



# North Point High School

## College & Career Center Newsletter

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#### WELCOME TO SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022!!!

Welcome to a new and exciting year at North Point High School. The College & Career Center has great things to share with all students throughout the school year. For our North Point seniors - this year each of you will make one of the biggest decisions of your life. Deciding what to do following high school graduation is an important one. The Counseling Department and the College & Career Center are here to help you and your parents every step of the way. Seniors ENJOY your last high school year and continue to be a positive influence for those students following you at North Point High School.

All students should visit the College & Career Center and its [webpage](#) often, listen for announcements and read this monthly newsletter for up-to-date information that will relate to you. This newsletter is posted monthly on the North Point website. Discuss this information with your people who will help and support you through this decision making process.



**The Charles County College Fair** hosted by CCPS will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 9am-1pm. The College Fair presents an opportunity for juniors and seniors to talk with representatives from colleges, universities, and trade schools. The College of Southern Maryland will hold a virtual **Financial Aid Presentation** at 6 pm on September 13th. Link will be sent to Juniors and Seniors through Synergy.

The **ASVAB** test date will be Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11am. If you would like to register to take the test, please stop by the College & Career Center and see Mrs. Jones.

**NACAC Virtual College Fair** - More than 600 college and university representatives will be available to talk with you

The following are the fair dates for Fall 2021:

- Sunday, **Aug. 29**: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET
- Sunday, **Sept. 12**: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, **Sept. 28**: Northeastern US Fair: 4-8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, **Oct. 3** Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET
- Thursday, **Oct. 14**: Midwest US Fair: 5-9 p.m. ET
- Sunday, **Oct. 24**: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, **Nov. 2**: Arts & STEM Fair: 4-8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, **Nov. 14**: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET

For more information and to register for this event: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>

Seniors, The final deadline for the **Cameron Impact Scholarship** is September 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. This four-year, full-tuition, merit-based undergraduate scholarship awarded annually to 10-15 exceptional high school students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service. The Cameron Impact Scholar is unique among their high-achieving peers in their desire to make an impact on their communities and in the world at large. For more information and to apply <https://www.bryancameroneducationfoundation.org/scholarship>

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## Four-Year “At-a Glance” Planner

It is important to familiarize yourself with post-secondary options. While there are numerous paths, NPHS College & Career Center focuses on going directly into the workforce, military, Apprenticeships, Vocational/Trade/Private Career Schools, 2-year colleges/universities and 4-year colleges/universities.

### **Freshman Year or Before**

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

### **Sophomore Year**

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

### **Junior Year**

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

### **Senior Year**

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

## **September Grade Level Monthly Reminders**

### **Freshman Planning Guide (freshman year DOES count!)**

- Begin and continue a thorough self-examination of your abilities and interests.
- Study hard and get good grades. Set your academic goals now.
- Think about careers Visit the Career Center.
- Try a sport, club or other activity. (the more unique the better – but something you enjoy)
- Begin your resume. Your history reviewed by college reps and scholarship committees starts now.
- Read! Get to know your Counselor and College & Career Advisor in the Career Center.
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” [www.mycoalition.org](http://www.mycoalition.org)

### **Sophomore Planning Guide**

- Prepare for the PSAT. (Good practice for next year when you will be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition)
- Be sure your course selections are preparing you to reach college admissions standards.
- Start or continue your “brag sheet” or resume.
- *Maintain good grades; READ! (Sophomore and Junior grades almost always count the most)*
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” [www.mycoalition.org](http://www.mycoalition.org)

### **Junior Planning Guide**

- Register for PSAT.
- Continue refining your list of target schools.
- Research schools on the internet or via books and visits. Use CareerCruising.com for research.
- Attend college fairs in your area. Charles County Public Schools’ College Fair is September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Check the Career Center for college reps visiting your high school.
- Research scholarship opportunities using the internet, books, and Career Center resources.
- Update your resume with any new information.
- Plan next two years’ extra-curricular and community service activities.
- Think about when to take the SAT or ACT tests – develop your tentative “test plan.”
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” [www.mycoalition.org](http://www.mycoalition.org)

### **Senior Planning Guide**

- Get a file “bin” and set up a file for each target school.
- Attend all high school college-related meetings.
- Attend college fairs. The Charles County Public Schools College Fair is September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Meet with counselor and ask questions.
- Identify all the application deadlines for your schools and fill out checklist.
- NPHS CEEB code 211061 and have it handy along with your SS#.
- Finalize your resume.
- Research scholarship opportunities from prospective colleges, some require nominations from your counselor.
- Prep for final SAT/ACT testing and register.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation if your colleges want them.
- Request interviews at privates whenever they are available.
- Print practice apps for all your schools even if you will be doing them online.
- Visit the Career Center and begin researching local scholarship opportunities that are available.
- Set up your account with the “Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success” [www.mycoalition.org](http://www.mycoalition.org)



## Keys to College Fair Success

College fairs are in full force this time of year. Many students have never participated in a college fair and are uncertain of what to ask college representatives. Students are wondering if their parents should attend the college fair with them. The individual situations will vary, but one thing all students have in common is that they want to know what to ask at the college fair.

