Intelligence Careers – The Intelligence Careers (IC) offers students a wide variety of excellent programs to get a jumpstart on a career in intelligence. Choose your agency, education level, field of study and the type of opportunity you are looking for, and match your needs to theirs. For more information go to: https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html?Agency=NSA
**12th Annual**

**GO TO HIGH SCHOOL, GO TO COLLEGE**

**COLLEGE FAIR**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2017 – 10 AM-12:30 PM**

Southern Regional Technology Recreation Complex
7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

FREE ADMISSION! SAT PREP, SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLES, ONSITE INTERVIEWS, COLLEGE PANEL DISCUSSION, FINANCIAL AID SEMINARS, IPAD GIVEAWAYS, INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES


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**National Portfolio Day**

**Sunday, November 19: Baltimore, Maryland**, Maryland Institute, College of Art. Time: 9:00 am - 5:00pm

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**Ethnic Youth College Fair**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tommy Douglas Conference Center,
1000 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Contact Natalie Ross – [nperkinsross@getconnectededu.com](mailto:nperkinsross@getconnectededu.com)

**Building and Construction Trade Fair**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

November 15, 2017 at SoMD Public High School – Calvert Career Center, Prince Frederick, MD

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**Open Houses/Information Sessions**

**Bridgewater College**, Bridgewater, VA – November 11, February 3, and March 17. Register at [www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus](http://www.bridgewater.edu/visitcampus)

**College of Southern Maryland Dual Enrollment Parent Information Nights** – Charles County November 16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the La Plata Campus – St. Mary’s Campus November 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Calvert County Campus on November 15 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Contact – 301-934-2251, option 0 for more information.

**Coppin State University** – Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.coppin.edu](http://www.coppin.edu)

**University of MD-Eastern Shore – Open House** November 2, 5:00-7:00p.m. – Call 410-651-1886 Carnegie Mellon University – Information Sessions in our area. RSVP at [www.cmu.edu/admission](http://www.cmu.edu/admission)
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY – Spotlight Days – November 11. December 2, February 3 and March 24. Register today at www.go.eku.edu/spotlight

Millersville University – “Shadow Days” Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 – Hear how to start your music career! November 2, 2017. Check out the Audition Days – Visit: #musicmatters2me scholarship challenge.

Mississippi State, MS – Fall Preview Days – November 13. Registration will go live on September 7th. Contact events@msstate.edu.

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ – November 19, February 18 and April 22. Visit www.shu.edu/go/scholarships


Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut – Preview Weekend – November 5th and 6th – Visit: www.trincoll.edu/PreviewWeekend


University of Pittsburgh – Blue & Gold Days – Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, November 11th. Register: www.oafa.pitt.edu/visit

**Grade Level Reminders**

**9th Grade:**
- Be sure you are doing your best to earn the highest grades...freshman year counts toward your college admissions! Join a club.
- Please take advantage of the resources in the Career Center and online to make the most of your high school experience. Use Career Cruising, Study Island, and other resources for exploring your options.
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” www.mycoalition.org

**10th Grade:**
- Focus on your academics. Do extra credit whenever it is offered. Use tutoring services for help, such as https://ineedapencil.ck12.org/about/faqs, www.khanacademy.org, or https://tutor.com/.
- Use your Career Cruising program and other resources in the Career Center to investigate possible career paths and possible college majors. Explore!
- Stay involved in clubs and community activities. Being involved helps you develop good time management skills.
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

**11th Grade:**
- Take advantage of college fairs and information sessions to learn more about college options and scholarship information.
- Get to know your teachers well as your academic teachers will need to give you letters of recommendation for college admissions and scholarship applications.
- There are many books available containing sample college application essays and information about writing the college application essay. College Board also has information available on their website, go to: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays.
- Keep grades up and use your resources such as Study Island, Career Cruising, College Board, and ACT to practice for college entrance exams.
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
12th Grade:

- Don’t miss deadlines! Save copies of your applications, and complete any college entrance exam testing your college is requesting.
- Look for separate applications to apply for scholarships and grants. It will be beneficial to you to complete your college applications by Thanksgiving, so you can focus on your coursework to keep a strong GPA—senior year counts too!
- Be sure to send your test scores directly from the testing agency to your colleges, scholarship programs, NCAA, or tech schools.
- Practice your interview skills for your Senior Portfolio Interview that takes place in March.
- Be sure to take advantage of resources in the Career Center to apply for scholarships and complete admissions essays. Keep working!

Military News
“Highlight on the U.S. Coast Guard”

The Unique Role of the U.S. Coast Guard

The Coast Guard does not fall under the Department of Defense. Until recently, the Coast Guard was under the Department of Transportation. Recent legislation has moved the Coast Guard to the newly created Department of Homeland Defense. However, the Coast Guard is considered a military service because, during times of war or conflict, the President of the United States can transfer any or all assets of the Coast Guard to the Department of the Navy. In fact, this has been done in almost every single conflict that the United States has ever been involved in. The Coast Guard is commanded by a 4-star admiral, known as the Coast Guard Commandant.

