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***College Application FEE WAIVERS!!!**

Several colleges/universities are offering
COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS!!!

I will continue to notify seniors of any additional **College Application Fee Waivers** as I receive them. Seniors are also encouraged to contact the Admission's Office of the schools they are applying to and ask them if they can get a fee waiver. Some schools will provide fee waivers if you call them. It definitely never hurts to call and ask!!! :)

*** Bowie State University** – www.bowiestate.edu/admissions-and-aid

Fee Waiver Code: **Application is FREE**

Dates: School Year 2021-2022 for Class of 2022

***College of Southern Maryland (CSM)** – Local Community College - www.csmd.edu/apply-register/index.html

Fee Waiver: **Application is FREE**

Dates: N/A

*** Coppin State University** – www.coppin.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions

Fee Waiver Code: **Application is FREE**

Dates: School Year 2021-2022 for Class of 2022

***Frostburg State University** – www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/undergraduate/index.php

Fee Waiver Code: **Contact Mrs. Malherek for CODE** (*Limited number of codes available.*)

Dates: Code is active Now!

***Hood College** –

Fee Waiver Code: **Application is FREE**

Dates: Currently available

***Loyola University of Maryland** – www.loyola.edu/admission

Fee Waiver: **Loyola offers several application fee waivers for specific groups of students. For more information, please visit:** www.loyola.edu/admission/undergraduate/application-process/admission-policy#app-fee-waiver

Dates: N/A

Salisbury University – www.salisbury.edu/admissions/freshman-students

Fee Waiver Code: **MDAPP22**

Dates: Code is active NOW

Saint Mary's College of Maryland – www.smcm.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/first-year-students

Fee Waiver Code: **AccessSMCM**

Dates: Code is active NOW

Virginia State University – www.vsu.edu/admissions/index.php

Fee Waiver Code: **Application is FREE**

Dates: School Year 2021-2022 for Class of 2022



SENIORS and Senior Parents/Guardians -

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid?

Who are planning to attend a 4- or 2- year college, community college, technical, trade, or career school should complete the FAFSA!!!

The FAFSA application opened OCTOBER 1st of this year.

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

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

*****FINANCIAL AID CAN RUN OUT!!! Please complete the FAFSA NOW!!!*****

Please see the **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & RESOURCES** listed on the next page to help you with the FAFSA.

Financial Aid Information & Resources

Virtual Financial Aid Presentation Recording - What you need to know about Financial Aid and the FAFSA from presentation on September 13, 2021:

https://csmd.zoom.us/rec/share/NKJx0wTUxfiLX4vdAlbxYTppNh6DmTY6ea4QcTxyGd6eVxcqkT7_DqYSjHENiA-O.AdrOAPhp8qhN9CrA

Passcode: Zt+B7R6J

FAFSA Application for 2022/23:

FAFSA.gov or <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

How to Complete the FAFSA, Documents Needed to Complete the FAFSA, Tools to Get Help Completing the FAFSA:

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

Creating and Using the FSA ID:

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/creating-using-fsaid.pdf>

2022-23 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet: *(Provides a preview of questions on the FAFSA)*

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-23-fafsa-worksheet.pdf>

Types of Financial Aid:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>

How Financial Aid Works:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid/how-aid-works>

How Financial Aid is Calculated:

<https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/how-calculated>

Financial Aid Video Links for several informational videos:

<https://csmd.financialaidtv.com/>

Federal Student Aid Resources:

<https://studentaid.gov/resources>

Compare Financial Aid Award Letters:

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator>
- <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/>
- <https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/comparing-aid-offers>

Maryland Higher Education Commission:

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

Applying for Scholarships and the Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc.:

Types of Financial Aid

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



Scholarships

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

Local Scholarships

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

Charles County Scholarship Fund

One local source is the **Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc.** The Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides **multiple** scholarship opportunities to Charles County high school seniors. Graduating seniors who live in Charles County can apply for various local scholarships with **one** application. **The electronic online application will OPEN JANUARY 10TH and will be available on the following link!!!**

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

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

- **Application will be completed ONLINE!!!**
- **PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATION PROCESS CANNOT BE SAVED!!!**

- Please **REVIEW the application online FIRST** and make sure you have **ALL** required documents ready to upload to the application **PRIOR** to starting to complete the form.
- Please have the following **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** ready to UPLOAD when you apply
- **Academic Letter of Recommendation** — The letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, school counselor or other school administrator.
- **Personal Letter of Recommendation** — Must be from someone who knows you well. (Not a parent or other family member)
- **Personal Statement Essay** — Your essay is a statement regarding your academic and career objectives, goals and aspirations. Your student statement is very important, and the Scholarship Committee relies heavily on this statement. Please include the following: What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen these goals? How do you envision contributing to your community after you complete your education?
- **Resume** — The resume must include: 1. Work Experience 2. Extracurricular activities 3. Community Service activities during high school 4. Leadership positions and 5. School and Community honors and awards.
- If you want to be considered for **need-based scholarships**, you will need to provide a **Copy of your 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)**. (Confirmation page will be available to you once you complete the FAFSA). All information supplied will be treated as confidential. The form is available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- **All** scholarship applications must be **completed and submitted by Tuesday, March 1, 2022**.
- **Late applications will not be accepted.**
- Seniors should see Mrs. Malherek, the College & Career Advisor, or your school counselor if they have any questions/concerns.
- Please ensure you have all required documents ready to upload to the application prior to starting to complete the form.

Researching Scholarships on the Internet

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

Using online scholarship databases can reveal an enormous number of scholarships for which you may be eligible to apply. Some may require an essay along with specific grade point average, gender, grade level; or ask for students who volunteer, students whose parents are in the military, or students with disabilities to name a few specifics. Recommending one particular internet scholarship matching service as the best is not possible. However, one can find many links to search for scholarships on the **List of Scholarships** (updated monthly) on the Career Center page of the St. Charles High School website or in the College and Career Center monthly newsletter. To access the Career Center page, please go to the St. Charles High School website (www.ccboe.com/schools/stcharles) and **click** on the **“Student”** tab at the top, then **click** on **“Career Center”** and it will take you to the Career Center page.

