



St. Charles High School

Home of the Spartans



September 2021 College and Career Newsletter

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Welcome to a new and exciting year at St. Charles High School. I would like to provide you with some helpful information about the College & Career Center! The College and Career Center is located on the 2nd floor next to the Counseling Office and is full of resources for students to use throughout the school year. **SENIORS** – this is an exciting year for you and your families!!! This year each of you will make one of the biggest decisions of your life as you decide what to do after you graduate from high school!!! The Counseling Department and the College & Career Advisor in the Career Center are here to help you and your parents every step of the way.

Please be sure to become familiar with both the **Career Center** and the **Career Center page on the St. Charles High School website** so you are aware of ALL the resources that are available to you. Click on this link for the Career Center: **CAREER CENTER** The Career Center, the newsletter, AND the Career Center page on the St. Charles High School website contain a wealth of information and resources for you and your parents/guardians to use as you navigate through the decision making process of what you will do after you graduate from high school.

Seniors....ENJOY your last year in high school and continue to be a positive influence for those students following you at St. Charles High School!!!

Charles County College Fair for Juniors & Seniors

Monday, September 13, 2021



North Point High School

Waldorf, Maryland

VIRTUAL Financial Aid Night at 6:00 PM*

**ZOOM link will be sent to Juniors, Seniors, and their parents/guardians through Synergy.*

Juniors and Seniors at St. Charles High School have the opportunity to attend a field trip to the College Fair on the morning of September 13, 2021.

Permission forms will be passed out in Homeroom and available in the Career Center.

Permission slips available in the Career Center and MUST be completed, signed, and turned into Mrs. Malherek in the Career Center

no later than 2:30 PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2021!!!

VIRTUAL College Fairs!!!



Students have the opportunity to participate in some **VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS** being offered this year. During these virtual college fairs, students will be able to hear presentations from college representatives, meet with college representatives, ask questions, and get additional information and links to various resources. **STUDENTS** - Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity to find out more information to help you with your college research!!! **The College and Career Advisor will also be scheduling both**

In-person and Virtual College/Military/Career Visits. Information about the visits will be provided to students during morning announcements, on the Career Center page of the SCHS website, in the Career Center, and through synergy. Students can also look for additional information about virtual college fairs by going to www.collegefairsonline.com. Go to the student link on the website in order to register for the virtual college fair. During the fair, you can log on and search through all the colleges represented. Each booth will include information about the school and offer a chat time to talk with school representatives.

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and Common App are hosting MULTIPLE Virtual College Fairs!!!

Thinking about college? Mark your calendars for the **NACAC Virtual College Fairs** below:

A promotional graphic for NACAC Virtual College Fairs. It features a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue shirt and a white backpack, holding a red folder. The background is split into a dark blue left side and a yellow right side. The text 'Find the college for you.' is in large yellow letters on the blue background. Below it is a list of dates and event names. On the yellow background, the text 'Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair' is written in white. At the bottom left, it says 'Sign up now for FREE! virtualcollegefairs.org' and shows the NACAC Virtual College Fairs logo with a star.

Find the college for you.

Aug 29	Signature Fair
Sept 12	Signature Fair
Sept 28	Northeastern US Fair
Oct 3	Signature Fair
Oct 14	Midwest US Fair
Oct 24	Signature Fair
Nov 2	Arts & STEM Fair
Nov 14	Signature Fair

Sign up now for FREE!
virtualcollegefairs.org

NACAC
Virtual
COLLEGE FAIRS

Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair

- ✓ Connect with **hundreds** of **colleges and universities**.
- ✓ **Live** sessions available for students to talk to college representatives.
- ✓ Each virtual fair is **FREE**.
- ✓ **Students and parents/guardians** are welcome to attend as many as they like!!!
- ✓ Sign up to attend their live and interactive **Zoom sessions** on how to apply, financial aid, student life, and more.
- ✓ Watch, learn, and get your **questions answered** about academics, athletics, diversity, study abroad, and other topics.

Juniors and Seniors (and parents/guardians) can **SIGN UP NOW** to attend as many of the NACAC Virtual College Fairs as you want. To register to participate in this event, see a schedule of what colleges will be participating, and the times of the college fairs, please click on the link below:

[**www.virtualcollegefairs.org**](http://www.virtualcollegefairs.org)

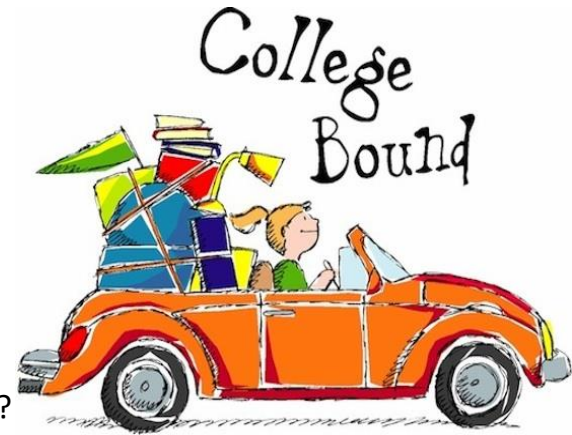


for a College Fair....even when it's *VIRTUAL!!!*

When you attend a college fair whether it's in-person or virtual, you have the opportunity to meet and talk with college representatives. Some of the representatives are also college admissions counselors so it is important to make a good first impression. A good way to start is by introducing yourself and informing the representative of your field of interest and your high school/grade level. Below is a list of questions you may like to ask the college representative.

1. What type of student organizations and clubs are there for students?
2. When are the enrollment deadlines and do you require a certain SAT/ACT score?
3. Can I get a list of majors to take with me?
4. Will you be reviewing admission applications, if so what do you look for?
5. Can the enrollment fees be waived?
6. What does your school consider for admissions? (i.e. activities, grades, SAT/ACT scores, experience, interests, etc.)
7. Can you tell me about the safety history of the college and possibly the community it is in?
8. What percentage of your students go on to graduate school?
9. What is the placement rate for those seeking employment?
10. What accommodations do you offer for students with physical disabilities or learning differences?

11. What are the retention rates of incoming students at your school?
12. Is tutoring available for all students, if so, is it free?
13. What is the biggest student complaint you hear currently?
14. What is your typical class size?
15. Can I have a business card with your direct phone number?
(in case you have further questions)
16. What is the parking situation like?
17. Do you offer student housing, if so, for how long?
18. What kind of financial aid does your school offer?
19. What is the cost of going to school there annually?
(i.e. tuition, room and board, etc.)
20. Does your school allow double majors or a change of major?
21. Is the campus wireless?
22. Can I work on campus?
23. Does your school offer scholarships or grants for incoming students?
How can I be considered?
24. What percentage of students return for their second year?



Touring College Campuses



Please look at the college's websites to see what types of campus tours are available.

If a personal tour is not available, colleges still have virtual tours available. Please check the college's website for information about their virtual tours. There are also several websites available to find virtual tours, please see the information below under *Touring College Campuses.... VIRTUALLY!!!*

Visit a College like an Expert

It is hard to figure out if a college is a good fit without spending time on the campus and talking to students who have been there a year or more. Even if the college is local or a community college, visit the campus. If your family can't travel to a college, look and see if there is a virtual tour available. To help you prepare for a visit to a college campus, there are some key things to keep in mind.

Plan Ahead:

A campus visit goes quickly, so you and your parents should have a plan for the visit. Here are some things to consider:

- **Visit websites for information about tours and open houses**, as well as campus maps, and parking information.
- **Ask about visiting a class or two.** Ask which ones are open to visitors, when they are open, and how to go about getting into the class for a visit.
- **Look at the college website and catalog.** Think about what you want to learn on campus and try to figure out where you can find that information while on campus.
- **Fit in additional activities that will give you a better sense of campus life.** Try eating in the cafeteria and reading a copy of the student newspaper. Watch how students interact with one another and decide if this is an environment you would feel comfortable.

- **Schedule enough time** to see and do all you want to do on campus and in the area. It may be easier to visit a college during the summer or winter break, but try to go when school is in session. It will give you a better feel for campus life.

What to Bring:

- Comfortable shoes – campuses can be spread out, and you may be walking for a long time.
- Layered clothing – some buildings may be well air-conditioned and some may not.
- Pen, paper, and a list of questions to ask.
- Anything the college may have asked you to bring.
- Money for lunch, parking, and other incidental expenses.

Questions to Ask During a Campus Visit

A college guide will tell you some, but not all, of the things you need to know. Always go prepared to ask the admissions office staff and students on campus questions. Here are a few questions to get you started:

For Students

- Are you happy here? What do you like best? What would you change if you could?
- What kind of extracurricular activities are available to students?
- Did you have trouble getting the classes you wanted?
- Is this dorm room we're seeing typical for a first-year dorm room? Do you know how big a typical first-year dorm room is?

For the Admissions Office

- What percentage of first-year students return for their second year of college?
- What is the graduation rate for students here? How much does that rate vary if students are... low-income? African American? Latino?
- What is the average amount of time it takes students to graduate?
- What is the average size of general education courses here?
- For how many years are students guaranteed campus housing?