The Coast Guard is the nation’s oldest continuous seagoing service with responsibilities including Search and Rescue (SAR), Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), Aids to Navigation (ATON), Ice Breaking, Environmental Protection, Port Security and Military Readiness. To accomplish these missions, the Coast Guard has 38,000 active-duty men and women, 8,000 Reservists, and 35,000 Auxiliary personnel who serve in a variety of job fields ranging from operation specialists, small-boat operators and maintenance specialists to electronic technicians and aviation mechanics. The Coast Guard, during an average day, will:

- Conduct 109 search and rescue cases
- Save 10 lives
- Assist 192 people in distress
- Protect $2,791,841 in property
- Launch 396 small boat missions
- Launch 164 aircraft missions, logging 324 hours
- Board 144 vessels
- Seize 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth $9,589,000
- Intercept 14 illegal migrants
- Board 100 large vessels for port safety checks
- Respond to 20 oil or hazardous chemical spills totaling 2,800 gallons
- Service 135 aids to navigation

Contact Information:

MILITARY WEBSITES

ARMY  
www.goarmy.com

NAVY  
www.navy.com

ARMY RESERVE  
www.goarmyreserve.com

AIR FORCE  
www.airforce.com

MARINE CORPS  
www.marines.com

NAVY RESERVE  
www.navyreserve.com

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
www.nationalguard.com

AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
www.goang.com

AIR FORCE RESERVE  
www.afreserve.com

COAST GUARD  
www.gocastguard.com

COAST GUARD RESERVE  
www.uscg.mil/reserve

MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
www.marines.com/eligibility/service-options/reserve

ASVAB

Lackey’s next ASVAB will be administered on Wednesday, April 18, 2018


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

Opportunities

Charles County Children’s Aid Society  Volunteer opportunity for students to give back to the community, volunteers are needed on a daily basis,  https://childrens-aid-society.org/  contact the volunteer coordinator 301-645-1561

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising  MEET AN ADMISSIONS ADVISOR, November 12, Embassy Suites Alexandria – Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Rd., Alexandria, VA, schedule your one-on-one meeting: http://fidm.edu/en/news+and+events/fidm+visits, RSVP required, parents welcome

CSM Night of Engineering  Leonardtown Campus, Bldg. A - Auditorium, December 6, 6:00 -7:30 pm, registration required http://stem.csmd.edu/events_night_of_engineering.html

Turkey Trot to benefit needy families in the area, volunteers needed, South Potomac Church, November 18, 7:00 am to 9:30 am, contact Clyde Lockley at 301-219-8838 or email clydelockley@gmail.com, duties include set up course, man water stations, direct participants, teardown and cleanup.
SCHOLARSHIPS

**November Deadline:**

Scholarship Guidance - Multiple scholarships with November deadlines. For all grade levels.

**Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship Program**
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: 2.8+GPA, demonstrate leadership abilities in school activities or through work experiences, strong commitment to community service involvement
Deadline: School Nomination required - submit a resume to Mrs. Walls by 11/11

**DAR Good Citizen Award**
Eligible: Senior who has demonstrated the qualities of a good citizen: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism
Criteria: Part I of the application prior to nomination, Part II to be completed by nominee (500-word essay)
Award: $250-$5,000
Deadline: Completed application must be returned to Mrs. Walls by 11/03 to be considered.

**Elks Most Valuable Student**
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Academics, extra-curricular activities, leadership, & financial need
Award: Various $4,000- $60,000
Deadline: 11/30 - [http://www.elks.org/scholars/](http://www.elks.org/scholars/)

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships**
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Must enroll in 4-year college beginning Fall 2017, GPA 3.5+, SAT of combined score or 1200 on Critical Reading & Math or ACT composite of 26 or above, financial need
Award: Varies, maximum up to $30,000 per year
Deadline: 11/14 - [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)

**The Maryland School Counselor Association**
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: 300-500-word essay, give specific examples of how the counselor helped make a difference in your life.
Award: $500
Deadline: 11/1 - [www.mscaonline.org](http://www.mscaonline.org)

**National Center for Women in IT (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Award Program**
Eligible: Female Students in grades 9 through 12
Criteria: Several short essays
Award: Amount varies, plaque and recognition, laptop computer, trip to Awards Ceremony in North Carolina, opportunity for additional scholarships and internships
Deadline: 11/6; [https://www.aspirations.org/](https://www.aspirations.org/)

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award**
Eligible: Grades 5 – 12
Criteria: Have participated in a volunteer activity at least in part after September 1, 2016. Complete and submit an online application by **November 8, 2017**, to a school principal or the head of one of the program’s designated organizations, such as, Girl Scouts, YMCA, County 4-H Organization, American Red Cross and Hands On Network Affiliates.
Award: $1,000 Medallion and all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC with parent in May 2017.
Deadline: See Mrs. Walls in the College & Career Center by 11/7 - [http://spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com)
**Voice of Democracy Competition - Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**Eligible:** Grades 9-12  
**Criteria:** Essay recorded on a CD, theme for this year – “My Responsibility to America”  
**Award:** Varies  
**Deadline:** 11/1 - Applications available in the College & Career Center. Question, please contact Debbie Dudak at 240-210-0424. [https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships](https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships)

**Why Education Matters**

**Eligible:** Grades 9-12  
**Criteria:** Submit a 250-word essay on “What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn’t matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?”  
**Award:** $3,000  

**December Deadline:**


Scholarship Guidance - Multiple scholarships with December deadlines. For all grade levels.