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

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

<https://mhec.maryland.gov>

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.scholarshipamerica.org

www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

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

www.blackscholarships.org

www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

www.scholarships.com

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

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

www.finaid.org

www.salliemae.com

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>



****Avoid Scholarship Scams****

College Board has some information to help you avoid scholarship scams:

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/financial-aid/scams>

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has created a specific website to help consumers keep away from fraudulent scholarships. Visit the FTC's website for more tips:

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Financial Aid Information



Cost of Attendance

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

Net Price Calculator

Click on this link (or copy and paste it into your browser) <http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/>

This page has lots of information on financing your education. It also has a list of colleges and universities that use the College Board's Net Price Calculator. If you do not see your college listed here, go directly to your College's website. All colleges are required to either link to a net price calculator or have one directly on their website.

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

Click to watch



Financial Aid TV

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



January Grade Level Reminders:

9th Grade:



- Remember to read and keep up your grades. **Freshman year DOES count.**
- Keep a list of volunteer experiences, extracurricular activities, awards, etc. to create a high school resume. A student involved is a productive student. Look on the Career Center page of the St. Charles High School website for a resume template.
- Think about what you want to do when you graduate from high. Use the **XELLO** link on your Office 365 Clever App to explore careers and colleges.
- Students who took the PSAT in October should be to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Once you receive your PSAT Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts>.

10th Grade:



- Students who took the PSAT in October should be to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Once you receive your PSAT Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts>.
- Use the **Xello** link on the Clever App in your Office 365 account and other resources in the Career Center to investigate careers and colleges. Continue to work on a list of possible colleges based on results from your PSAT. Explore!

11th Grade:



- Students who took the PSAT in October should be to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and

Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Once you receive your PSAT Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts>.

- Use the resources on College Board (SAT) and ACT websites to prepare for these tests. Map out what testing you need for your college admissions applications. Juniors should plan to take their first SAT and/or ACT no later than the end of their junior year!!! This will provide you the opportunity to retake the test again at the beginning of your senior year. Please REGISTER for these exams EARLY and don't miss the deadlines as expensive late fees apply.
- Make plans to visit colleges and attend college fairs...many **VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON** ones are available!!! Be sure to register for college visits on the college's website so you have the opportunity to attend an information session and take a tour of the campus.

12th Grade:

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- Some colleges are still accepting applications for fall admission. Don't miss **DEADLINES** and be sure to make a copy of your paperwork. Check the status of your applications to make sure the admissions office has received **ALL REQUIRED** paperwork such as test scores from testing agencies, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays submitted electronically or mailed with sufficient postage. Be assertive as paper can be lost in the process.
- The **FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - has been available to complete since October 1st! If you have not filed your FAFSA yet, please be sure to do so as soon as possible as funding is distributed as forms are processed and FINANCIAL AID CAN RUN OUT. For more information about the FAFSA and how to complete it, go to: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out>
- Contact your College and Career Advisor if you have questions about financial aid. Some colleges require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile for financial aid consideration. Be sure you submit the appropriate forms for your prospective colleges. The CSS/Financial Aid Profile is available to complete at: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Some colleges may expect to see your mid-year grades and/or transcript. Be sure to submit the mid-year report requested by your prospective colleges to your counselor. Informing admissions offices of additional information such as any accolades or awards you have received since submitting your admissions application is appropriate. You should also inform the admissions staff of any special projects or events you participated or higher SAT and/or ACT scores you have received.
- Seniors planning to attend the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) in the fall need to apply to CSM online at www.csmd.edu/apply-register as soon as possible so you can receive your student identification number and start receiving emails and/or text messages about what you need to do to register for classes. Seniors are required to show college readiness before they can enroll in college level classes at CSM. For more information, please visit: www.csmd.edu/student-services/testing-services/placement-testing
- Email copies of any **letters of acceptance** you receive as well as **scholarship** and **grant offers** or **military commitments** to your College and Career Advisor as soon as possible. The information is used to create the graduation program and state reports.
- Check the Career Center / Career Center page of the St. Charles High School website often for scholarship information and updates. The Career Center Newsletter and the Career Center page on the SCHS website have a **List of Scholarships** that is updated monthly. You should **ALWAYS** check this List of Scholarships **FIRST!!!** Don't forget the **Charles County Scholarship Fund application** is electronic and will be available starting **JANUARY 10TH, 2022!** **Deadline for submission is March 1, 2022.**



SENIORS...

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



TESTING



Students who took the PSAT in October should be able to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. Once you receive your PSAT

Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access **FREE**, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts>. If you have any problems accessing your scores, please see your Counselor or the College & Career Advisor.



ACT and SAT Testing

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

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

All colleges accept scores from BOTH 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.

Transcript Policy

Students have several options regarding transcripts.



- Each senior is given one free unofficial transcript in October.
- 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 form 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.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO INTERVIEWS – SPRING

ALL SENIORS will complete a Senior Portfolio before graduation.

The culmination of this portfolio project is the Senior Portfolio Interview that will occur during the spring of their senior year. Mrs. Malherek will arrange for each senior to present his or her portfolio in a mock interview situation. We are in the process of finalizing the details for this year's interview process. Parents may participate in this project by volunteering to interview students. If you are interested, you will be asked to volunteer for one session of interviews which will be held in the morning. You will interview approximately 10 students. The Senior Portfolio Interviews will be scheduled sometime in the spring. The exact date will be coming soon. **Please contact Mrs. Malherek in the Career Center at 301-753-2090 or jmalherek@ccboe.com, if you would like to sign-up to help interview students.** Thank you in advance....we truly appreciate you taking the opportunity to help the students at St. Charles High School be successful.



Touring College Campuses



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

Ideally, touring the college campuses you are considering is the best way to find out if a college is for you. However, during these times you may not have the opportunity to personally visit a college campus and...just because you may want to attend a school out of state doesn't mean you

have to spring for plane tickets to every university on your Top 10 list. **Many** of the college websites also provide a virtual tour of their campus....be sure to check it out on their website! To help whittle down the choices, there are also websites where you can find **VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS!!!**

You can take a virtual tour at:



www.campustours.com *or*

www.youvisit.com **YOU | VISIT**

VIRTUAL & In-Person College Fairs and MORE!!!



Students have the opportunity to participate in several **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!!! **Virtual College/Military/Career Visits will be scheduled this**

year. 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.



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

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

www.nationalportfolioday.org

Research and Compare Colleges



✓ **Career Cruising:** There's a **NEW PROGRAM** to search for careers called **Xello!!!**

Xello has replaced Career Cruising. Every student has their own individual **Xello** account that they can access through the **Clever** app on their Office 365 account. **Xello** provides a wealth of information for students. Students can take **Career and Skills Assessments**; explore **Careers, Schools, & Majors**; view **Career and College Profiles**, create their own **Plan**, save items to a **Personalized Student Portfolio** and **MUCH MORE!!!** Start exploring **Xello** NOW!!!