***There is a [College Comparison Worksheet](#) available on the Career Center tab of the St. Charles High School website. Be sure to use it when you visit colleges!!!**

Touring College Campuses....VIRTUALLY!!!



Ideally, touring the college campuses you are considering is the best way to find out if a college is for you. However, you may not have the opportunity to personally visit a college campus and...just because you may want to attend a school out of state doesn't mean you have to spring for plane tickets to every university on your Top 10 list. **Many** of the college websites provide a virtual tour of their campus....be sure to check it out! To help whittle down the choices, there are also websites where you can find **VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS!!!** You can take a virtual tour at:



www.campustours.com *or*

YOU | VISIT www.youvisit.com

FOUR YEAR “AT A GLANCE” PLANNER

It is important to start thinking about what you plan to do once you graduate from high school. Your time in high school will go very quickly, so getting started with your research now will help you be more prepared for the future ahead!!!

Planning for the Future

Freshman Year or Before

- Think about careers and college majors. What interests you?
- Set goals for yourself. Will you be trying for a top tier (most selective) college?
- Participate in activities (sports, clubs, hobbies) that interest you with an eye toward leadership.
- Keep up your grades and take the most challenging schedule you can (and get A's and B's).
- Plan a challenging sophomore curriculum. Can you take one or more AP classes?
- Don't waste your summer. Do something that will enhance your future college applications.



Sophomore Year

- Take challenging classes and keep your grades up. This is one of the most important years.
- Try the PSAT test early for practice and to see how you do. Use it to project your SAT scores.
- Take a career assessment test if one is offered. Are you getting some career ideas?
- Keep up the activities. Add some community service and volunteer work, and/or a paid job.
- Start to develop a preliminary list of target schools that you might consider.
- Plan a challenging junior curriculum. Can you take one or more AP classes?
- Should you take any SAT Subject Tests this year? (Are you completing/peaking in any subject?)
- Begin to develop a resume so you can identify where there might be some weaknesses.
- Plan a productive summer that will enhance some aspect of your future applications.



Junior Year

- Take challenging classes and keep your grades up. This is the other most important year.
- Take the PSAT test and see how you do. Use it to project your SAT scores.
- Develop a plan for your standardized testing and how you will prepare.
- Keep up the activities. Add some community service and volunteer work, or a paid job.
- Think about what type of college feels right to you. What are their requirements to get in?
- Have you thought about what you might major in? This can help you select colleges.
- Plan some college visits, at least to nearby ones. Do additional research on the internet.
- Refine your list of target schools and be sure they span the range of “sure” to “reach”.
- Discuss with your parents whether there will be financial considerations and aid required.
- Organize a folder of any awards, honors, articles, experiences, etc. that you've had or received.
- Refine your resume and think about bolstering weak areas. Keep your activities going!
- What SAT's, ACTs, SAT Subject Tests and AP tests are appropriate for this year and when?
- College Board and ACT websites recommend juniors take the SAT and/or ACT at the end of their junior year.
- Plan a productive summer that will enhance some aspect of your future applications.



Senior Year

- Take challenging classes and keep your grades up. You can't afford to get Senioritis!
- Finalize your list of colleges and be sure you are in their database.
- Demonstrate interest. Attend open houses, request information, and ask for an interview.
- Finish up any remaining standardized testing. This is your last chance to improve your scores.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendations as needed. Not all schools take them.
- Finalize your resume. It will help you with your applications.
- Download copies of your colleges' applications. Practice filling them out.
- Have your transcript sent to those schools that want it.
- Work on your college essays and try some drafts. Have others critique them.
- Get your college applications in as early as you can. Pay attention to deadlines!
- Try and set up on-campus interviews if colleges offer them.
- Prepare for interviews by looking at common questions and doing mock interviews with others.
- Write thank you notes to anyone who has helped you. (those who wrote letters, interviewers etc.)
- Have mid-year reports sent to any colleges that require them. Make sure all materials are submitted on time.
- Fill out financial aid forms such as FAFSA, PROFILE, etc. as needed.
- Respond to all colleges that admitted you, either accepting or declining their offers.
- Pay attention to housing, meal plan and other important information and deadlines.
- Have your final transcript sent to the school you will be attending.
- If waitlisted at your first choice, accept somewhere else but write them an enthusiastic letter.
- If rejected at your first choice, appeal only if you have something compelling and new to send them.



Grade Level Monthly Reminders

REMEMBER...If you have questions, please stop by the CAREER CENTER or you can email the College and Career Advisor, Mrs. Janet Malherek, at jmalherek@ccboe.com, or through synergy.

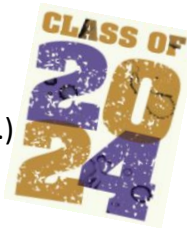
Freshmen: (Freshmen year DOES count!)



- Begin and continue a thorough self-examination of your abilities and interests.
- Study hard and get good grades. Set your academic goals now.
- Think about careers. There will be a **NEW** program this year that will replace career cruising where students will be able to research careers. More info. coming soon!
- Try a sport, club or other activity (get involved).
- Begin your resume. Your history reviewed by college reps and scholarship committees starts now.
- Read! Get to know your Counselor and College and Career Advisor in the Career Center.

Sophomore:

- Prepare for the PSAT. Please see Testing Information below for more information. (Good Practice for next year when you will be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition.)
- There will be a **NEW** program this year that will replace career cruising where students will be able to research careers. More info. coming soon!
- Be sure your course selections are preparing you to reach college admissions standards.
- Start or continue your "brag sheet" or resume.
- *Maintain good grades; READ! (Sophomore and Junior grades are extremely important.)*



Junior:

- Register for PSAT. Please see Testing Information below for more information.
- Continue refining your list of target schools.
- Research schools on the internet or via books and visits. There will be a **NEW** program this year that will replace career cruising where students will be able to research careers. More info. coming soon!
- Attend college fairs in your area. **The Charles County College Fair is in September and MORE Virtual College Fairs will be available throughout the year.**



- Check your emails to find out which College/Military/Career Representatives will be visiting SCHS!!!
- Research scholarship opportunities using the internet, books, and Career Center resources/website.
- Update your resume with any new information.
- Plan the next two years' extra-curricular and community service activities.
- Think about when to take the SAT or ACT tests (end of junior year) – develop your tentative “test plan.”

Senior:

- Get a file “bin” and set up a file for each target school.
- Attend all high school college-related meetings.
- Attend college fairs. **The Charles County Virtual College Fair is in September and MORE Virtual College Fairs will be available throughout the fall.**
- Meet/Email your counselor and ask questions.
- Identify all the application deadlines for your schools and fill out a checklist.
- Get your school's code (**SCHS CEEB Code – 211067**) and know your Social Security Number .
- Finalize your resume.
- There will be a **NEW** program this year that will replace career cruising where students will be able to research careers. More info. coming soon!
- Research scholarship opportunities from prospective colleges, some require nominations from your counselor.
- Prep for final SAT/ACT testing and be sure to register for the tests before the deadline. Visit college websites to find out what their testing policies are.
- Email teachers and ask them for letters of recommendation if your colleges want them.
- Request interviews at colleges whenever they are available. Many colleges are available to meet with you virtually.
- Get a good senior picture, formal or informal.
- College applications are available online, set up your account and start working on them!
- Students who plan to enlist in the military, start preparing for the ASVAB test that will be administered in the fall. More information and resources to help you prepare for the ASVAB are available on the Career Center page of the SCHS website.
- Visit the Career Center page on the St. Charles High School website (<https://www.ccboe.com/schools/stcharles/>) and begin researching scholarship opportunities that are available.

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Testing Information

- **Juniors** - If you are planning to apply to 4-year colleges, you should register to take the ACT and/or the SAT no later than the end of your junior year.
- **Juniors & Seniors** - If you are planning to enlist in the military, you will need to take the ASVAB. The ASVAB is offered twice a year at SCHS, once in the fall and once in the spring. Use the resources on the Career Center page of the SCHS website to help you prepare for the test.
- **Seniors** – If you are planning to apply to college this fall, please check each college's website to verify what their requirements are for the ACT and SAT tests. Some colleges may be TEST OPTIONAL. **Even if a school is TEST OPTIONAL, you may still need to take the SAT and/or ACT test in order to be considered for scholarships, please check with the individual schools. More information about schools who are TEST OPTIONAL is in the information below under the FairTest section. PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!**

College Entrance Exams, Placement Testing, & MORE!

PSAT/NMSQT (9th, 10th, 11th Grade Students – OPTIONAL TEST)



***More information about the PSAT/NMSQT test (optional) will be provided by the testing coordinator. Students are able to take a practice PSAT/NMSQT test online on the College Board website to help them prepare for this test!!! The PSAT/NMSQT helps prepare you to take the SAT. Please go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests>.**

Description: Comprised of one 60-minute reading section, one 70-minute math section, and one 35-minute writing and language section. **Not used to determine college admissions; intended to help students prepare for the SAT.** The format is the same as the SAT, but shorter – a test of verbal and mathematical reasoning. Section scores (2) are between 160 and 760 for each of two section scores (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math) and 8-38 for test scores. The sum of the two section scores is between 320 and 1520. There are also sub scores provided for every test. The PSAT is usually taken during your sophomore and junior year.