**AXA Achievement Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Ambitious students; outstanding, significant service projects or business projects  
**Award:** Various (awarding more than $1.3 million)  
**Deadline:** 12/15 - [https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html](https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html)

**Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship**

**Eligible:** 9th-11th graders  
**Criteria:** 3.75 Unweighted GPA, Demonstrate humanitarian qualities in school & community, essay, list of community service. One nomination per school. If you are interested, see Mrs. Walls in the Career Center for the essay prompts.  
**Award:** $1,000  
**Deadline:** 12/8

**Chesapeake Bay Trust - Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Minority HS Seniors  
**Criteria:** GPA 3.0+, show strong leadership in school & community environmental initiatives, financial need  
**Award:** $5,000  
**Deadline:** 12/2 - [www.chesapeakebaytrust.org](http://www.chesapeakebaytrust.org)

**Chesapeake Bay Trust - Student of the Year Award**

**Eligible:** Seniors  
**Criteria:** GPA 3.0+, shows strong leadership in school & community environmental initiatives, financial need  
**Award:** $5,000  
**Deadline:** 12/2 - [www.chesapeakebaytrust.org](http://www.chesapeakebaytrust.org)

**National Federation of Independent Business - Young Entrepreneur Foundation**

**Eligible:** Seniors  
**Criteria:** Owns/Operates their own business  
**Award:** $2,000-$25,000  
National Space Club/ Keynote Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: plans a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math
Award: $10,000
Deadline: 12/1 www.spaceclub.org

Science Ambassador Scholarship
Eligible: 12th grade females
Criteria: Must study a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) field during your entire undergraduate years, 3-minute video
Award: A FULL-TUITION scholarship for a woman
Deadline: 12/11; http://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Leadership, drive, integrity, citizenship
Award: $10,000 - $40,000
Deadline: 1/4 - apply online www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships or facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships

Maryland Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Essay
Award: Up to $1,000
Deadline: 1/15 - www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships

Princeton Prize in Race Relations
Eligible: Grades 9 - 12
Criteria: Actively involved in a volunteer activity in the last 12 months that has a significant positive impact on race relations
Award: $1,000
Deadline: 1/31 - www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Program
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Financial need, community involvement, essay content, academic achievement and records, GPA 2.7 min
Award: Varies
Deadline: 1/18 - https://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships

2018 Tom Joyner Foundation Full-Ride Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: GPA 3.5+, SAT 2100+, ACT 30+; leadership, community service, extracurricular and/or other activities
Award: Full tuition for up to 10 semesters, renewed each year
Deadline: 1/19 - http://www.tomjoynerfoundation.org

United States JCI Senate Foundation
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Leadership, extra-curricular activities, honors, awards, employment
Award: $1,000
Deadline: 1/5 - www.usjcisenate.org
Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships
Eligible: Seniors with strong history, political science, government or military service interests.
Award: $1,000 to $5,000
Deadline: 1/15 - www.gwcf.org or call 215-949-8841

American Indian Scholarship Information
National DAR – American Indians Committee
Eligible: Native American Students
Criteria: Proof of American Indian, financial need, GPA 3.25+
Award: $4,000
Deadline: 2/15; http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian

The Bill of Rights Institute – “WE THE STUDENTS” Essay Contest
Eligible: Grades 9 - 12
Criteria: Essay
Award: $500-$5,000
Deadline: 2/5 – For essay prompt and application: www.billofrightsinstitute.org

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship
Eligible: Minority Seniors
Criteria: Leadership, community service, financial aid, minimum SAT score of 1,000 math and reading or ACT composite score of 22.
Award: Varies; $24,000 over four years
Deadline: 2/1 - www.jackierobinson.org

Maryland Farm bureau
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Submit a two-page essay on: “WITH 3 TO 5 GENERATIONS REMOVED FROM THE FARM, HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR ROLE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR AGRICULTURE TO MINIMIZE THE KNOWLEDGE GAP BETWEEN FARMERS AND CONSUMERS AND PROMOTE A MORE POSITIVE IMAGE FOR AGRICULTURE?”
Award: $2,000
Deadline: February 1, 2018

National Co-op Scholarship Program
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: GPA 3.5+, one-page essay; to qualify for the merit co-op scholarship, must complete all the required admissions material and must apply for the 2017-2018 academic year at one or more of the ten NCCE Partner Colleges & Universities.
Award: $6,000 renewable
Deadline: 2/15 – Deadlines vary depending on the institution. Apply at www.co-op.edu
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSDAR) SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple scholarships, pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education. For information and applications: www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships

Deadline: 2/15

General Scholarship

RICHARD AND ELIZABETH DEAN SCHOLARSHIP—The Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship is a preferred amount of $5,000 each year for up to four consecutive years to graduating high school students. The selection process shall be based on academic merit with an initial minimum GPA of 3.75. Renewal is conditional upon maintenance of a GPA of 3.25. This scholarship is renewable only after review and approval of the annual official transcript. Renewal transcript must be submitted to the Office of the Reporter General by July 1 of the year of renewal or the scholarship is forfeited.