Some general tips to consider: Dress professionally. Do your research ahead of time and look at the school websites of those that interest you. Write down your questions before the fair so that you remember what you want to ask. It gets a little intimidating if you attend a college fair unprepared. A good way to start is by introducing yourself, your field of interest and your high school/grade level. That great opener makes a good impression. Also, consider the following questions:

1. What type of student organizations and clubs are there for students?
2. When are the enrollment deadlines?
3. Do you require a certain SAT/ACT score?
4. Do you have a list of majors available?
5. Will you be reviewing admission applications, if so what do you look for?
6. Can the enrollment fees be waived?
7. What does your school consider for admissions? (i.e. activities, grades, sat scores, experience, interests, etc.)
8. Can you tell me about the safety history of the college and possible the community it is in?
9. What percentage of your students go on to graduate school?
10. What is the placement rate for those seeking employment?
11. What accommodations do you offer for students with physical disabilities or learning differences?
12. What are the retention rates of incoming students at your school?
13. Is tutoring available for all students, if so, is it free?
14. What is the biggest student complaint you hear currently?
15. What is your typical class size look like?
16. Can I have a business card with your direct phone number? (in case you have further questions)
17. What is the parking situation like?
18. Do you offer student housing, if so, for how long?
19. What kind of financial aid does your school offer?
20. What is the cost of going to school there annually? (i.e. tuition, room and board, etc.)
21. Does your school allow double majors or a change of major?
22. Can I work on campus?
23. Does your school offer scholarships or grants for incoming students? How can I be considered?
24. What percentage of students return for their second year?

The goal is to find the perfect fit for you. Self-reflection (and talking to those who know you best such as family and friends) will help you figure out what schools are the best fit.



## Visit a College like an Expert

With the pandemic, it has been difficult to do on-campus tours. However, it is the best way to figure out if a school truly fits you. Take advantage if a school is offering on-campus tours.

It is hard to figure out if a college is a good fit without spending time on the campus and talking to students who have been there a year or more. Even if the college is local or a community college, visit the campus. If your family cannot travel to a college, consider that many colleges now offer virtual tours. To help you prepare for a visit to a college campus, there are some key things to keep in mind.

### **Plan Ahead:**

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

- **Visit websites for information about tours and open houses**, as well as campus maps, and parking information.
- **Ask about visiting a class or two.** Ask which ones are open to visitors, when they are open, and how to go about getting into the class for a visit.
- **Look at the college website and catalog.** Think about what you want to learn on campus and try to figure out where you can find that information while on campus.
- **Fit in additional activities that will give you a better sense of campus life**, such as eating in the cafeteria and reading a copy of the student newspaper. Watch how students interact with one another and think about if this were an environment you would feel comfortable.
- **Schedule enough time** to see and do all you want to do on campus and in the area. It may be easier to visit a college during the summer or winter break, but try to go when school is in session. It will give you a better feel for campus life.

### **What to Bring:**

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

### **Questions To Ask During a Campus Visit**

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

#### **For Students**

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

#### **For the Admissions Office**

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

**There is a College Fit Worksheet available on the NPHS College & Career Center webpage. Be sure to use it when you visit or speak with colleges!!**

## Research and Compare Colleges

**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](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

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

**CollegeBoard My College QuickStart** easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit available free to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. Use access code on PSAT paper score report [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)

**College Fair Guide** Gather information about upcoming Regional and National College Fairs. Search for locations, dates, times, workshops and attending colleges and universities [www.collegefairguide.com](http://www.collegefairguide.com)

**College Fairs Online** Students can chat with admissions reps and get financial aid information as well as ask any questions they have about college, register at [www.collegefairsonline.com](http://www.collegefairsonline.com) to participate

**College Majors** What can I do with this major? Go to [www.collegemajors101.com](http://www.collegemajors101.com)

**College Navigator from the US Dept. of Education**, Find the right college for you: [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)

**College Simply** provides clear, easy to understand admission chances, rankings and tools to help simplify the college search process at [www.collegesimply.com](http://www.collegesimply.com)