Tips and Strategies: If you do well on the PSAT (and meet additional academic requirements), you may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program (a nationally distributed merit-based scholarship). Only scores from the junior year are used to determine qualification for National Merit Program. For more information visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

PSAT/NMSQT Practice & Score Reports

Students can use their PSAT/NMSQT Scores to help them prepare for the SAT.

The PSAT will be offered in October. The PSAT helps prepare students to take the SAT. College Board has several practice PSATs available for students to take on their website. Go to:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests> Students who have an account with College Board can sign in with their Username and Password. Students who do not have an account, can create an account on College Board by going to www.collegeboard.org. College Board has numerous resources for students to use. Students can find out what to expect and how on the SAT and how to prepare for it, find information on AP classes, do college, scholarship, major and career searches and more!!!

Students who have taken the PSAT in the past can use their College Board PSAT Score Reports they received to access resources on the College Board website to help them prepare for college entrance exams if they are planning to attend a four-year college upon graduation from high school. Students should contact their counselor if they misplaced their PSAT Score Report or did not receive one. Once they have their score report, they should visit <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org> to learn more about what their scores mean. Using their score report, they will learn how ready they are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for them, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. They can also link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on their PSAT/NMSQT results.

All colleges accept either the ACT or SAT. Students do not need to take both tests; however, some students find it helpful to take both tests to find out which test is better for them.

SAT Test (www.collegeboard.org)

Description: Comprised of one 65-minute reading section, one 25-minute math section (no calculator), one 55-minute section (with calculator), and one 35-minute writing and language section. College Board has removed the optional essay portion from the SAT. Scoring on each section ranges from 200-800 points.

When to take the test: Spring of your junior year and/or fall of your senior year. You may want to take the test more than once.

Tips and Strategies: Your score is based on the number of correct answers ONLY. If you aren't sure, take a guess – it can't hurt you and it could help. Harder questions are worth the same amount as easy ones. Answer the easy questions first and leave the more time-consuming questions till the end.

For more information visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores/interpreting>

***SAT Test Prep**

College Board provides a **SAT Student Guide** that is a comprehensive test prep booklet free of charge and contains a full practice test and lots of helpful tips on how to take the SAT. Click on this link to access the booklet or you can pick up a copy in the Career Center - [SAT Student Guide](#)

SAT Practice on Khan Academy – FREE!!! Watch videos, get personalized help, take a practice SAT, and answer daily questions. <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

ACT TEST (www.act.org)

Description: Comprised of one 45-minute English section, one 60-minute math section, one 35-minute reading section, one 35-minute science section, and an optional writing section (essay) that is 40-minutes. Scores on each section range from 1 – 36. The composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections and ranges from 1 – 36. A perfect score is 36.

When to take the test: Spring of your junior year and/or fall of your senior year. You may want to take the test more than once.

Tips and Strategies: Your score is based on the number of correct answers ONLY. If you aren't sure, take a guess – it can't hurt you and it could help. Harder questions are worth the same amount as easy ones. Answer the easy questions first and leave the more time-consuming questions till the end.

For more information and practice for the ACT visit: <http://www.actstudent.org>

***ACT Test Prep**

ACT provides a **Preparing for the ACT** comprehensive test prep booklet free of charge that contains a full practice test and lots of helpful tips on how to take the ACT. Click on this link to access the booklet or you can pick up a copy in the Career Center - [Preparing for the ACT](#)

Test your knowledge with FREE prep from the makers of the ACT test. Access ACT study guide, study tips, a full-length official ACT online exam, and video lessons **FREE!!!**

www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html



Placement Exams

Many colleges may also have a placement exam that you will need to schedule with your college after you receive your acceptance letter.

AP Exams and Earning College Credit

Your AP Scores can provide you the opportunity to earn credit and placement in college. For more information go to <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>.

Additional Test Prep Websites and Helpful Information:

*Study Island

Students have access to Study Island on their Office 365 account under their "APPS."

*Khan Academy

EXCELLENT FREE TEST PREP for ALL CLASSES & the SAT!!! 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. They tackle **math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more**. Their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. They have also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. For more information go to: www.khanacademy.org

*CSM Continuing Education Operations

CSM offers classes SAT/ACT Prep Classes throughout the year. Click on [Register \(csmd.edu\)](http://csmd.edu) and search for SAT or ACT.

*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. **Even if a school is TEST OPTIONAL, you may still need to take the SAT and/or ACT test in order to be considered for scholarships, please check with the individual schools.** www.fairtest.org/university/optional

*Additional Websites:

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act>

www.4tests.com

www.majortests.com/sat

www.number2.com

www.march2success.com

www.quizlet.com/subject/act/

www.quizlet.com/subject/sat/

Students who qualify for FREE/REDUCED LUNCH should see their counselor to get a FEE WAIVER so you do not have to pay to take the ACT or SAT.

For more information, stop by the Career Center.

ACT and SAT Testing

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



Register to take the ACT at: www.act.org

Pay attention to REGISTRATION DEADLINES!!!

2021-2022 Test Dates (National)

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



Register to take the SAT at: www.collegeboard.org

Pay attention to REGISTRATION DEADLINES!!!

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

Transcript Policy

Students have several options regarding transcripts.

- Each senior will be given one FREE unofficial transcript in the beginning of their senior year.
- Transcripts may be purchased individually for \$2.00.
- Transcripts for scholarships are free.
- All seniors will receive a FREE official final copy, mailed to the school/employer/etc. of their choice.
- All seniors will have a free unofficial copy, included in their high school diploma envelope at the end of the year.
- A transcript request must be completed for each transcript and payment should be made at the time of request. The forms are available in the Counseling Office or on the school's website.



Seniors must give the Counseling Office a minimum of five school days to complete their transcript requests unless extensive additional paperwork is required.

All transcript requests and other related forms should be turned in to the Counseling Secretary. Do not give them to your Counselor.

Research and Compare Colleges



➤ Career Cruising: There's a **NEW PROGRAM** to search for careers!!!

We are excited about a NEW program that will be available for students this year to research careers, colleges, etc. More information about the new program will be provided to students in the fall.

➤ Petersons:

This website provides information and tools to help you find, get in, and pay for school.

Go to: www.petersons.com

➤ College Results Online:

This is an interactive, user-friendly Web tool designed to provide parents and students with information about graduation rates for nearly any four-year college or university in the country or to compare colleges.

Go to: www.collegeresults.org

➤ NACAC Virtual College Fairs:

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) provides many opportunities for students to participate in college fairs throughout the year. www.virtualcollegefairs.org

➤ Exploring College Options:

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

➤ Exploring Educational Excellence:

Information sessions presented by Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University, and the University of Chicago. For more information visit:

www.exploringeducationalexcellence.org

➤ College Visits Tours:

Tours are led and supervised by trained staff. Tours are set up across the United States and Canada. Call 843-853-8149 for details. View a complete list of current tours and register at www.college-visits.com.

➤ **College Navigator:**

From the US Department of Education, this website gathers admission, retention, graduation, and financial aid data for every college in the country. Go to: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator.

➤ **CollegeWeekLive:**

This is a free, online event designed to connect prospective students with **colleges** and **universities** in a **live**, interactive environment. Visit www.CollegeWeekLive.com.

➤ **CappexConnect Online:**

Connect with colleges, faculty and admissions, watch live presentations from a variety of institutions on your computers and learn more about specific colleges or college in general. Go to: www.cappex.com

➤ **Big Future – The College Board:**

Choosing a college is a big and exciting decision. Explore your interests and take the time to find a college that will put you on the path to a bright future!!! Go to: www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

➤ **College Majors 101:**

There are so many majors to choose from! College Majors 101 provides information and videos about college majors, lists of accredited schools, student/professional associations, examples of employers, industry publications and more! Go to: www.collegemajors101.com

➤ **College Simply:**

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

✓ **2021 Best Colleges in America**

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

[2021 Best Colleges in America - Niche](#)

NCAA Eligibility Center Information



What is the NCAA?

The NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association, was established in 1906 and serves as the athletics governing body for more than 1,200 colleges, universities, conferences and organizations. The national office is in Indianapolis, Indiana, but the member colleges and universities develop the rules and guidelines for athletics eligibility and athletics competition for each of the three NCAA divisions. The NCAA is committed to the student athlete and to governing competition in a fair, safe, inclusive and sportsmanlike manner.

The NCAA membership includes: 340 active Division I members; 290 active Division II members; and 436 active Division III members.

One of the differences among the three divisions is that colleges and universities in Divisions I and II may offer *athletics scholarships*, while Division III colleges and universities do not. For more information about the NCAA or its members, please visit NCAA.org.

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics. To assist with this process, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff is eager to foster a cooperative environment of education and partnership with high schools, high school coaches and college-bound student-athletes. Ultimately, the individual student-athlete is responsible for achieving and protecting his or her eligibility status.

How to find answers to your questions?