Political Science, History, Government, and Economics Scholarships

A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship in this group.

DR. AURA-LEE A. PITTENGER AND JAMES HOBBS PITTENGER AMERICAN HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP—A scholarship in the amount of $2,000 each year for up to four consecutive years to a graduating high school senior who will have a concentrated study of a minimum of 24 credit hours in American History or American Government, while in college. This award is intended to promote the study of history among our finest students. United States citizens residing abroad may apply through a Units Overseas Chapter. Renewal is conditional upon maintenance of a GPA of 3.25.

THE LUCINDA BENEVENTI FINDLEY HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP—A one-time $2,000 scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated advanced interest in history and are planning to major in, or pursue the study of, history in a full-time, accredited college or university in the United States. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.25.

Nursing School Scholarships

These are one-time awards of $1,000. It is only necessary to submit one application for consideration for any award in this group or for the Madeline Picket Halbert Cogswell Nursing Scholarship listed under Special Scholarships.

CAROLINE E. HOLT NURSING SCHOLARSHIP—One-time $1,000 scholarship for students who are in financial need and have been accepted or are currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. A letter of acceptance into the Nursing Program or the transcript stating that the applicant is enrolled in the Nursing Program must be included with the application.

MILDRED NUTTING SCHOLARSHIP—One-time $1,000 scholarship for students who are in financial need and who have been accepted or are attending an accredited school of Occupational Therapy including art, music, or physical therapy. A letter of acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Program or the transcript stating the applicant is in the Occupational Therapy Program must be included with the application. Preference will be given to candidates from the Lowell, MA area.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCHOLARSHIP—One-time $1,000 scholarship for students who are in financial need and have been accepted or are attending an accredited school of Occupational Therapy including art, music, or physical therapy. A letter of acceptance into the Occupational Therapy Program or the transcript stating the applicant is in the Occupational Therapy Program must be included with the application.

Specific Scholarships

A separate application must be submitted for each scholarship in this group.

MARGARET HOWARD HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP—A $1,000 scholarship awarded for up to four years to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted into the Harvey and Bernice Jones Learning Center, housing the Ben D. Caudle Learning Program, University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas. Applications must be requested directly from the Learning Center upon acceptance into their program for learning disabled students.
LILLIAN AND ARTHUR DUNN SCHOLARSHIP—A $2,000 scholarship awarded for up to four years to well qualified, deserving sons and daughters of members of the NSDAR for four years of college. Renewal is conditional upon maintenance of a GPA of 3.25. Outstanding recipients will be considered for an additional period of up to four years of study. DAR member number of mother (who is a current, dues paying member) must be on the application.

MADELINE PICKETT HALBERT COGSWELL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP—One-time $1,000 scholarship for students who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, who are members of NSDAR, descendants of members of NSDAR, or are eligible to be members of NSDAR (must be established). A letter of acceptance into the Nursing Program or the transcript stating that the applicant is in the Nursing Program must be included with the application. DAR member number must be on the application.

NELLIE LOVE BUTCHER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP--given annually to a male or female music student who is pursuing an education in piano or voice. Special consideration shall be given to students currently attending the Duke Ellington School of the Performing Arts, Washington, DC. This substantial scholarship is for one year, and is not automatically renewable; however, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for four years based on maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. Special CD submission instructions available upon request.

March Deadline:

American Foreign Service Association – National High School Essay Contest
Eligible: Grades 9 - 12, parents CANNOT be members of the Foreign Service
Criteria: 1250-word essay on the refugee crisis; US Citizen
Award: $1,250 - $2,500

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships
• National President’s Scholarship: scholarships for students who are direct descendants, step-children, or step-grandchildren of U.S. wartime veterans. www.legion-aux.org
• Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Member: scholarships awarded to Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary. www.legion-aux.org
• Girl Scout Achievement Award: scholarships awarded to Girl Scouts who have earned the Gold Award and are active in school, church, and community. www.legion-aux.org
• Junior Volunteer Hours Award: Junior members who volunteer in each division serving the greatest number of volunteer hours for veterans. www.legion-aux.org
• American Legacy Scholarship: aid for children of active duty military, guard, and reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. www.legion-aux.org
• Eagle Scout of the Year Award: scholarships for outstanding Eagle Scout. www.legion-aux.org
• Jr. Shooting Program: scholarships to top marksmen. www.legion-aux.org
Award: Various $2,000-$5,000
Deadline: 3/3

American Welding Society District Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Students seeking an undergraduate degree in welding engineering, welding technology, or a welding related field; must be accepted into a welding related educational or training program
Award: $1,000 and up, renewable
Deadline: 3/1 – www.aws.org
Automotive Scholarship Gateway
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Career in the automotive industry.