✓ **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

✓ **HBCU Interactive Directory:** **NEW!!!**

The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is pleased to present the inaugural publication of the "**PGCAC Interactive HBCU Directory**" to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of HBCUs. You can access this HBCU Interactive Directory to find information about the HBCUs at:

www.flipsnack.com/BBC66666AED/pgcac-interactive-hbcu-directory.html

✓ **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 the 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.

✓ **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



Want to play college sports?

Student-Athletes wishing to play sports at the Division I or Division II level need to know what courses taken in high school constitute a core course. Not all classes you take to meet high school graduation requirements are core courses. You must know your **Core Course GPA**. Keep track of your courses and the units that apply towards eligibility. Use the www.CoreCourseGPA.com program paid for by Charles County Public Schools to monitor your progress towards eligibility. Speak to your high school Coach, Athletic Director, or Counselor for further information.



How to ACTIVATE your FREE Membership:

Step 1: Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com

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

School ID: 211067

School Code: 796712340

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

List of NCAA Approved Courses:

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

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS & TEST SCORES:

Division I Academic Requirements -

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

Division II Academic Requirements -

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



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.com
- **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
- **Way to Be Magazine (2021-2022)** – The magazine is separated into three parts: high school, college, and career. Students will be able to use the tools and information to help them find a college and/or career path. **FREE** copies of the magazine are available for students to pick up in the Career Center. Here is a link for the **digital copy** of the magazine: www.pageturnpro.com/The-Daily-Record/101303-Way-to-Be-2021/sdefault.html#page/1
- **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.careerbuilder.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-4:00 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 & 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 called Xello!!!**
Xello has replaced Career Cruising. Every student has their own individual **Xello** account that they can access through the **Clever** app on their Office 365 account. **Xello** provides a wealth of information for students. Students can take **Career and Skills Assessments**; explore **Careers, Schools, & Majors**; view **Career and College Profiles**, create their own **Plan**, save items to a **Personalized Student Portfolio** and **MUCH MORE!!!** Start exploring **Xello** NOW!!!
- **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**".
- **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.USAJOBBS.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)!!!

Apprenticeships



Maryland and U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program -

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

U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program:

www.apprenticeship.gov

MD State Apprenticeship and Training Program:

www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/

Baltimore DC Building Trades:

<https://www.bdcbt.org/>

**If you are ready to dream big and achieve your full potential,
then an apprenticeship may be right for you.**

- **Earn while you learn.** Apprentices are paid a progressive wage while they learn valuable job skills.
- **Increase your earning potential.** The average annual starting salary for an apprentice graduate is \$50,000 (according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics).
- **Be in demand.** Learn the skills and gain the credentials that employers want.
- **Become more confident.** Gain self-assurance by working independently under the tutelage of a journeyman.

Make new friends. Apprenticeship training classes attract people of all ages and backgrounds.

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

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

Carpenters: Fabrication, building and installation of a variety of materials. KML Carpenters Local #197, (301) 736-1696, <http://www.mactc.net>

Pile Drivers: Specialize in earth retention. Local #441, (301) 735-6660 ext. 123, <http://www.mactc.net>

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Sheet Metal Workers: Designs, fabricates, installs, air balance, repairs, and alters sheet metal products. Local #100, (301) 5688655 ext. 3, <http://www.smart100trainingcenter.org/>



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

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

Skilled Equipment Operators in the Construction Industry: Operate every type of construction equipment used in the construction industry. Highway and building construction, mining, and utility work. IUOE Local 77, 301-283-3476, <https://iuoelocal77.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/>



MILITARY NEWS



Registering with Selective Service –



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

FUTURES Magazine – This magazine is an annual publication that highlights opportunities available in the Military. From careers and educational benefits to how service members spend their downtime, ***FUTURES Magazine*** provides a 360-degree view of military life. To see the latest edition, please go to: www.todaysmilitary.com/military-life/futures-magazine

Financial Aid for Veterans and their Dependents

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

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

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

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

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

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

GI Transferability Bill

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

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

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

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

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

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program:

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

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

DOD Provides Website for Career Pathways:

Visit www.Myfuture.com and explore the benefits of a military career. More than 1,000 civilian and military career fields and nearly 7,000 accredited colleges and trade schools are featured.



Military Academy Summer Programs



United States Air Force Academy Summer Seminar for Juniors

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



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

2022 Summer Seminar Dates

Session 1: June 6 – 9 (Virtual)

Session 2: June 13 – 17 (In-Person)

Summer Seminar 2022 is subject to change in dates, status, and in person or virtual. Please monitor the website regularly for updates. For more information, go to: www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/

United States Coast Guard Academy Summer Program for Juniors



February 8: AIM Application OPENS

April 15: AIM Application CLOSES

For more information, go to: www.uscga.edu/aim/ or call 1-800-883-USCG.

Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)

It is important that you make an informed decision about applying to and attending the Coast Guard Academy. Our Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program that gives you the chance to see if the Academy is right for you, and if you have what it takes to succeed. If you are selected, you will be able to personally experience the rigor, discipline, and rewards of the Coast Guard Academy, just like a cadet, for one week in July following your junior year in high school.

You will meet faculty and staff; learn about our academic, military, and athletic programs; talk with cadets who have sailed on *Eagle*, flown aircraft, and started their leadership journey; and meet with Coast Guard professionals who are protecting our nation right now. Success at AIM is a good indicator of success at the Coast Guard Academy. In recent years, one-third of the incoming class attended AIM.

AIM 2022

Session 1: July 5 – 9 (Virtual)

Session 2: July 11 – 16 (On Campus)

Session 3: July 18 – 23 (On Campus)

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



January 4: Application **OPENS**

Spots are limited. Apply as soon as possible.

Visit www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php

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

2022 Summer Seminar Dates

Session 1: June 4 – 9

Session 2: June 11 – 16

Session 3: June 18 – 23

West Point United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience

February 1: Application **OPENS**

March 15: Application **CLOSES**

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



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

2022 SLE Dates

Session 1: May 28 – June 3

Session 2: June 4 – 10



Life is FULL of OPPORTUNITIES....
Don't miss out!!!

Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) – W.E.B DuBois Scholars Institute for 8th & 9th Grade Students!
(ONLINE Virtual Interactive Workshops for STEM fields for 8th & 9th grade students!)

List of dates!!!

March 11-13, 2022

April 8-10, 2022

May 13 - 15, 2022

9th Grade Students.....Good at math and science? GPA of 3.0 or higher? Want to find out more information about careers in the STEM fields? If so, apply to ALA and learn from other youth and top scientists to explore career options, take STEM workshops online, participate in interactive activities and discussions.

Choose from 3 Tracks:

Medical Science, Biomedical Engineering & Technology, or Applied Mathematics

DEADLINE to apply – February 9, 2022

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://duboisscholars.org/admissions/application-forms.html>

Bank of America Student Leaders Program – A unique opportunity for high school juniors & seniors to earn an 8 week, 35 hours a week, **paid internship** at a local non-profit organization and participate in a national leadership summit in Washington, D.C. You will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. The **application period** is **November 1, 2021 – January 28, 2022**. The application and more details about the program can be found at: www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders

Banson NYC Fashion Week Adventure – February 10 to February 14, 2022 - For high school and college students, week- long session to teach students fundamentals of the fashion industry. More information can be found at: www.bansonnyc.org or 917-328-1469

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

Session A: June 19 - June 25, 2022 (In-Person Career Camp)

Session B: July 10 - July 16, 2022 (In-Person Career Camp)

Session C: June 27 - July 1, 2022 (Virtual Career Camp)

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

High School Girls Biotech Day – Sponsored by the United States Naval Academy

Jan 22, 2022 (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Explore how scientists and engineers use biotechnology for discovery and innovation.

NO COST TO ATTEND & ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

For more information and to apply online, visit: www.usna.edu/stem

High School Student STEM Day – Sponsored by the United States Naval Academy

Feb 5, 2022 (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Experience hands-on activities in science and engineering, learn about cutting-edge technology, and more.

NO COST TO ATTEND, LUNCH IS PROVIDED, & ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

For more information and to apply online, visit: www.usna.edu/stem

Latinas Leading Tomorrow ELITE Leadership Academy (Exemplifying Leadership in a Team Environment)

– Latinas Leading Tomorrow ELITE Leadership Academy. ELITE is a 7-week virtual personal branding and leadership development program for young Latinas to become successful. The academy promotes personal and professional development through interactive workshops and mentoring supported by an extensive network of professional Latinas. All high school girls in 9th-12th grade are encouraged to apply.

Submit an application and one letter of recommendation by MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

Application Link is available at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc060frQ0a2GfTQi_etFhshBF9ejl16Maf9DR80-WmBRfOI6A/viewform



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENTIFIC TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (HiSTEP)

The National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE) and Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity are proud to host the *High School Scientific Training and Enrichment Program (HiSTEP)*. The goal of HiSTEP is to expand the pipeline of students interested in biomedical and healthcare careers by providing opportunities for high school students from schools with a large population of financially-disadvantaged students. We encourage current high school juniors interested in STEM-M (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medically-related) fields to apply.

In summer 2022, HiSTEP students will take part in a six-week, full-time summer internship located on the main NIH campus in Bethesda, MD from June 28th to August 4th, 2022. HiSTEP students will explore the breadth of the scientific enterprise, the importance of biomedical research, and many STEM-M careers. They will participate in workshops, lectures, and hands-on activities. Students will receive a stipend determined by their education level completed prior to starting at the NIH and the number of hours (25) they spend in the program each week.

The HiSTEP Program includes activities on the following topics:

- Basic Science Skills
- Current Topics in the Health Sciences
- Exploring STEM – M Careers
- Career Readiness and Leadership Development
- College and Career Advising

Eligibility Criteria:

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

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Be 17 years or older on June 15th, 2022.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Students with a GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 should apply if their grades have shown steady improvement.

For more information and to apply, go to: www.training.nih.gov/histep

HiSTEP Application is OPEN NOW!
APPLICATION DEADLINE is January 25, 2022.

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

Join Charles County Interact for a year of:

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

The **Interact Club** will meet on **Mondays from 6 – 7 PM**, at **Neighborhood Creative Art Center, 206 Washington Avenue, La Plata (across from the Charles County Courthouse parking lot)**. For more information, visit:

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

United States Naval Academy Summer STEM Program – Thinking of a career as a coder, game developer, designer, or robotics engineer? Apply to attend the **Summer STEM Program** that is offered at the United States Naval Academy. The program is available to:

Rising 9th Grade Students – June 6 – 11, 2022

Rising 10th Grade Students – June 13 – 18, 2022, and

Rising 11th Grade Students – June 20 – 24, 2022.

Applications OPEN January 4, 2022. For more information and to **APPLY**, go to:

www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php#ndtn-panel1-Attending



Charles County NAACP ACT-SO



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

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

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

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

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

<https://naacp.org/our-work/youth-programs/act-so-achievement-program/student-interest-areas>

ACT-SO is designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among high school students of color. ACT-SO students sharpen their skills by working with community-based volunteers familiar with the specific content areas.

Students and their parents who would like more information about ACT-SO, may contact:

dora.actso@gmail.com or ccnaacpactso@gmail.com

To see a video about an ACT-SO program, visit:

<https://vimeo.com/378283796>

ACT-SO Student Application – [CLICK HERE](#)

ACT-SO List of Upcoming Workshops – [CLICK HERE](#)

scholarships leadership life skills

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



Girls in the Class of 2023, this program is for YOU!

Distinguished Young Women of Southern Maryland

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

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

Sign up TODAY!

DistinguishedYW.org

Deadline: 01.07.2022



CLASS of 2023

**Distinguished
Young Women
of
Southern
Maryland
Scholarship**

**Deadline to
sign up:
January 7, 2022**

Sign up TODAY!!!

<http://charles.md.distinguishedyw.org>

Did You Know???



❖ The Common Black College Application, EDU, Inc.

Common Black College Application: **Apply to 58 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!!!)**

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www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

❖ 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.

Need **HELP completing the Common App**, please visit: <https://www.commonapp.org/help>

❖ 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) who took the test in October, received their Score Reports in December. The counselors provided additional details about the score reports. Once 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. Students who would like to find out more information about the PSAT and take **a full length practice PSAT/NMSQT, can visit:** <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>.

❖ **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>

Khan Academy also provides FREE 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Many colleges/universities are "TEST OPTIONAL" this school year. Please check EACH college website to see what their policies are this year for testing and if you need SAT/ACT scores to be considered for scholarships.