**College Visits Tours** Led and supervised by trained staff and high school counselors. Complete list [www.college-visits.com](http://www.college-visits.com). Tours are set up across the United States and Canada. Register online and call 843-853-8149 for details

**College Xpress** Connect with colleges and scholarships at [www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com)

**Exploring College Options** Exploring College Options is a special informational program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country's leading universities: *Duke University*, *Georgetown University*, *Harvard University*, the *University of Pennsylvania*, and *Stanford University*. [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)

**Petersons:** This website provides information and tools to help you find, get in, and pay for school. [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

**Virtual tour:** [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)

## College Application Platforms

**Common Application** - Over 800 schools, in 47 states and the District of Columbia, as well as ones overseas accept this application platform. For more information: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

**Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success** [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org) Over 90 schools use this application platform including The University of Maryland, College Park

- This is an online college application system that allows high school students, grades 9-12 to set up an account and begin learning about the application and financial aid processes.
- There are 95 public and private universities across the U.S. that comprise the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success. <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/alert.html>

**EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application:** Apply to 35+ member institutions with **one** application fee- [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com) Application includes 4 Maryland schools – Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

## College Entrance & Placement Testing

The pandemic caused many college and universities to be Test Optional last school year. We are still seeing some college be test optional for admissions this school year. Verify with individual schools if they are going test optional this application cycle. Also, keep in mind, some merit scholarships are based on SAT/ACT scores. You will need to clarify that with individual schools as well.

### **What is the PSAT?**

PSAT Information - The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 13th for sophomore students and Tuesday, October 26th for all freshmen and juniors interested in taking the test. The deadline for students to register is September 10th. The cost for freshmen is \$19.

The PSAT is comprised of one 60-minute reading section, one 70-minute math section, and one 35-minute writing and language section. It is NOT used to determine college admissions. It is intended to help students prepare for the SAT AND is used as a National Merit Scholarship Qualifier. Section scores (one math and one reading/writing) are between 160 and 760 for each of the two section scores. The sum of the test scores is between 320 and 1520.

National Merit Scholarship - If you score well on the PSAT and meet additional academic requirements, you may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program (a nationally distributed merit-based scholarship. ONLY scores from the junior year are used to determine qualification for the National Merit Program. For more information visit: <https://www.nationalmerit.org/>

**What is the SAT and ACT?** The SAT and ACT are standardized college admission tests. The test measures the same thing in the same way for everyone who takes it. The results of the tests help colleges determine how well prepared you are for college-level work. Most four-year colleges require that students submit SAT or ACT scores.

**When should you take the SAT/ACT?** Most students take the SAT or ACT for the first time in the spring of junior year. Students who choose to take the SAT or ACT a second time typically do so in late summer or fall of senior year.

For more information on SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

For more information on ACT: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**Be sure to check out Mrs. Jones sway presentation on College Entrance Testing on the NPHS College & Career Center webpage.**

**What are placement exams?** Many colleges will also have a placement exam that you will need to schedule with your college after you receive your acceptance letter.

**Where do I go to find help with test preparation?** The best thing you can do is take time to prepare and get familiar with the test format before you take the test and PRACTICE! There are many resources out there to help you prepare for the SAT, ACT, ASVAB or college placement testing. Some resources require a fee, while many others are completely FREE! Students are also welcome to visit the College & Career Center to find additional resources! The websites below have FREE practice questions, study guides, articles, flashcards, quizzes, formulas, exam strategies, punctuation rules, grammar rules and more! You have no more excuses...it is time for YOU to get started!

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

[www.actstudent.org/testprep](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep)

[www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

[www.majortests.com](http://www.majortests.com)

[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)

[www.4tests.com](http://www.4tests.com)

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)

**FairTest:** This list includes institutions that are “test optional”, “test flexible” or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT. [www.fairtest.org/university/optional](http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional)

## Financial Aid information

### Who should apply and when?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1<sup>st</sup> for current seniors. The FAFSA is the foundation for most financial aid (even some merit aid). It is important that seniors fill it out timely as different schools have different deadlines for the completion of the FAFSA, Seniors should be looking for scholarships now through the end of their time in college. I recommend that seniors check in with their College and Career Advisor at least once a week. Also, check the scholarship section of this newsletter monthly.

### There are four main types of Financial Assistance:

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

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

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

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

**Loans** – Must be repaid.

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

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

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

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

Work-study is applied for on the FAFSA.