Charles County Arts Alliance Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: 3.0+GPA, accepted to continue in an arts program of study (major) at a four-year college or university, resume, essay, letter of recommendation, transcript
Award: $1,000 (One student from each school in Charles County will be selected to receive this scholarship!!!)
Deadline: 3/9; Applications available in the Career Center

Create-A-Holiday-Card Scholarship
Eligible: Grades 9 - 12
Criteria: Design a greeting card
Award: $10,000 scholarship

Credit Union(CU) Foundation MD/DC
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Member of a credit union, essay
Award: $1,000 scholarship
Deadline: 3/31; http://www.cufound.org/consumer-resources/college-scholarship/

RN STAT (Nursing Scholarship)
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: 2.5 GPA, essay, letters of recommendation, personal interview, nursing scholarship and mentoring program, program through University of MD Charles Regional Medical Center and CSM
Deadline: 3/28 - application in the College & Career Center

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium - Legacy of Life Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Write a 1,000-word persuasive argument on the theme “Organ & Tissue Donation Persuade Someone to give the Gift of a Lifetime.” The essay may be fiction or nonfictions, with sources cited.
Award: $1,000 - $3,000
Deadline: 3/31 - Visit: www.beadonor.org

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium - DONE VIDA Scholarship
Eligible: Latino Seniors
Criteria: Video entries on the topic of Encouraging people in your community to become organ, eye and tissue donors.
Award: $500-$3,000
Deadline: 3/31 - www.beadonor.org
**April Deadline:**

**Charles County Master Gardener Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** Resident of Charles County, GPA 3.0+, plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college and major in: animal and avian sciences, earth & physical sciences, environmental science, life science, plant science, or marine science (other fields may be considered)

**Award:** $1,000

**Deadline:** 4/28 - applications in the College & Career Center

**Green Pest Services Maryland Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** Min. 3.0 GPA; based primarily on need, but does not exclude achievement standards, SAR, transcript

**Award:** $750

**Deadline:** 4/14 - [http://greenpestservices.net/maryland-scholarship/](http://greenpestservices.net/maryland-scholarship/)

**Henry E. Lackey High School Athletic Boosters:**

**Eligible:** Two (2) Seniors: one male and one female

**Criteria:** Student must have lettered at least once in a varsity sport; Essay - “How Participating In High School Sports Has Had a Positive Impact on My Life”; Letters of recommendation from one of your Lackey coaches and from a teacher/administrative official or adult community member.

**Award:** Two - $1,500

**Deadline:** 4/3 – See Mrs. Walls for information. The Dave Anderson Memorial Scholarship is also available.

**Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Seniors residing within the SMECO service area

**Criteria:** Based on scholastic achievement (40%), financial need (50%), community & school involvement (10%); essay required, see application for topic.

**Award:** $1,500

**Deadline:** 4/03 - For more information call 1-888-440-3311 ext.4340 or go to [www.smeco.coop](http://www.smeco.coop)

**May Deadline:**

**B. Davis Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Juniors and seniors

**Criteria:** 1000 word essay

**Award:** $1000

**Deadline:** 5/22; [http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm)

**Sun Trust Scholarship – scholarship registration opens on September 12**

**Eligible:** Seniors, one winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 28 through May 12, 2018.

**Award:** $1,000

Apply online: [www.suntrusteducation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes](http://www.suntrusteducation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes) - no purchase necessary to enter.

**June Deadline:**

**Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship**

**Eligible:** Juniors and Seniors

**Criteria:** Essay 500-1000 words: “Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.”

**Award:** $1,000

**Deadline:** 6/14 - [http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm)
Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college
Award: $1,000

Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college
Award: $1,000

Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship Program
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Interested in pursuing a pharmacology career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college
Award: $1,000
Deadline: 6/1 – Apply at http://www.pharmacytechnicianreview.com/

The Big Sun Athletics Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: Involved in a sport in high school or the community
Award: $500
Deadline: 6/19 - www.bigsunathletics.com

July Deadline

Console & Hollawell’s Legal Scholarship
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: students planning to pursue a legal degree, pre-law, paralegal, legal assisting
Award: $1000
Deadline: 7/15; www.myinjuryattorney.com/legal-scholarship

Legal Scholarships
Eligible: Seniors
Criteria: 3.0+ GPA or higher, pursuing law degree, U.S. citizen
Award: $1,000

Ongoing

Kids’ Chance of Maryland, Inc.
Eligible: Student with a parent or guardian who has suffered a catastrophic or fatal accidental injury or occupational disease while working for a Maryland employer.
Award: Varies, depending on need and educational expenses, covers tuition and books, may also include housing and meals
Apply online: www.kidschance-md.org
By School
To be eligible for scholarships offered by individual schools, the student must apply and be planning to attend that particular college or university.