❖ **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 has 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

❖ Maryland College and University Search:

Search for colleges in the state of Maryland by school type, degree type, population, and more. Other resources available include Net Price Calculator, Statewide Community College Programs, Academic Programs by School, etc.

Go to: https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/colleges_universities/index.aspx

❖ Maryland Private Career School Search:

Search for Private Career Schools by school, county, training type, or occupation.

Go to: https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/career/pcs/search.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 more information, please visit:

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

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

An OVERVIEW of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is on the following page.



Overview of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship



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

Who May Apply?

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

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

Application Requirements

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

Enrollment Requirements

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

Important Reminder

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

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



College of Southern Maryland Information

This information applies to **SENIORS** who plan to attend CSM after high school.

College of Southern Maryland: Application and Testing Process:



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

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

Need **HELP** completing the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Application????

CLICK on the link below to visit the Career Center page on the SCHS website for the **CSM APPLICATION VIDEO TUTORIAL!!!**

www.ccboe.com/schools/stcharles/index.php/2016-04-24-18-50-51/2016-04-22-21-40-09

1. Apply online at www.csmd.edu/apply-register, there is no fee.
2. Fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible. The FAFSA is available NOW! List the College of Southern Maryland on your FAFSA. CSM's school code is **002064**. If your application is not completed, your financial aid cannot be processed.

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

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

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

4. Pay attention to the EMAILS you receive from the College of Southern Maryland and register for an appointment for the Student Orientation And Registration (S.O.A.R.) by calling the college at 301-934-2251.

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Scholarship Finder!!!

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

Visit www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/scholarships/scholarship-finder.html for the most up-to-date information and eligibility requirements.

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

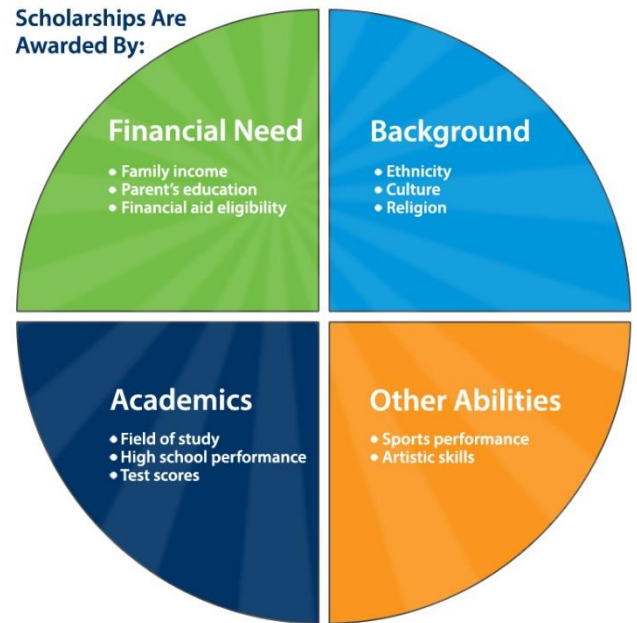
SCHOLARSHIPS



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

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

Scholarships Are Awarded By:



January Deadline:

Coolidge Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors

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

Award: Full-ride that covers 4 years undergraduate study tuition, room, board, and expenses

Deadline: 1/19; www.coolidgescholars.org

Distinguished Young Women (DYW) Scholarship Program

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

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

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: 1/7; <http://charles.md.distinguishedyw.org>; Questions? Email southernMD@DistinguishedYW.org

Information and forms available on the *Career Center* page of the St. Charles High School website under "SCHOLARSHIPS".

**Please see the DYW flyer in this newsletter.*

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Leadership, Drive, Integrity, Citizenship, GPA 3.0+ on 4.0 scale, plan to enroll in four-year college

Award: \$10,000-\$40,000

Deadline: 1/6; apply online at: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program>. For more information: www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships

Hamilton Relay Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors who are deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or has difficulty speaking

Criteria: Must be deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or has difficulty speaking; essay; letter of recommendation

Award: \$500

Deadline: 1/31; <https://hamiltonrelay.com/high-school-scholarships.html>

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Minority Senior

Criteria: leadership, academic excellence, community service, financial need, SAT & ACT scores not required, attending a 4-year college/university, letter of recommendation, essays

Award: varies- up to \$30,000 over four years

Deadline: 1/12; www.jackierobinson.org/apply/, www.jackierobinson.org

Maryland JCI (Junior Chamber International) Senate Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Leadership, community service, transcript, letters of recommendation

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 1/14; www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program

Maryland Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Essay explaining career, academic, and/or vocational goals

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: 1/15; www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships, www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarship-process

National Society Daughters/Sons of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Scholarships

Multiple scholarship opportunities for students in pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including History, Economics, Government & Political Science, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Elementary and Secondary Education, Chemistry, Math, Science, and English. Additional scholarships available for Daughters and Sons of DAR members, American Indians and MORE!!!

Deadline: 1/31; For information and applications: www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships

National DAR - American Indians Scholarships

National DAR – American Indians Committee

Eligible: Native American Students

Criteria: Proof of American Indian, financial need, GPA 3.25+

Award: \$4,000

Deadline: 1/31; <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian>

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Eligible: 9-12th graders

Criteria: Students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through volunteer efforts.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 1/31; www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize

Ron Brown Scholar Program

Eligible: African American Seniors

Criteria: Academic achievement, leadership, community service, financial need

Award: 10,000 for 4 years

Deadline: 1/9; www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/program-description

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program Scholarship

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

Award: Full Scholarship

DEADLINE: 1/31; More information and an application can be found

at: www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in government service, essay, letter of recommendation, transcript

Award: \$500 to \$5,000

Deadline: 1/15 (***POSTMARKED BY**); <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

February Deadline:

AFCEA DC STEM Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Majoring in a STEM field, letters of recommendation, FAFSA, counselor statement, academics, school activities, financial need

Award: Varies

Deadline: 2/25; <https://dcevents.afceachapters.org/2022STEMScholarship>

Elks National Legacy Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members

Award: \$4,000

Deadline: 2/7; www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm

Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) Scholarship

HBCU Week Foundation, American Chemistry Council, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Chemours