The answers to most questions can be found in the student-athlete guide or by:

- Accessing the NCAA Eligibility Center's resource page on its website at www.eligibilitycenter.org, clicking on the NCAA College-Bound Student-Athletes link, navigating to the "Resources" tab and then selecting the type of student you are (U.S., International or home school). You can then navigate through the resources to find helpful information.
- Contacting the NCAA Eligibility Center at the phone number below.

In addition, if you are sending transcripts or additional information to the NCAA Eligibility Center or have questions, please use the following contact information.

NCAA Eligibility Center:
Certification Processing
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7136
www.eligibilitycenter.org
U.S. callers (toll free): 877/262-1492
Fax: 317/968-5100



Steps to Achieving Your Eligibility:

Freshmen and Sophomores

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match your high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use only approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- You can access and print your high school's List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Click the NCAA College-Bound Student-Athletes link to enter and then navigate to the "Resources" tab and select "U.S. Students" where you will find the link for the List of NCAA Courses.
- At the beginning of your sophomore year, complete your online registration at: www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you fall behind, do not take short cuts. Classes you take must be four-year college preparatory and must meet NCAA requirements.

Juniors

- Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code "9999" as a score recipient. Doing this sends your official score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Continue to take college preparatory courses. Double check to make sure the courses you have taken match your school's List of NCAA Courses.
- Ask your high school counselor to send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year. If you have attended more than one high school, the NCAA Eligibility Center will need official transcripts from *all* high schools attended. **(The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed or emailed transcripts/test scores.)** The NCAA Eligibility Center accepts transcripts electronically through Docufide/Parchment, e-Scrip Safe, ConnectEdu, National Transcript Center and Xap.
- Before registering for classes for your senior year, check with your high school counselor to determine the number of core courses that you need to complete your senior year.

Seniors

- Take the ACT and/or SAT again, if necessary. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Continue to take college-preparatory courses.
- Check the courses you have taken to match your school's List of NCAA Courses.
- Review your amateurism responses and request final amateurism certification on or after April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Continue to work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Graduate on time (in eight academic semesters).
- After graduation, ask your high school counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with proof of graduation. The NCAA Eligibility Center accepts transcripts electronically.

CoreCourseGPA.com

The recruiting process is a once in a lifetime experience. If you are not properly prepared to meet academic requirements and fully understand the recruiting process, you run the risk of losing out on a scholarship opportunity. CoreCourseGPA.com tracks your path to meeting NCAA Division I and Division II academic standards and provides the answers you need to manage and understand the recruiting process.



How to ACTIVATE your FREE Membership:

Step 1: Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com

Step 2: In the “New Member Account Creation” box, enter:

School ID: 211067

School Code: 796712340

NCAA Sports Programs

Look for more important information concerning your path to the student-athlete experience at www.eligibilitycenter.org and click on the **NCAA COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES**.

Fall Sports

Cross Country (W)
Cross Country (M)
Field Hockey (W)
Football (M)
Soccer (W)
Soccer (M)
Volleyball (W)
Water Polo (M)

Spring Sports

Baseball (M)
Golf (W)
Golf (M)
Lacrosse (W)
Lacrosse (M)

Rowing (W)
Softball (W)
Tennis (W)
Tennis (M)
Outdoor Track and Field (W)
Outdoor Track and Field (M)
Volleyball (M)
Water Polo (W)

Emerging Sports

Equestrian (W)
Rugby (W)
Sand Volleyball (W)

Winter Sports

Basketball (W)
Basketball (M)

Bowling (W)
Fencing (M)
Fencing (W)
Gymnastics (W)
Gymnastics (M)
Ice Hockey (W)
Ice Hockey (M)
Rifle (M)
Rifle (W)
Skiing (M)
Skiing (W)
Swimming and Diving (W)
Swimming and Diving (M)
Indoor Track and Field (W)
Indoor Track and Field (W)

Don't have the GPA or college entrance exam scores needed for a four-year college?

Think **JUNIOR COLLEGES!!!** Many junior colleges across the country have full athletic programs including tackle football. Visit www.njcaa.org and find out where you can use your talents while building your academic skills for a four-year college or university program.

Research JOBS and CAREERS



- **CareerOneStop** – Sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Learn about careers, find career information, and locate career resources and advice. Visit www.careeronestop.org
- **Explore Career Paths with Career Coach** – College of Southern Maryland has a website that is available for students to use as they prepare for their future. It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Visit the website at: www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/career-services/explore-careers.html

- **Wondering what you can do with a major???** – Visit the following website:
www.collegemajors101.com
- **Employment Information –**
 - There are many **websites** available for you to be able to **browse jobs** that are available in a certain area and/or use their resources to learn some tips to help you when you are finding a job. Go to: www.indeed.com, www.glassdoor.com, www.careeronestop.org, www.snagajob.com, www.onetonline.org, www.snagajob.com
 - The **Maryland Job Service** is located at 175 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. Office hours for Job Service referrals are from 8:00 am-3:00 pm daily. Maryland Job Service: 301-645-8712 or go online at: www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/ OR the **Maryland Workforce Exchange** website at: <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>
 - **Federal Jobs and Internships** – Students and recent graduates may be eligible for federal internships and job opportunities through the **Pathways** and other student programs: www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students
- **DOD Provides a Website to Help Youth Explore Pathways for Their Future:**
Figure out what's next! This website presents career, college and the Military as options, allowing students to explore all possibilities and gain insight into each option. More than 1,000 civilian and military career fields and nearly 7,000 accredited colleges and trade schools are featured. Go to: www.myfuture.com.
- **Career Cruising – There's a NEW PROGRAM to search for careers!!!**
We are excited about a NEW program that will be available for students this year to research careers, colleges, etc. More information about the new program will be provided to students in the fall.
- **Work Permits** – Students who are between 14 – 17 years of age and would like to work are required to get a work permit. For more information and to apply online, go to: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/wages/empm.shtml>
- **O*NET OnLine** – This is a tool for career exploration and job analysis! This site has detailed descriptions of the world of work! Build your future with **O*NET OnLine**: <http://www.onetonline.org/>
- **My Next Move** – U.S. Department of Labor's Career Search Tool: www.mynextmove.org
- **Maryland Natural Resources Police** – Natural Resource Cadet, high school graduate (men and women) between ages of 18 and 20, full-time position. Apply at: www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp
- **Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)** – There are several student/career opportunities available at the Charles County Sheriff's Office. For more information, visit: www.ccsso.us **CLICK** on **"Career Opportunities"**.
- **Security Professional Development Institute** – Training and development of security practitioners for the security industry. Training academy information available at: www.spditraining.com
- **STEM Jobs** – Discover your career, do what you love, go to www.STEMjobs.com click on "Find Your STEM Type", take a quiz and get results, see which jobs match your type.
- **Federal Government Jobs and Internships** – Opportunities for jobs with the Federal Government: www.USAJOBS.gov Under **"Explore Hiring Paths"** **CLICK** on **"Students and recent graduates."**
- **Marine Trades Association of Maryland** – Career opportunities in the boating industry.
www.mtam.org

- **Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc.** – A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, www.seafarers.org Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, 45353 St. Georges Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674
- **Maryland Dental Assistant School** – 10 weeks, entry-level dental assistant program, Dr. Evelyn Leach, 888-401-4555, fax 240-253-2673, 15638 Livingston Road Unit 9, Accokeek, MD 20607
- **Dental Assistant Training** – Contact Dr. Coleman at 703-963-8969
- **Divers Academy International** – Career opportunities in commercial diving and underwater welding, hands-on learning, comprehensive certifications, 5 month program, career assistance, high job placement, high income potential. www.diversacademy.edu
- **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're looking for, and match your needs to theirs. For more information go to:
<https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html?Agency=NSA>
- **Year Up (National Capital Region)** – Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults from the National Capital Region, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits and corporate internships. The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months focuses on applying these skills through corporate internships. **Year Up is FREE of charge and students earn a weekly stipend.** For more information, go to: www.yearup.org and www.yearup.org/about-us/our-locations/national-capital-region. You can also contact the admissions office at 703-312-9327 or NCRadmissions@yearup.org and attend an Open House (see website for dates)!!
- **Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program** – An Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training (OJT) and related classroom instruction under the supervision of a journey-level craft person or trade professional. These programs vary in length, pay, and intensity among the various trades.

Apprenticeships

***For more information about
Apprenticeship opportunities go to:***

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/become-apprentice> **AND**
<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/>

Additional websites with Apprenticeship opportunities:

Electrical and Telecommunication: www.washdcjatc.org

Plumbers, Fitters, Welders, and Service Techs: www.ua.org

Skilled Equipment Operators in the Construction Industry: www.iuoelocal77.com,

Plumbing: www.local5plumbers.org

Electrical: www.getchargedup.org

Carpentry: www.mactc.net



APPRENTICESHIPS
which one works for you?

More information
also on Career Center
page of SCHS
website.

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local #24

Accepting applications for Apprenticeship; starting pay \$13.25/hr. plus benefits, must be 18 years old, apply in person at 901 Montgomery Street, Laurel, MD. Application fee \$25.00, questions: 301-498-9162; www.insulators24.org

Steamfitters, Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Process Piping & Environmental Systems Field Apprenticeships:

Trade school located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland 20785. Be sure to bring your birth certificate or passport and a valid driver's license or valid state issued identification card. You must be 18 years of age to apply. Call 301-341-1555 for more information.