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition - Four year, full tuition scholarship to BU for top 10% of the senior class, very active leaders in school and community. Also Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship for students interested in engineering. The School of Education Presidential Scholarship and the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship for students dedicated to community service. See Mrs. Walls, your College & Career Advisor. **Deadline:** 12/01
www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/costs-aid-scholarships/scholarships/trustee/

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund - MSDE tuition assistance program for child care providers to obtain a college education at participating colleges/universities in Maryland. Funding is available in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, Special Education. For additional information: **Southern Tri-County (Calvert, Charles and St Mary's Counties)** 41670 Courthouse Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650, (301) 475-3770, (800) 874-6797
http://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/funding-opportunities/family-child-care-provider-grant-program

Clemson University - Black Male Teachers needed. Are you a Black Male who is a senior in high school and want to go to college out of state for FREE (not all programs offer full tuition) and want to become a teacher? The CALL ME MISTER program is offered by many colleges across the country. Details about national partners at www.clemson.edu/education/callmemister or call 1-800-640-2657.

FIDM Scholarships - Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, including eligibility requirement: http://fidm.edu/en/admissions/financial+aid+scholarships?cmpid=key003

Harvard University is offering free tuition to families of HONOR STUDENTS if their income is less than $60,000 per year. Visit www.fao.fas.harvard.edu or call 617-495-1581.

McDaniel College, Educator’s Legacy Scholarship - Children of current K-12 educators (any service in school qualifies) who have at least 4 years of continuous full-time employment in a school setting are eligible to receive a scholarship valued at up to $25,000 per year. www.mcdaniel.edu/EduLegacyScholarship

Mount St. Mary’s University (Emmitsburg, MD) - The Mount Opportunities for Success in Science (MOSS) Program offers a scholarship to promote future success in the STEM workforce. Individuals accepted to Mount St. Mary’s University and are intending to major in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, or Environmental Science can apply to the MOSS Program. Recipients are awarded $10,000 a year for four years. **Deadline:** 2/01. For information: www.msmary.edu/MOSS or call Mark Wagoner at 301-447-5149.

Architecture Scholarships to Syracuse University - Ten full-ride scholarships for African-American men and women studying architecture at Syracuse University in New York are available for qualified students. Contact Mark Robbins, Dean of Architecture at 315-443-2256 for more information, or visit http://soa.syr.edu/index.php.

Towson University Kahler Scholarship - UTeach - For majors in secondary education with concentration in math, biology, chemistry, earth-space science, or physics. www.towson.edu/uteach

USDA National Scholars Program - The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program will provide full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years to selected students pursuing a bachelor’s degree at select HBCUs. Students will study various agricultural fields, animal science, botany, food sciences, farm and range management, and soil conservation. **Deadline:** 1/31. For information: www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890
Villanova University Presidential Scholarship, renewable, merit-based award covering full tuition, room, board and fees, GPA 4.19, SAT 1450/1600, ACT 33/36, must submit a completed application for admission by deadline 12/1, see Mrs. Walls in the College & Career Center. Villanova Scholarship awarded on the basis of exemplary academic achievement and accomplishments outside the classroom, top 5% of graduating class or GPA 3.85, SAT 1380/1600, ACT 31/36, Award: Starting at $1000 per year.  
https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/crf/presscholar.html

Washington College (MD) National Honor Society
**Eligible:** Senior who is a member of the National Honor Society  
**Award:** $12,500 - $50,000  
For information call 800-422-1782 x7700, or go to https://www.washcoll.edu/offices/student-financial-aid/academic-tuition-scholarships.php.

Washington University in St. Louis – Danforth Scholars Program - full or partial-tuition scholarships based on merit. Nomination required, see Mrs. Walls by 10/3. For more information call 314-935-6000, or go to https://admissions.wustl.edu/financial-aid.

West Virginia University - Department of Mining Engineering, scholarship opportunities, in-state tuition, summer employment, outstanding employment opportunities for graduates, see Mrs. Walls for more information

Williamson College of the Trades: Private 3 year technical college for men, residential campus, need-based financial aid available for full-time students, 8 varsity sports in the Junior Athletic Association, http://www.williamson.edu

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**SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information online**

- www.mhec.state.md.us  
- www.finaid.com  
- www.fastweb.com  
- www.blackstudents.blacknews.com  
- www.studentaid.ed.gov  
- www.collegeexpress.com  
- www.chegg.com  
- http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants

**Merit Scholarships**
Contact the Financial Aid Office of your prospective colleges to see if separate applications for aid are due this fall. Early October dates are common. UVA, Davidson, Emory U., and NYU, to name a few, have merit deadlines this fall. Some of these scholarships require a counselor or principal nomination. Don’t miss out on these financial opportunities. Ask your prospective colleges' financial aid office for merit scholarship applications. Online: www.meritaid.com.