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

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

Award: \$10,000 for 4 years

Deadline: 2/15; <https://futureofstemscholars.org/fossi/apply>

HBCU WEEK X CAPITAL ONE SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

Award: Varies

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

HBCU Week X NFL Scholarship

HBCU Week Foundation

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

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

Award: Varies

Deadline: 2/15; www.hbcuweek.org/nfl/

HBCU WEEK X LEXISNEXIS® RISK SOLUTIONS GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

Award: Varies

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

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: 3.0+, U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, financial need

Award: \$500-\$5,000

Deadline: 2/7; www.jimmyranefoundation.org

Legacy Scholarship

Elks National Foundation

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members

Award: \$4,000

Deadline: 2/7; Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Phi Alpha Zeta Chapter Annual Scholarship (www.phialphazeta.org)

Eligible: Female Senior

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, accepted to 4-year school, transcript, letters of recommendation, school and community involvement and/or participating in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority programs, essay

Award: \$2,020 and up to 4-Book Scholarships

Deadline: 2/20; <https://form.jotform.com/203235338531045>; For questions or additional information, please email Secondvp.phialphazeta@gmail.com

March Deadline:

ACS (American Chemical Society) Scholars Award

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Student must be African-American, Hispanic/Latino or American Indian, accredited college or university or community college, GPA 3.0+ in chemistry or science, major in a chemically-related science or chemical technology, transcript, letters of recommendation, FAFSA Student Aid Report

Award: Up to \$5000 per academic year

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

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

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

• **Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Member:** Scholarships awarded to Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Application available at: www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Spirit-of-Youth-Scholarship-Fund/

Award: Various - \$2,500-\$5,000

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

American Legion Post #170 Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Students must be related to a member of the American Legion Post 170 or Auxiliary Unit No. 170, student pursuing higher education

Award: Six - \$500 Scholarships

Deadline: 3/15; **Contact Renee Thompson-Flores, Commander, for additional information and the application at** rtf.alpost170@gmail.com.

American Welding Society District Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Students seeking an undergraduate degree in welding engineering, welding technology, or a welding related field, must be accepted into a welding related educational or training program

Award: \$1,000 and up, renewable

Deadline: 3/1; www.aws.org/foundation/page/district-scholarships

Automotive Scholarship Gateway

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Career in the automotive industry, one-page essay about your career goals, letter of reference, transcript.

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/31; www.automotivescholarships.com

Carter Marohn-Johnson Memorial Scholarship

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

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

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

Deadline: 3/15; www.cartermjscholarship.com;

Charles County Arts Alliance Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: 3.0+GPA, accepted to continue in an arts program of study (major) at a four-year college or university, resume, essay, letter of recommendation, transcript

Award: \$1,500 (***One student from EACH high school in Charles County will be selected to receive this scholarship!!!***)

Deadline: 3/4 (**By 12:00 PM**); <https://www.charlescountyarts.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Scholarship-application-2020.pdf>, <https://www.charlescountyarts.org/>

The Charles County Scholarship Fund has a variety of scholarships available for SENIORS! Even though you may not be a senior.....start looking at what opportunities will be available to you when you are!!!

Charles County Scholarship Fund

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2022

The Charles County Scholarship Fund Application is OPEN for SENIORS!

The Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides multiple scholarship opportunities to Charles County high school seniors.

Seniors may apply for these scholarships using one application.

The electronic online application OPENED on JANUARY 10, 2022 and is available at:

<https://www.ccboe.com/ss/scholarships-financial-aid-resources/>

(***CLICK** on Charles County Scholarship Fund)

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

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Application progress cannot be saved. Please **REVIEW** the application online **FIRST** and make sure you have **ALL** required documents ready to **UPLOAD** to the application **PRIOR** to starting to complete the form.
- **Please have the following documents ready to UPLOAD when you apply:**
 - Academic Letter of Recommendation
 - Personal Letter of Recommendation
 - Personal Statement Essay
 - Resume
 - If you want to be considered for **need-based scholarships**, will need to provide a copy of your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** form from the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To complete the FAFSA, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- Application DEADLINE is **March 1, 2022**.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- If you have questions/concerns or need assistance with the scholarship, please email Mrs. Malherek, the College & Career Advisor or your school counselor.

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

Eligible: Student who resides in one of the counties served by Colonial Farm Credit, which includes Charles County

Criteria: Varied but includes scholastic ability, leadership, financial need & educational goals

Award: Varies

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

Create-A-Holiday-Card Scholarship

Eligible: High school students

Criteria: Design a greeting card

Award: \$10,000 scholarship

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

Credit Union (CU) Foundation MD/DC

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Member of a Maryland or District Columbia-based credit union, essay

Award: \$1,000 scholarship

Deadline: 3/31; www.cufound.org/scholarship

FEEA Federal employee Education & Assistance Fund

Eligible: Seniors who are children of Federal Employees or postal workers

Criteria: Academic Record, Community Service

Award: \$1,000-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/24 by 3:00pm; www.feea.org/scholarships

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

Albert Burks, Jr. Presidential Scholarship (\$5,000)

Robert Faulk Basley Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500)

Give Back Book Scholarship (\$1,500)

Eligible: Black or African American Seniors

Criteria: Unweighted GPA 2.0+, Maryland resident, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activity involvement, attending a 2- or 4- year college/university, letter of recommendation, essay

Award: \$1,500-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/31; <https://form.jotform.com/lookbackgiveback/2022-look-back-give-back-foundation>

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) – State funded Grants & Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Complete the FAFSA by March 1st to be considered for these opportunities

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/1; <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/descriptions.aspx>

Masonic Charities of Maryland Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Leadership, extracurricular activities, resume, academics, financial need, letters of recommendation, neatness of application

Award: \$500 - \$7,000

Deadline: 3/1; <http://masoniccharitiesmaryland.org/scholarship-program> **CLICK on the 2022 Scholarship Application Form link.**

*****Please bring completed applications to Mrs. Malherek in Career Center no later than 3/1. Please make sure your application and any supporting documents are in an envelope with your name on it and the envelope is addressed to Masonic Charities of Maryland.**

NAACP Charles County Branch – J. Wesley Key Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors of African American descent

Criteria: African American descent, GPA 2.5+, transcripts, letters of recommendation, planning to attend 2- or 4-year college/university OR a career/vocational/technical program

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 3/11; Application available on the *Career Center* page of the St. Charles High School website under **“SCHOLARSHIPS”**.

RN STAT

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

Eligible: Seniors

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

Deadline: 3/25; Application available on the *Career Center* page of the St. Charles High School website under **“SCHOLARSHIPS”**.