<http://steamfitters-602.org>



A career in the construction trades can change your life!

It's time to **CONSTRUCT YOUR FUTURE!** There are numerous benefits available to you through a career in the construction trades – and they all

BEGIN WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP!!!

An apprenticeship provides the training to learn a craft. You'll earn a living wage, from day one! There's no education related debt and you can start to build the life you deserve. That includes a secure retirement plan and health benefits.

Learn about the construction trades by visiting: <https://www.constructyourfuture.com/>

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www.afreserve.com

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www.gocoastguard.com

COAST GUARD RESERVE
www.uscg.mil/reserve/

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

UNITED STATES SPACEFORCE
www.airforce.com/spaceforce

Registering with Selective Service



The Selective Service System
Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
National Headquarters
Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425
FAX 703-605-4106
E-mail: information@sss.gov
Web: <http://www.sss.gov>



WHAT IS SELECTIVE SERVICE?

Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained labor for the Armed Forces if there is a national emergency.

Registering with the Selective Service System when you turn 18 is every man's duty. In fact, it's the law.

Registering is quick and painless and allows you to stay eligible for school loans, jobs, and job training. It only takes 2 minutes on your smart phone or computer. Go to: www.sss.gov.

HOW TO REGISTER –

The easiest and fastest way for a man to register is to register online. A man can also fill out a registration form and send it to the Selective Service System. The form asks for the young man's full name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number (if he has one). The form also requires his signature before it is sent in. Below are options on how to register:

REGISTER ONLINE

Young men may now register online with Selective Service: www.sss.gov

AT THE POST OFFICE

Selective Service "mail-back" registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office. A man can fill the form out, sign it (leaving the space for his Social Security Number blank, if he has not yet obtained one*), affix postage, and mail it to Selective Service, without the involvement of the postal clerk. Men living overseas may register at any U.S. Embassy or Consulate office.

*Be sure to provide your Social Security Number to the Selective Service when you do obtain one.

CHECK BOX

Another way a young man can register is to check a box on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). A man can check "Register Me" on Box #22 of the FAFSA form which authorizes the Department of Education to furnish the Selective Service with the information to register the man.

Have you heard about the ASVAB???

***Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Career Exploration Program**

(Information from www.asvabprogram.com)



What is the ASVAB?

The *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery - Career Exploration Program (ASVAB CEP)* is a career planning program that includes three components. The three components include: the ASVAB - a multiple-aptitude test, the FYI - an interest inventory, and the OCCU-Find – a career catalog with relevant occupational data and planning tools. When using these components together, it provides students with the confidence to map out a post-secondary plan that aligns with their individual skills and interests. The ASVAB has been shown to have up to 96% reliability in determining aptitudes ranging from composite academic ability, to language comprehension, to mechanics. Results of the exam are normally ready for student release within 2 weeks after the exam is taken. A representative from Baltimore MEPS will meet with the students who take the ASVAB in the fall and provide post-exam interpretations for them. Juniors and seniors are able to take the ASVAB CEP for FREE!!!

The ASVAB consists of nine short individual tests covering:

- **General Science** - measures knowledge of life science, earth and space science, and physical science
- **Arithmetic Reasoning** - measures ability to solve basic arithmetic word problems
- **Word Knowledge** - measures ability to understand the meaning of words through synonyms
- **Paragraph Comprehension** - measures ability to obtain information from written material
- **Mathematics Knowledge** - measures knowledge of mathematical concepts and applications
- **Electronics Information** - measures knowledge of electrical current, circuits, devices, and electronic systems
- **Auto and Shop Information** - measures knowledge of automotive maintenance and repair, and wood and metal shop practices
- **Mechanical Comprehension** - measures knowledge of the principles of mechanical devices, structural support, and properties of materials
- **Assembling Objects** - measures ability with spatial relationships (This is not tested in the schools.)

What is the relationship between the ASVAB and the Military?

ASVAB participants are not under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. A junior or senior who is interested in the military will use their scores from the ASVAB to enlist in the military after graduation. The scores are good for two years. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations.

Did you know?

A student's decision to enter college, technical or vocational school, military service or the civilian world of work after high school is an important one. They may already have a general idea of what direction they want to go in life; however, the ASVAB CEP can assist them in narrowing career fields down to a manageable number. In addition, the program may show them that they have abilities in fields that they have never considered. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is not offered to try to recruit students for the military, but to help them with planning their future, whether it lay with the military or not. It can help students take steps now toward finding a career that's right for them. Take advantage of all the ASVAB CEP can offer by signing up when it is available. The test will be administered at St. Charles High School in the fall and spring for any juniors and seniors interested in taking it. Listen for announcements about the date of the ASVAB and when you can sign-up to take it.

****The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is FREE and available for interested Juniors and Seniors!!! We are in the process of scheduling the ASVAB to be administered this fall. Announcements will be made to let students know when the test will be given and how they can sign up to take it.***

****Free Test Preparation for the ASVAB****

www.march2success.com, www.tests.com/practice/ASVAB-Exam, www.asvabprogram.com,
www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab, www.4tests.com, <http://todaysmilitary.com/joining/asvab-test-sample-questions>, http://official-asvab.com/samples_app.htm,
www.testprepreview.com/asvab_practice.htm

Start studying for the ASVAB NOW so you are ready to take the test when it's available.



Life is FULL of OPPORTUNITIES...

Don't miss out!!!

Exploring College Options: Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford:

Exploring College Options is a special informational program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the county's leading universities. This fall, Exploring College Options is pleased to invite students and their family to join them for a 90-minute webinar to help you explore your college options and prepare a strong and reflective application in this time of change and new challenges. During the program, admission officers from our five universities will introduce their institutions, discuss the college application process, answer general questions, and provide individual school breakout sessions.

For more information and to register for the webinar date and time that best fits your schedule, please go to:
www.exploringcollegeoptions.org

SEAP Internship Program:

SEAP places academically talented high school students with interest and ability in science and mathematics as apprentices in DoN Laboratories for eight weeks during the summer. These students work with scientists and engineers who act as mentors. The program offers students a unique and positive experience in their fields of interest, thus encouraging them to pursue careers in science and engineering.



Eligibility Requirements

- High school students who have completed at least Grade 9.
- You must be currently enrolled in high school (but you may take college level classes for college credit).
- Graduating seniors are eligible to apply.
- Must be 16 years of age or older at the time of application to participate.
- Applicants must be US citizens, participation by Permanent Resident Aliens is limited (Please check the link on their website for more information)
- Dual citizens may be accepted at some labs.

Award Duration and Stipend

- Participating students spend 8 weeks during the summer doing research. Program dates are fixed and cannot be changed.
- Students are expected to participate 8 continuous weeks and no vacation time will be allowed.
- It is strongly recommended to apply to laboratories that are close to your residence since no travel/relocation allowance will be provided.
- The stipend amount for students will be \$3,500 for the 8 weeks and returning students will receive \$4,000.
- Payment will be distributed bi-weekly via direct deposit.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://navalsteminterns.us/seap/>

****Deadline 11/1/21****

**Rotary Club of Charles County is calling students to
JOIN ROTARY INTERACT:**



The Rotary Club of Charles County has started a community-based **Rotary Interact Club**. Teens will learn leadership and service while working as a team. Rotary Interact students will serve our community and world through virtual service. The Rotary Club will also provide guest speakers who will mentor the students about their interest in careers and service adventures. The **Rotary Interact Club** will meet on **Mondays from 6 – 7 PM, VIRTUALLY through ZOOM**. Students can **register** by going to:

To register for the Rotary Interact Club, find more information, or join a meeting/see the meeting schedule, please visit:

www.neighborhoodcreativeartscenter.org/rotary-interact

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Some of these Volunteer Opportunities may not be available at this time, so please call to check and see how and when you can help!!!



Volunteer opportunities are a very important part of your resume', college application, and job application. Make sure you take advantage of getting involved and volunteering!!! Colleges and businesses are looking for well-rounded individuals who are making a difference!!!

***Charles County Sheriff's Office TEEN COURT:** **TEEN COURT** is seeking youth volunteers to serve as jurors and prosecution and defense attorneys. Volunteers earn community service hours, gain experience in the legal system, try real court cases, take part in free field trips and help their community. Stop by the Career Center to pick up a schedule of the Teen Court dates. To find out more about this program contact Ms. Sarah Vaughan, Teen Court Coordinator, at 301-609-3916 or visit www.ccsso.us.

***Our Place Soup Kitchen:** Volunteers are needed to sponsor dinners, set up, clean up, and serve the meals. To find out more information about volunteering go to: www.OurPlaceWaldorf.org , call 240-682-2569 or email support@ourplacewaldorf.com.

***Spring Dell Center, Inc.:** Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas that help people with disabilities. For more information go to: www.springdellcenter.org, call 301-934-4561 or 301-870-3758. Volunteer applications available in the Career Center.

***Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc.:** The TCYSB is looking for volunteers to help a young person realize his or her fullest potential. For more information call 301-645-1837 or email info@tcysb.org.

***LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.:** Volunteers are needed to help provide services to those who are economically disadvantaged. For more information visit their website at www.lifestylesofmd.org or call 301-609-9900.

***Sagepoint Senior Living Services:** Volunteers are needed to assist in several areas to help senior citizens. For more information and to download an application go to: <https://www.sagepointcare.org/about-us/volunteering/> or you may contact a Volunteer Services Representative at 301-934-1900.

***Melwood:** Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas that help individuals of differing abilities. If you are interested in volunteering with **Melwood**, contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@melwood.org or call 301-599-2724.

***The Humane Society of Charles County, Inc.:** The Junior Volunteer Program is set up for those who are under 18. Volunteers are needed for many different kinds of work and activities. You can visit their website at www.humanesocietycc.org. For questions, please call 301-645-8181.

***Charles County Children's Aid Society:** This is a volunteer opportunity for students to give back to the community. Volunteers are needed on a daily basis. You can visit their website at www.childrens-aid-society.org or contact the volunteer coordinator at 301-645-1561.

***Nursing and Healthcare Career Exploration Opportunity:** University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center offers a **Volunteers Program** for students interested in finding out more about the healthcare environment while deciding if healthcare is the career for them. The program also offers teens an opportunity to serve their community and its residents. *Volunteers* learn about the hospital setting while assisting staff members and patients. Volunteers spend between 4 and 30 hours each week at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center over the summer. Students must be between 14 to 17 years of age. The *Volunteer Program* begins in late June and will consist of 3 two-week sessions. To find out more information about this program and/or if you are interested in applying for the *Volunteer Program*, please go to their website at: www.charlesregionalcareers.org/volunteer. If you have questions about the *Volunteer Program* or need assistance, please call 301-609-4095. **Volunteer Applications are accepted beginning April 1st of each year. Please pay attention to the deadline for submitting your application.**

VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL!!!

There are numerous clubs available for you to join at St. Charles High School. Many of the clubs participate in several service projects throughout the year that benefit members of our community.

Make sure you join at least one of these clubs so you can

VOLUNTEER and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!



Did You Know???



❖ The Common Black College Application, EDU, Inc.

Common Black College Application: **Apply to 60 member institutions with ONE \$20.00 application fee -** <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com> or call (770)716-0616. **(*Includes 3 Maryland schools – Coppin State University, Morgan State University, & University of Maryland Eastern Shore!!!)**

❖ The Common Application:

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

❖ Coalition for College:

This is an **online college application system** which allows high school students, grades 9-12, to set up an account and begin learning about the application and financial aid processes. The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications. There are three main features:

- **Virtual Locker** – Students can collect and store information that may be useful when they apply such as academic documents, essays, written work, extracurricular activities, videos, photos, visual arts/music, etc.
- **Collaboration Platform** – The teachers, counselors, employers, and mentors who are supporting the student's college search and application can offer feedback.
- **Application Portal** – Students select the information from their Virtual Locker that they wish to include with their application to Coalition member universities.

There are over 150 public and private universities across the U.S. that comprise the Coalition for College.

Some of the Maryland schools that use the Coalition for College include: **Johns Hopkins University, St. John's College, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and University of Maryland College Park.**

For more information go to: www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

❖ Find YOUR College Match!!!

College and Scholarship programs are looking for students!!! Help them find **YOU** by joining the **Student Search Service** offered by College Board (creators of the SAT). Students can create an account and then start receiving emails from colleges about degree programs, campus life, financial aid, or scholarship opportunities. For more information and to create an account, please visit:

<https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org>

❖ PSAT/NMSQT Practice & Score Report Resources:

This is a **FREE** Career and College Resource from College Board. Students (9th, 10th, 11th grade) have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October. More information about how to sign up for the test will be available soon. **Students can take a full length practice PSAT/NMSQT at**

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests>.

Students can practice for the PSAT/NMSQT by clicking on <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>. PSAT/NMSQT Scores are usually available in December/January timeframe. The counselors will be providing additional details about the score reports. Once the students receive their score report, they should visit <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org> to learn more about what their scores mean. If they have an account with College Board, they can sign in with their Username and Password; if they don't have an account, they will need to create a Student Account at www.collegeboard.org. Using their

score report, they will learn how ready they are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for them, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. They can also link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on their PSAT/NMSQT results.

❖ **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. For more information go to: <http://www.khanacademy.org>

They also provide SAT Prep – Go to: www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat

❖ **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.

Go to: www.fairtest.org/university/optional.

❖ **AP Exams and Earning College Credit:**

Your AP Scores can provide you the opportunity to earn credit and placement in college. For more information go to: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement>.



MARYLAND RESOURCES



❖ **College Resources & Financial Aid Programs:**

The state as an extensive range of college resources and financial aid programs in the form of grants, scholarships, and other awards for students who want to further their education beyond high school. For more information, please go to: www.mhec.state.md.us/preparing/Pages/default.aspx

❖ **Artsys: The Articulation System for Maryland Colleges and Universities**

ARTSYS is intended to aid the transfer of students from Maryland community colleges to the University System of Maryland institutions and other participating institutions. For more information, go to: www.artsys.usmd.edu.

❖ **Academic Common Market:**

The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program that enables students who live in the 15 states that are members of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to pursue a degree not available in the student's home state at an out-of-state college at discounted tuition rates. To find out more information visit: http://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/commonmarket.aspx

❖ **Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)**

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is the State of Maryland's higher education coordinating board responsible for establishing statewide policies for Maryland public and private colleges and universities and for-profit career schools. MHEC also administers state financial aid programs. Their website provides information and numerous resources for students and parents. For more information, please go to: www.mhec.state.md.us

❖ Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship:

The Promise Scholarship creates opportunities for students to attend one of Maryland's public community colleges by providing tuition assistance for any student eligible for in-state tuition. For further information, please visit:

https://mhec.state.md.us/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_MDCommunityCollegePromiseScholarship.aspx



You will find information on: **How to Apply, Eligibility Criteria, Award Amount, Renewing an Award, etc.**



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

FAFSA Information!!!

FAFSA OPENS OCTOBER 1st !!!

SENIORS...



The 2022–23 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) season will OPEN October 1. Beginning on October 1, 2021, students who are currently seniors will be able to fill out the FAFSA for the 2021–22 school year. In addition, applicants no longer need to estimate income and tax information; they will now be able to retrieve their data directly from the IRS, right from the first day the FAFSA is available. Students also will have information about their Expected/Estimated Family Contributions earlier, helping them as they are going through the college application and selection process. For more information about completing the FAFSA, go to: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

In order to complete the FAFSA,

both the student and parent/guardian will need to create an FSA ID.

The information below explains more about the FSA ID and how to create one.

What is an FSA ID?

and

How do I create an FSA ID?

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that both you and one of your parents create an FSA ID, a username and password combination, **BEFORE** you begin the FAFSA form. It only takes a few minutes and could prevent processing delays. Your FSA ID allows you to sign your FAFSA form electronically. Your FSA ID also can be used to access the myStudentAid app, sign loan contracts, and access certain information online. Getting your FSA ID ahead of time and using it to begin your FAFSA form cuts down on errors and delays.

Each student will need to create an FSA ID and if you are a parent of a *dependent student*, you will also need your own FSA ID to sign the FAFSA form electronically. Parents who have more than one

child attending college, can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications. ***Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address.***

Your FSA ID is used to sign legally binding documents electronically. It has the same legal status as a written signature. **Do not give your FSA ID to anyone—not even to someone helping you fill out the FAFSA.** Sharing your FSA ID could put you at risk of identity theft! For more information about the FSA ID and with help in creating one, visit: <https://studentaid.gov/help/create-fsa-id> or <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and easier than ever, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. You must submit the FAFSA every year that you want aid.

In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

What Information Do I Need When I Fill Out the FAFSA?

The FAFSA asks for information about you (your name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about your financial situation. Depending on your circumstances (for instance, whether you're a U.S. citizen or what tax form you used), you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA:

- Your Social Security number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA!)
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent student
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information* or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are a dependent student:
 - IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ
 - Foreign tax return and/or
 - Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student

***For the 2022-2023 FAFSA, you will need 2020 tax information.**

Keep these records! You may need them again.

****You will also need an FSA ID.....be sure to set that up first!!!**

Ready to complete the FAFSA (*beginning October 1st of Senior Year*)

Go to www.fafsa.gov

New Users – Click Here

Returning Users – Click Here

A screenshot of the FAFSA website. The main heading is "Complete the FAFSA® Form". Below it, a subheading says "Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school." To the right, there are two sections: "New to the FAFSA® Process?" with a "Start Here" button, and "Returning User?" with links for "Correct info | Add a school" and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR)", and a "Log In" button. Two red arrows point from the text above to the "Start Here" and "Log In" buttons respectively.

Have Questions about Federal Student Aid????

The Federal Student Aid Information Center can help. You can search their site for frequently asked questions or you can also contact them by email, live chat, or phone.

Federal Student Aid Information Center

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>

Federal Student Aid Contact Center

<https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact>

There are FOUR main types of Financial Assistance:

Scholarships – Some are merit based. For example, student may receive a scholarship based on academic performance, athletic ability, or artistic talent. Some scholarships are also based on financial need.