“My College Dollars” - Launched by MTV, Get Schooled and the College Board, a Facebook application that utilizes information from a user’s Facebook profile – including age, gender and state – to connect students with targeted financial aid opportunities. VISIT THE MY COLLEGE DOLLARS FACEBOOK APP: https://getschooled.com/dashboard

**Career One Stop** Search more than 7,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities: www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx.

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

**Gi Transferability Bill** Post 9/11 Gi Bill family transfer option allows service members to shift their benefits to their families. For more information, see www.defenselink.mil. Also try www.military.com for more options.

**Central Scholarship Bureau** - Seniors planning to attend college full time who meet other eligibility requirements may apply for scholarships and loans through this Maryland agency. www.central-scholarship.org
**Longwood University, VA** - If you are looking for a school with a strong cyber security major, digital forensics is an area of focus in cyber security. Students can be hired to support security. One of only three colleges nationwide designated as a National Center of Digital Forensics. Visit [www.longwood.edu/business/LCCs.htm](http://www.longwood.edu/business/LCCs.htm).

**Free Scholarship Searches** - More than 70 no-cost scholarship websites, information which includes an instant GPA calculator, contact info for every college in the U.S., a list of colleges which offer comprehensive programs for students with learning disabilities, lists of Christian, Catholic, and woman's colleges, a list of HBCUs, and links to more than 2,500 career schools, online degree programs, and colleges. [www.college-scholarships.com/free-scholarship-searches/](http://www.college-scholarships.com/free-scholarship-searches/)

Interested in **apprenticeships and vocational/trade** programs? [www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/approcc/approcclinks.shtml](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/approcc/approcclinks.shtml)

**Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP):** provides a matching award for eligible students who receive a State Guaranteed Access grant and attend a participating institution, for a total grant award up to $35,800 per year for four years. Johns Hopkins University, Stevenson University, Hood College, Goucher College, Capitol Technology University, Washington College and others are participating in the program. Visit: [http://www.micua.org/gapp](http://www.micua.org/gapp) for more details.

**Gordon Croft Scholarships** - To be eligible for the Croft Scholarship awards, students must reside in Southern Charles County, south of Route 225 from La Plata to Indian Head and south of Route 6 from La Plata to the St. Mary’s County line, as well as students residing in La Plata and Indian Head towns. Students who reside in this defined area and who demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply.

**University of Maryland (College Park, MD)** A. James Clark School of Engineering is offering 3 renewable scholarships: The Carol Croft Linde, The Kent Gordon Croft and The Russell Gordon Croft Southern Charles County Scholarships for students, engineering major, financial need

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

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

**Johns Hopkins University** - Russell Gordon Croft Southern Charles County Scholarship provides a tuition scholarship to students who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship awards up to $12,000 per year.

**Dartmouth College** - Croft Scholarship Award provides a tuition scholarship to students at Dartmouth who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship awards up to $10,000 per year. Contact the Dartmouth Financial Aid office for details.

*Croft Scholarships on next 3 pages.*
THE CAROL CROFT LINDE SOUTHERN CHARLES COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY
- must be incoming freshman who are graduates of Charles County, Maryland public high schools and who enroll in the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park
- must be residents in southern Charles County, defined as south of Rt. 225 from La Plata to Mason Springs and south of Rt. 6 from La Plata to the St. Mary’s County line and south of La Plata only
- must demonstrate financial need

If you are interested, please email engrmoney@umd.edu with the subject “Carol Croft Linde S.C.C Scholarship”

RENEWABLE FOR UP TO SEVEN (7) CONSECUTIVE ACADEMIC SEMESTERS

*PROVIDED THAT THE RECIPIENT REMAINS IN SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC STANDING AND IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS TOWARD A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY
THE KENT GORDON CROFT SOUTHERN CHARLES COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

- must be incoming freshman who are graduates of Charles County, Maryland public high schools and who enroll in the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park

- must be residents in southern Charles County, defined as south of Rt. 225 from La Plata to Mason Springs and south of Rt. 6 from La Plata to the St. Mary’s County line and south of La Plata only

- must demonstrate financial need

If you are interested, please email engrrmoney@umd.edu with the subject “Kent Gordon Croft S.C.C Scholarship”

RENEWABLE FOR UP TO SEVEN (7) CONSECUTIVE ACADEMIC SEMESTERS

*PROVIDED THAT THE RECIPIENT REMAINS IN SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC STANDING AND IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS TOWARD A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY
THE RUSSELL GORDON CROFT SOUTHERN CHARLES COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

- must be incoming freshman who are graduates of Charles County, Maryland public high schools and who enroll in the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park

- must be residents in southern Charles County, defined as south of Rt. 225 from La Plata to Mason Springs and south of Rt. 6 from La Plata to the St. Mary’s County line and south of La Plata only

- must demonstrate financial need

If you are interested, please email engrmoney@umd.edu with the subject “Russell Gordon Croft S.C.C Scholarship”

RENEWABLE FOR UP TO SEVEN (7) CONSECUTIVE ACADEMIC SEMESTERS

*PROVIDED THAT THE RECIPIENT REMAINS IN SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC STANDING AND IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS TOWARD A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY
Financial Aid Information

Seniors! Planning on going to college? Wondering how to pay for it? Don’t know where to start? Check out this link from the U.S. Department of Education to get a cost estimate: http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx

It cannot be said enough: There is plenty of FREE information and help, do not pay for scholarships, scholarship searches or FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application completion.