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

Eligible: Senior

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

MULTIPLE Scholarships Available:

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

- Zandra Isaac Book Scholarships - \$500

Deadline: 3/15; <https://form.jotform.com/220049100798150> - For questions or additional information, contact Dr. Treesa Elam-Respass: EMAIL - Scholarship@dsttriccounnymd.org or CALL – 301-684-3993

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium

Leslie A. Ebert Legacy of Life Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Write an essay not to exceed 1,000-words persuasive argument or produce a video not to exceed 90 seconds for a selected audience (see scholarship info. for specific details) that will convince them to register to be organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Award: \$1,000-\$5,000

Deadline: 3/31; <https://www.beadonor.org/scholarship/>

April Deadline:

American Foreign Service – National High School Essay Contest

Eligible: 9th-12th grade students, parents **CANNOT** be members of the Foreign Service

Criteria: Essay, US Citizen

Award: \$1,250 - \$2,500

Deadline: 4/4; <http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest>

Bill of Rights Institute

WE THE STUDENTS ESSAY CONTEST

Eligible: 9-12 graders

Criteria: Essay – To see the essay topic, please click on the Scholarship Application link below.

Award: \$500-\$7,500

Deadline: 4/15; **Scholarship Application:** www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/; **Information:** <http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/>

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Maryland Scholarship

William C. Price Memorial Scholarship

Eligible: African-American Seniors

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, U.S. citizen, Letters of Recommendation, essay, ACT/SAT scores (if available), attending 4-year college/university

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: 4/1; <https://buffalosoldiers-maryland.net/william-c-price-scholarship-application/>

Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Open to ALL MAJORS, NO ETHNICITY REQUIREMENT, GPA 3.0+, Plan to attend College/University or Community College, Financial Need, Community Service, Letter of Recommendation from Community Service Advisor, Transcript

Award: Twenty - \$1,000 scholarships

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

Chesapeake Language Project Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Current or former English learner (has participated in ESOL/ESL program), GPT 3.0+, extracurricular activities or work experience, applying to college/university

Award: \$1,000 scholarship

Deadline: 4/15; <http://thechesapeakelanguageproject.org/scholarship-program>

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Business and Finance Scholarship

Rosemary Brinkley Business and Finance Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors who are members of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (*You can open an account and become a member.*)

Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in business, finance, or related field; essay

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: 4/1; <https://supportededucation.org/helping-college-bound-students/>

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union High School Scholarship

Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors who are members of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (*You can open an account and become a member.*)

Criteria: GPA 2.75+ and essay

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: 4/1; <https://supportededucation.org/helping-college-bound-students/>

Maryland Senatorial & Delegate Scholarships

Who may apply???

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

Senatorial Scholarships

Senator Arthur Ellis

301-858-3616

File your FAFSA by March 1st to be considered for this scholarship.

DEADLINE: TBD. **The 2022 – 2023 Senatorial Scholarship will be available in early 2022.** Please check the following website for updated information: <https://arthurellis.us/scholarship.html>

Delegate Scholarships

Delegate Debra Davis

Contact: 301-858-3337

DEADLINE: April 1, 2022. *Applications can be completed ONLINE at:*

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVGVv2kxavXwkZDfCZ0AvMqf0b_IUE9m4W-5waX1KNKihGAQ/viewform

Delegate Edith J. Patterson

Contact: 301-858-3247

DEADLINE: March 31, 2022. The Scholarship Application will be available by the last week of January.

Questions or to request a scholarship application, please email: Edith.Patterson@house.state.md.us

Delegate C.T. Wilson

Contact: 301-858-3325

DEADLINE: TBD. *Scholarship Applications will be available starting January 18, 2022 and will be posted on the Career Center page of the St. Charles High School website. Students can also email Delegate C.T. Wilson's office at C.T.Wilson@house.state.me.us or call 301-858-3325 to request a copy of the scholarship application packet.*

***You MUST live in the 28th District.**

To verify, go to <http://mdelect.net> and type in your address.

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

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

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

Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, D.C. (NOSCDC) Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors who are dependents of an active duty, activated reservist, retired from active duty, or deceased United States Navy (USN) service member

Criteria: Essays, letter of recommendation, transcript

Award: Varies

Deadline: 4/1; <https://noscdc.org/philanthropy>

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Parents/Guardians are SMECO customers, GPA 3.0+, Copy of SAR from FAFSA, Transcripts, Based on Scholastic Achievement (30%); Financial Need (30%); Interview (20%), Community Involvement & School Involvement (20%)

***PARENTS – A copy of pages 1 and 2 of your 2020 tax forms is needed for this scholarship application.**

Award: \$2,500

Deadline: 4/6; <https://smeco.coop/scholarships>

May Deadline:

B. Davis Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors and Seniors

Criteria: 1000-word essay

Award: \$1000

Deadline: 5/21; www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm

Port Tobacco Players Memorial Scholarship

Eligible: Graduating high school senior

Criteria: GPA 3.0+, have participated in the performing arts in some capacity, have been involved in community service in some capacity.

Award: \$1,000

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

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

Eligible: 12th Grade Female Students – Financial assistance to women studying community college or a 4-Year college (ABET-accredited programs) in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology, or computer science

Criteria: Resume, letters of reference/recommendation, transcripts attend 2- or 4- year school

Award: Varied

Deadline: 5/1 for Freshmen Application **(Freshmen Application opens March 1);**

<https://scholarships.swe.org/applications/login.asp>

June Deadline:

Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship

Eligible: 9-12 graders

Criteria: Must have personally experienced challenges with mental health challenges or have had a person close to you who has experienced mental health challenges. US Citizen or permanent legal resident. Essay

Award: \$500

Deadline: 6/1; <https://calvinrosser.com/scholarships/mental-health-awareness>

Ongoing:

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 to \$40,000 and can be used for two- or four-year institutions. Half of all scholarships will be awarded to students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.

1. Build a College List: \$500 **CLOSED**

2. Practice for the SAT: \$500 **CLOSED**

3. Explore Scholarships: \$500 **OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY**

4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500 **CLOSED**

5. Complete the FAFSA: \$500 **OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY**

6. Apply to Colleges: \$500 **OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY**

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

For more information and to apply, CLICK on the link: [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)

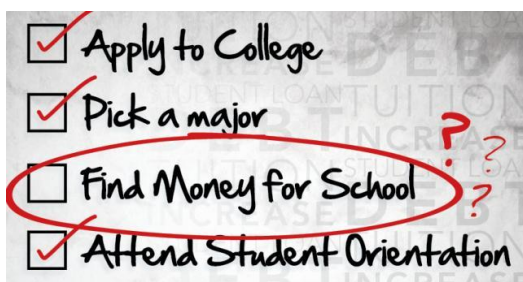
Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.