Scholarships may come from the Colleges, State or Federal Government, private parties, corporations, clubs and organizations.

Grants – Are usually awarded based on financial need, but may also have other criteria.

Grants may come from the State or Federal Government, private parties, corporations, clubs and organizations.

Loans – Must be repaid.

Subsidized student loans – do not require the borrowers to pay interest while in school (the Federal government pays the interest while the student is in school.)

Unsubsidized student loans – requires the borrowers to pay interest while in school or have it capitalized.

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to apply for student loans.

Work-Study – A federal program that provides funds to students through jobs arranged by the college. Students work and earn money however these earnings do not affect the FAFSA results.

Work-study is applied for on the FAFSA.

Who should apply and when?

Seniors should be looking for scholarships now through the end of their time in college. Seniors should stop in and see their College and Career Advisor at least once a week. They should also be using scholarship search engines such as FASTWEB to find scholarships. The Career Center Newsletter also includes scholarship opportunities and should be checked monthly!!!

Parents of juniors and seniors may want to check out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid **FAFSA4caster** at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing>. **FAFSA4caster** is a helpful tool for anyone who is not yet ready to submit a FAFSA form – it's recommended for high school juniors and seniors, but even students as early as middle school may find it beneficial. Parents of younger students can use the **FAFSA4caster** to receive early estimates, create scenarios based on future earnings, and then establish college funding strategies. Adult students also can use the **FAFSA4caster** to get an idea of how much and what types of federal aid they might receive. Remember, you cannot actually apply to FAFSA until October 1st of the student's senior year. Also remember that you must complete the FAFSA if you are interested in student loans and many schools will not qualify your student for even merit aid if you have not submitted your FAFSA.

Freshman, sophomores and juniors should be looking for scholarships as well. There are scholarships out there for younger students. A great place to look is www.fastweb.com. You should stop in to the Career Center from time to time to see if there are any scholarships for which you are eligible. A great reason to start looking now is that searching for scholarships can be time consuming. So get a jumpstart on the search! Also, if you know that you want to apply for scholarships your senior year you can see what types of things scholarship committees are looking for, such as: GPA and community service. You can't go back in time to get a better GPA or work more volunteer hours. Find out what will make you a better candidate and start working toward your goal TODAY!

WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE



Airing live – Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM!!!
Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM!!!

What career path lies ahead for you? There are countless great jobs out there, but for many of them you will need a college degree, and the cost of higher education can cause sticker shock. So how do you plan to pay your college bills?

Join host Mario Armstrong as he guides you through the many twists and turns of finding money for college. Meet financial pros and watch several student success stories as you consider careers and schools that are right for you. What fits your budget? Do the financial aid numbers add up? Can you avoid going into debt with student loans?

There are billions of dollars available that you can apply for if you know what to do and where to look. Find out how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid - the FAFSA - and hear from financial aid counselors as they explain government and private aid, from grants to scholarships and loans.

WATCH this presentation by clicking on: <http://www.mpt.org/college/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

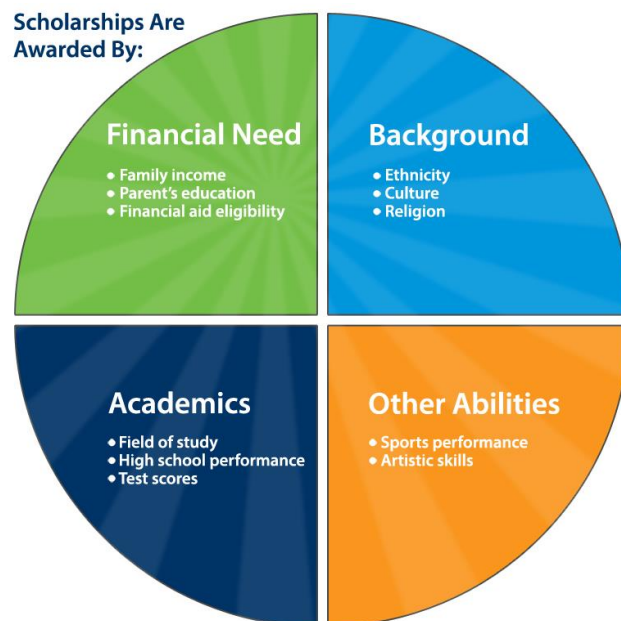


Each year there are hundreds of scholarships available for students transitioning to higher education. Individuals, corporations and foundations, colleges, universities, as well as state and federal aid offer scholarships and grants.

Students can search for scholarships on the Internet under hundreds of scholarship databases.

Make sure you take the time to SEARCH and APPLY for SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

Scholarships Are Awarded By:



September Deadline:

The Cameron Impact Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Cumulative unweighted GPA 3.7+, US citizen, attending a 4-Year college/university, excellence in extracurricular activities, motivated leader with a strong work ethic, active participation in community service

Award: Full-Tuition

Deadline: 9/10 by 12:00 PT (NOON), www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org/scholarship

The Gates Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Highly selective, full scholarship for exceptional, low-income minority students (must be Pell-eligible). GPA 3.3+, demonstrated leadership ability, exceptional personal success skills

Award: Based on FAFSA

Deadline: 9/15, www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship

QuestBridge

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: For low-income students who have excelled academically, top 5-10% of your class, SAT 1310+ or ACT 28+, eligible for free or reduced lunch

Award: Four-Year Scholarships

Deadline: 9/28, www.questbridge.org

October Deadline:

AES Engineering Scholarship

Eligible: You are **NOT** required to be taking Engineering course to be eligible. Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: ***When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?***

Criteria: submit the essay to: scholarships@aesengineers.com

Award: \$500

Deadline: 10/08; www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Eligible: U. S. Citizen or legal resident, high school senior, planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution

Criteria: Demonstrated leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement

Award: \$10,000 - \$20,000

Deadline: 10/31; students apply on-line at www.coca-colascholars.org

Heisman High School Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Students with a B average and who participate in a school sport and are dedicated to being school role models

Award: Heisman Patch, Bronze Medal, up to 10,000 for students High School

Deadline: 10/19; apply online at <https://heismanscholarship.com/about/>

UMBC Meyerhoff Scholarship Program

Eligible: High School Seniors

Criteria: Minimum 600 Math SAT or 24 on the ACT, GPA 3.0+ and aspire to obtain Ph.D. or MD/Ph.D. in Math, Science, Computer Science, or Engineering; displayed commitment to Community Service.

Award: Tuition, mandatory fees, room & board for up to four years.

Deadline: Students interested in being considered for nomination must email Mrs. Malherek,

jmalherek@ccboe.com, by 10/1; For more information about this scholarship - <https://meyerhoff.umbc.edu/>

November Deadline:

Hispanic Heritage Foundation/Youth Awards

Eligible: Senior, Hispanic heritage, enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2020-2021

Criteria: GPA 3.0 min. unweighted, community involvement

Award: up to \$3500

Deadline: 11/14; <https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/>

December Deadline:

Towson University – Kahlert Foundation Scholarship for Towson UTeach

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Plan to enroll in Towson to pursue teaching certification in grades 7-12 (science or mathematics), GPA 3.25+ (unweighted), letters of recommendation, transcripts

Award: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: 12/1; for more information about and how to apply, visit:

www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/uteach/scholarships.html

March Deadline:

Create-A-Holiday-Card Scholarship

Eligible: High school students

Criteria: Design a greeting card

Award: \$10,000 scholarship

Deadline: Students can submit designs through 3/2/22 and Monthly voting ends 4/15/22; For more information and details, visit <https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm>

Ongoing:

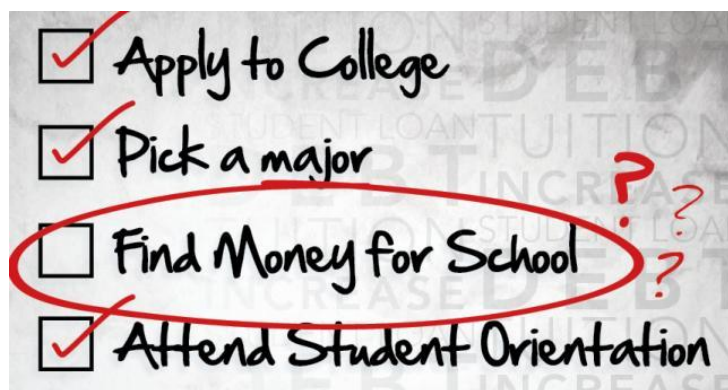
Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.

Eligible: Student with a parent or guardian who has suffered a catastrophic or fatal accidental injury or occupational disease while working for a Maryland employer

Award: Varies, depending on need and educational expenses, covers tuition and books, may also include housing and meals

Apply: www.kidschance-md.org/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS from SPECIFIC SCHOOLS or ORGANIZATIONS



Here are some scholarship opportunities offered by specific schools or organizations.

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

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

Local Scholarships!!!

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

www.ccboe.com/ss/local-scholarship-organizations

College Board Opportunity Scholarship – CLASS of 2022!!!