For FAFSA the only website to go to is www.fafsa.ed.gov. On this site you can access help by clicking Contact and then you have three choices: you can email, call toll free, or live chat. Some general questions can be answered by Mrs. Walls, College & Career Advisor in the College & Career Center, or you can contact the local community college, the College of Southern Maryland, for assistance (www.csmd.edu).

Don’t forget to use the College & Career Center webpage to gain access to financial aid information such as the Academic Common Market (paying in-state tuition at an out-of-state college) on the Maryland Higher Education website link, Statewide Programs, Getin2College.com and CareerCruising.com with log-ins posted. See Mrs. Walls in the College & Career Center for additional details.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

Do you need assistance in completing your 2018-2019 FAFSA? CSM Financial Assistance staff will be on hand to help you complete the form

**November 19 at 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, CSM La Plata Campus, ST Building - RSVP: finaid@csmd.edu or 301-934-7531**

Have questions about financial aid at CSM? Check out CSM Financial Aid TV!

Financial Aid Handouts in the Career Center

- Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards
- Maryland Legislative – Senatorial & Delegate Scholarships Guide
- DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE? Federal Student Aid
- Federal Loan Programs
Testing

Seniors, if you are planning to go to a 4-year college in Fall 2018 and you have not yet taken the SAT or ACT, you should see your counselor for advice about which test you should take and then register online. You will need to pay online at the time of registration. This should be done immediately.

If you are going to a trade, technical, art or music school, check the website of the school to see if you need to take any tests. Many require that you take only their test, or sometimes no test is needed at all.

If you are going to a Community College, you do not need to take the SAT or ACT, unless you are going into the Nursing program, in which case the ACT is required with a composite score of 21 or higher.

Students are reminded to use www.khanacademy.org to brush up on Algebra, Geometry, and Trig as well as other disciplines before ACT and SAT exams. Use the free online service for tutoring and take advantage of other free classes being offered including Financial Literacy.

SAT/ACT Test Dates


SAT PREP

Khan Academy
A personalized learning resource for all ages
Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in- and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Our math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus, using state-of-the-art adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. We’ve also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. http://www.khanacademy.org

The websites below have FREE practice questions, study guides, articles, flashcards, quizzes, formulas, exam strategies, punctuation rules, grammar rules and more!!! You have no more excuses…it’s time for YOU to get started!!!

College Board: online registration and information for SAT - https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat , for SAT practice - https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice

ACT: online registration for ACT - www.actstudent.org, for ACT practice - www.actstudent.org/testprep

Study Island: Students have their own passwords to login to this website. After login, click on the US PROGRAMS tab on the left, then click on ACT or SAT. Go to www.studyisland.com

Charles County Board of Education (SAT/ACT Podcast): www.ccboe.com/community/students/sat.php
FairTest: This list includes institutions that are “test optional”, “test flexible” or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT. www.fairtest.org/university/optional

NCAA Eligibility Center Information

Any Junior that would like to play collegiate sports at the Division I or Division II level must register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Initial-Eligibility Center at this time. Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for all the pertinent information you will need to compete in college. Remember, ACT/SAT test scores are reported directly from the testing agencies to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center. When registering for the exams, include “9999” in the Send Score Reports section.

Want to Play College Sports? You MUST Know Your Core Course GPA. Henry E. Lackey High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements. CoreCourseGPA.com calculates core course GPA for both Divisions I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed. All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their FREE membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

To Activate Your FREE Membership:
Step 1: Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com
Step 2: In the “New Member Account Creation” box, enter:
   School ID: 210675
   School Code: 725801167

Don’t have the GPA or college entrance exam scores needed for a four-year college? Think junior colleges! Think community colleges! Many community and junior colleges across the country have full athletic programs including tackle football. Visit the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association’s website at www.njcaa.org and find out where you can use your talents while building your academic skills for transfer to a four-year college or university program.

See September’s Career Center Newsletter for other NCAA eligibility information or visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

These programs and scholarships are provided as a courtesy. Charles County Public Schools and Henry E. Lackey High School does not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information on items in this newsletter, please see Mrs. Walls in the Career Center.

Nondiscrimination statement
The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Patricia Vaira, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (students) or Nikial M. Majors, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 coordinator (employees/ adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646; 301-932-6610/301-870-3814. For special accommodations call 301-934-7230 or TDD 1-800-735-2258 two weeks prior to the event.

SEE YOU IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER!
**College and Career Center Calendar**

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