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 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!!! – (Scholarship information is updated as soon as info. is received!)

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

Build Your Future Scholarships

Scholarships available for seniors planning to attend a technical school or approved craft training program in any discipline of the construction industry. Multiple scholarship opportunities. <http://byf.org/all-resources/scholarships/>

“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, please visit:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/office-child-care/credentialing-branch/child-care-career-and-professional>

Frostburg State University

Music Scholarship Audition days are Saturday, January 22, 2022 and Thursday, February 10, 2022. For more information and the Music and Marching Band Scholarship Applications, please visit: www.frostburg.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/music/admissions/scholarships.php

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>

Horatio Alger Scholarships – MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS!!!

One of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs that assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives. Seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need. For more information about their scholarship programs and the deadlines, visit: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships> **DEADLINE – MARCH 15, 2022**

McDaniel College, Educator's Legacy Scholarship

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

Medical Condition Scholarships

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

How to Search for Scholarships:

The scholarships are sorted several ways:

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

Visit: <http://www.needy meds.org/scholarships.taf>



Mometrix

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

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/>



USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

**See below for full ride scholarships available to high school seniors
to attend certain specific Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)**

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

- Alabama A&M University
- Alcorn State University
- Central State University, Ohio
- Delaware State University
- Florida A&M University
- Fort Valley State University, Georgia
- Kentucky State University
- Langston University, Oklahoma
- Lincoln University, Missouri
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Prairie View A&M University, Texas
- South Carolina State University
- Southern University, Louisiana
- Tennessee State University
- Tuskegee University, Alabama
- University of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Virginia State University
- West Virginia State University

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

DEADLINE: January 31, 2022;

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

Washington College (MD)

National Honor Society Students

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

Award: \$25,000

Deadline: For more information, visit:

<https://www.washcoll.edu/admissions/admitted/available-scholarships.php>

Williamson College of the Trades (PA)

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



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://fafsa.gov> OR <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. On this site you can access help by clicking contact, and then you can 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.careeronestop.org/scholarships

www.blackscholarships.org

www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

www.scholarships.com

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

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

www.finaid.org

www.central-scholarship.org <https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>
www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile/financial-aid.html
www.college-scholarships.com/free-scholarship-searches/

College Affordability and Transparency Center

This website by the U.S. Department of Education provides several tools that allow users **to compare colleges tuition and fees, net price, and other characteristics**. Below is a list of links available:

- **College Scorecard** - Helps you search for a college that is a good fit. You can use the College Scorecard to find out more about a college's **affordability** and **value** so you can make informed decisions about which college to attend.
- **College Navigator** - Helps you **search** for and **compare** colleges based on all sorts of criteria (costs, majors offered, size of school, campus safety, and graduation rates).
- **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: <https://collegecost.ed.gov>

Bold.org

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

Cappex.com/Scholarships

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

Career One Stop

Search more than 7,500 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities:

www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

Central Scholarship Bureau

Seniors planning to attend college full time in the fall who meet other eligibility requirements may apply for scholarships and loans through this Maryland agency. **DEADLINE to APPLY: March 15, 2022** Visit: www.central-scholarship.org

Free-to-Apply Scholarships on NICHE

Compare free-to-apply scholarships to help fund your 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.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

Free Scholarship Searches

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

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



**Are you planning on going to college and wondering how to pay for it?
Don't know where to start?**

Checkout: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>

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

The FAFSA application opened on October 1!!! If you have not completed the FAFSA, it is recommended that you **complete it as soon as possible**. **FINANCIAL AID CAN RUN OUT!!!** If you need some help to complete the FAFSA, visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out>. If you are ready to complete the FAFSA, the **only** website you should use is: <https://fafsa.gov>. On this site you can access help by clicking on the **HELP CENTER**. You will find help topics, or you can click on **CONTACT US** where you can e-mail, call toll free, or live chat with someone.

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

Click to watch



Financial Aid TV

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



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



Want to
COMPARE Financial Aid Award Letters/Offer
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

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



Types of Financial Aid

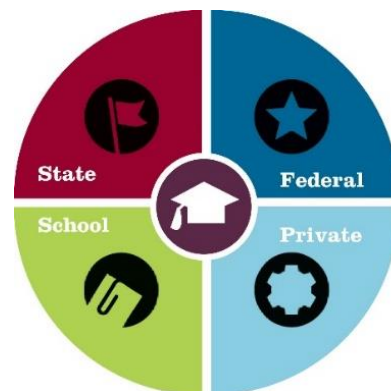
Learn more about the Federal Student Aid at:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types#scholarships>

Sources of Financial Aid

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<https://studentaid.gov>



Federal Student Aid also has a list of RESOURCES you can view and download:

<https://studentaid.gov/resources>

~ CAREER CENTER CALENDAR ~

****This year we are planning to schedule IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL College/Military Visits!!!****

Representatives from various colleges, the armed services, technical schools and apprenticeship programs will be doing **IN-PERSON** and **VIRTUAL COLLEGE/MILITARY VISITS**. The date, time, and details about the visits will be announced at school and sent to students through their StudentVUE emails.

Students are encouraged to go on college websites to check and see what possible in-person and virtual opportunities they may be hosting. Students are also encouraged to schedule an appointment (phone or virtual) to meet with a college admissions counselor. Admission and Military Representatives are available to help students with whatever questions they may have.

Monday, January 3

***Schools open after Winter Break – WELCOME BACK!!!**

Monday, January 10

***Charles County Scholarship Fund Application OPENS**

Monday, January 17

***Schools/Offices Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)**

Wednesday, January 26

2nd Marking Period Ends

Thursday, January 27

3rd Marking Period Begins

Friday, January 21

***Schools Closed for Students (Semester Break)**

Friday, January 28

***2 Hour Early Dismissal (NEW DATE)**



SENIORS...

Please remember to email a copy of ALL your college acceptance letters, scholarships, grants, awards or military commitments to Mrs. Malherek at jmalherek@ccboe.com!!!



Continue to check the Career Center website for more information, resources, and scholarship opportunities!!!

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 contact Mrs. Malherek, the College & Career Advisor.

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).