This unique opportunity guides students through the college planning process and offers them a chance to earn money for college for each action they complete. Students in the **CLASS of 2022** are eligible regardless of income, citizenship status, GPA, or test scores. The scholarship doesn't require an essay or an application. Scholarships range from \$500 - \$40,000 and can be used at two- or four-year institutions. Half of all scholarships will be awarded to students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.

Complete the 6 planning steps below for 6 separate chances at \$500. When you finish ALL 6, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship, but you can still earn money even if you don't complete them all!!!

1. Build a College List: \$500
2. Practice for the SAT: \$500
3. Improve Their Score: \$500
4. Strengthen Their College List: \$500
5. Complete the FAFSA: \$500
6. Apply to Colleges: \$500

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

For more information about the College Board Opportunity Scholarship, visit:

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

"Call Me MISTER" Program (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models)

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

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

Clemson University sponsors the **"CALL ME MISTER" program** which is offered at several Two Year Colleges and Four Year Colleges/Universities. For a list of the participating schools and for more information about this program, go to:

www.clemson.edu/education/programs/programs/call-me-mister.html

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

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

FIDM Scholarships

Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, including eligibility requirement:
<https://fidm.edu/en/admissions/financial+aid?cmpid=key003>

Going Merry scholarship

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

Harvard College – Harvard University

Offering free tuition to families if their income is less than \$65,000 per year. For more information, visit
<https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/why-harvard/affordability>.

McDaniel College, Educator's Legacy Scholarship

Seniors with at least a 2.5 GPA and who are children of current K-12 educators who have at least four years of continuous full-time employment in a school setting are eligible to receive a scholarship valued at up to \$25,000 per year (\$100,000 over 4 years) to help fund your college education at McDaniel College. (Any service in a K-12 school qualifies – teachers, counselors, nurses, support staff, administrator.) www.mcdaniel.edu/admissions-cost/cost-financial-aid/types-financial-aid/mcdaniel-scholarships/educators-legacy

Medical Condition Scholarships

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

How to Search for Scholarships:

The scholarships are sorted several ways:

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

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



National YoungArts Foundation

Are you an artist between the ages of 15 and 18 or grades 10 to 12? Let YoungArts change your life!!! YoungArts has recognized more than 20,000 young artists and facilitated more than \$60 million in scholarships in the past two years. Applications accepted in **Cinematic Arts, Dance, Design Arts, Jazz, Music, Photography, Theater, Visual Arts, Voice, Writing, and Spoken Word.**
DEADLINE: 10/15/21; www.youngarts.org/apply

UMBC Meyerhoff Scholarship Program

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Minimum 600 Math SAT or 24 on the ACT, GPA 3.0+ and aspire to obtain Ph.D. or MD/Ph.D. in Math, Science, Computer Science, or Engineering; displayed commitment to Community Service.

Award: tuition, mandatory fees, room & board for up to four years

Deadline: Students interested in being considered for nomination must email Mrs. Malherek, jmalherek@ccboc.com, by 10/1

United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarships – MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UNCF manages various scholarship programs and each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates and required documentation. To apply for a UNCF scholarship, you must apply through the on-line application process.

For more information about deadlines and the award amounts, go to: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

University of North Carolina Charlotte Levine Scholars Program

The Levine Scholars Program takes the brightest, most capable students and gives them the tools, resources and environment they need to explore the world around them, engage deeply in their communities and excel across discipline. The 4-year scholarship includes full tuition, room, board, a grant to implement a service project of the Scholar's own design, and four summers of experiences that will develop leadership skills, social awareness and an international perspective. Seeks extraordinary seniors who hold an excellent academic record, demonstrate a commitment to community service and possess a capacity for ethical leadership. There are no minimum SAT, ACT or grade point averages to apply for the Levine Scholarship, however, students must excel academically and show evidence of experience, motivation and commitment toward the ideals of the program. Email Mrs. Malherek at jmalherek@ccboe.com no later than 9/25 if you are interested in being nominated for this program. Students can also Self-Nominate.

Deadline for nomination by school counselor or self-nomination for the Levine Scholars Program: 10/8.

Washington College (MD)

National Honor Society

Eligible: High school senior who is a member of the National Honor Society.

Award: \$12,500- \$50,000

Deadline: For more information, call 800-422-1782x7700.



SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information Online



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. The only website you should use for FAFSA is: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. On this site you can access help by clicking contact, then you have three choices: e-mail, call toll free, or live chat.

<https://mhec.maryland.gov>

www.fastweb.com

<https://studentaid.gov/>

www.studentscholarships.org

www.cappex.com

<http://www.chegg.com/scholarships>

www.goodcall.com/scholarships

www.central-scholarship.org

www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile/financial-aid.html

www.college-scholarships.com/free-scholarship-searches/

www.careeronestop.org/scholarships

www.blackscholarships.org

www.careercruising.com

www.scholarships.com

<https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>

www.finaid.org

<https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>

College Affordability and Transparency Center

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

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

VISIT: www.collegecost.ed.gov

Cappex.com/Scholarships

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

Career One Stop

Search more than 7,500 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities:
www.careerinfonet.org/ScholarshipSearch

Central Scholarship Bureau

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

Free-to-Apply Scholarships on NICHE

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

GI Transferability Bill

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

Scholarships.com

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

Student Scholarships.org

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

Scholarships360.org

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



Financial Aid Information



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

Click to watch



Financial Aid TV

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



Want to
COMPARE Financial Aid Award Letters
from your schools???



College Board – Provides a chart where you can do a side-by-side comparison of the Financial Aid Award Letters you receive in the financial aid packages from your schools.

Go to: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator>

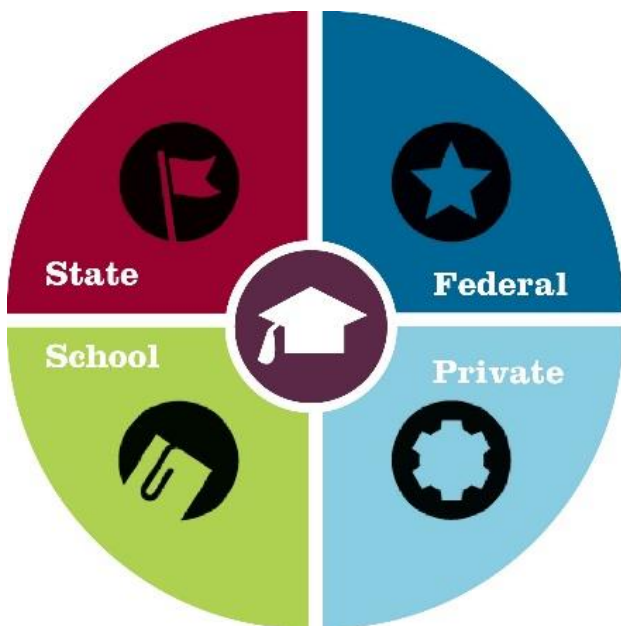
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) – Provides tools and resources to help compare financial aid offers, college costs, understand student loan options, and more.

Go to: www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college

Net Price Calculator - **Net Price Calculators** are available on a college's website or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account. Click below to search for a schools' calculator:

Go to: <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

Sources of Financial Aid



Types of Financial Aid



~ CAREER CENTER CALENDAR ~

****This year we will be have In-Person & Virtual College/Military/Career Visits!!!****

*Representatives from various colleges, the armed services, technical schools and apprenticeship programs will be hosting both **IN-PERSON** and **VIRTUAL VISITS**. Information about the visits including the date, time, and link to join the Virtual Visits will be available in the Career Center, on the morning announcements, and emailed to students through Synergy. The information will also be posted on the Career Center page of the St. Charles High School website.*

Students are encouraged to go on college, military, and apprenticeship websites to check and see what possible virtual opportunities they may be hosting. Students are also encouraged to schedule an appointment (phone or virtual) to meet with a college admissions counselor, military recruiter, or apprenticeship sponsor. Everyone in the college, military, and career communities are always excited to talk to students and encourage them to reach out with any questions they may have.

Monday, September 6

***LABOR DAY - Schools/Offices Closed**

Sunday, September 12

***NACAC VIRTUAL College Fair – 1:00 – 6:00 PM**

To register to participate in this event, please click on the link below:

www.virtualcollegefairs.org



Monday, September 13

***Charles County College Fair** – Field Trip for Juniors and Seniors who complete & return the permission slips by Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Permission slips available in the Career Center.

Friday, September 17

***Schools Closed for Students**

Tuesday, September 28

***2 Hour Early Dismissal**

***NACAC VIRTUAL College Fair (Colleges in the Northeast) – 4:00 – 8:00 PM**

To register to participate in this event, please click on the link below:

www.virtualcollegefairs.org

Be sure to visit the Career Center page on the St. Charles High School website and take advantage of ALL the resources available to help you with your post-secondary plans!!!

These programs and scholarships are provided as a courtesy.

Charles County Public Schools and St. Charles High School do not rate the quality or value of any of these.

For more information on items in this newsletter, please see Mrs. Malherek in the Career Center.

Nondiscrimination statement – July 1, 2021

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 Kathy Kiessling, 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.

CCPS provides nondiscriminatory equal access to school facilities in accordance with its Use of Facilities rules to designated youth groups (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).