**Get ready for the FAFSA October 1<sup>st</sup> opening date by creating an FSA ID.**

1. In order to complete the FAFSA, both the student and parent/guardian will need to create an FSA ID.
2. Please note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address.
3. Create an FSA ID at [Create Account | Federal Student Aid](#)



## NCAA Eligibility Center Information

### What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

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

### How to find answers to your questions

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

- Accessing the NCAA Eligibility Center's resource page on its website at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)
- Contacting the NCAA Eligibility Center at (toll free): 877/262-1492 Fax: 317/968-5100

Keep track of your courses and the units that apply towards eligibility. Use the [www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://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.

**Athletically Related Financial Aid:** Athletic scholarships are awarded by NCAA Divisions I and II colleges and universities. Division III colleges and universities do not award financial aid based on athletic ability, but you may be eligible to receive academic scholarships or need-based financial aid.

#### How to Activate Your FREE Membership

**Step 1:** Go to [www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://www.CoreCourseGPA.com)

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

**School ID: 211061**

**School Code: 726090004**



### Steps to Achieving Your Eligibility:

#### Freshmen and Sophomores

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match your high school's List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use only approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- At the beginning of your sophomore year, complete your online registration at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- If you fall behind, do not take short cuts. Classes you take must be four-year college preparatory and must meet NCAA requirements.

#### Juniors

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

#### Seniors

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

## Maryland Higher Education Resources



### 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](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)

### College Resources & Financial Aid Programs:

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

### 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. Visit [Community College Promise Scholarship \(maryland.gov\)](http://Community College Promise Scholarship (maryland.gov)) for more information How to Apply, Eligibility Criteria, Award Amount, Renewing an Award, Service Obligation Requirements

### 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: <https://artsys.usmd.edu/>

### Maryland Private Career Schools:

Maryland offers numerous private career school opportunities. Private Career Schools are also variously known as trade or technical schools or occupational training schools. These schools focus on a wide range of skilled training including cosmetology, real estate, computer, and truck driving. Search for more information and programs at [PCS Search \(maryland.gov\)](http://PCS Search (maryland.gov))

## Research Jobs & 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](http://www.careeronestop.com)

**Career Coach** – College of Southern Maryland has a website that is available for students to use as they prepare for their future. It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Visit the website at: [www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/career-services/explore-your-options/](http://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/career-services/explore-your-options/)

**College Majors** – Visit the following website: [www.collegemajors101.com](http://www.collegemajors101.com)

**BrainTrack's Career Guide** - [www.braintrack.com/colleges-by-career](http://www.braintrack.com/colleges-by-career). This guide offers in-depth career profiles as well as degree and wage statistics for over 300 occupations that commonly require college or university education.

### **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](http://www.indeed.com), [www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com), [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org), [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com), [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org), [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)
- The Maryland Job Service is located at 175 Post Office Road in Waldorf, Maryland. Office hours for Job Service referrals are from 8:00 am-3:00 pm daily. Maryland Job Service: 301-645-8712 or go online at: [www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/) OR the Maryland Workforce Exchange website at: <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>
- Federal Jobs and Internships – Students and recent graduates may be eligible for federal internships and job opportunities through the Pathways and other student programs: [www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students](http://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students)

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

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

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

**My Next Move** – U.S. Department of Labor's Career Search Tool: [www.mynextmove.org](http://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](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp)

**STEM Jobs** – Discover your career, do what you love, go to [www.STEMjobs.com](http://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 <http://www.UDSJOBS.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](http://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](http://www.seafarers.org) Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, 45353 St. Georges Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674

**Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc** – A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, [www.seafarers.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.yearup.org) and <https://www.yearup.org/about-us/ourlocations/national-capital-region>. You can also contact the admissions office at 703-312-9327 or [NCRadmissions@yearup.org](mailto: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](http://www.apprenticeship.gov)

MD State Apprenticeship and Training Program [www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/)

Baltimore DC Building Trades <https://www.bdcbt.org/>

**Boilmakers:** Fabrication (and repairs) of steel, iron or copper into boilers. Local #45- Zone 193, (410) 355-2344 [www.boilmakers.org](http://www.boilmakers.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.ibewlocal26.org); <http://www.getchargedup.org>

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

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

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

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



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

**Sprinkler Fitters:** Sprinkler fitters are pipefitters who specialize in the repair and 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/)



## Military News

### Military Websites

[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)  
**AIR FORCE**  
[www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)  
**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**  
[www.nationalguard.com](http://www.nationalguard.com)  
  
**COAST GUARD**  
[www.gocoastguard.com](http://www.gocoastguard.com)

**NAVY**  
[www.navy.com](http://www.navy.com)  
**MARINE CORPS**  
[www.marines.com](http://www.marines.com)  
**AIR NATIONAL GUARD**  
[www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com)  
  
**COAST GUARD RESERVE**  
[www.uscg.mil/reserve/](http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/)

**ARMY RESERVE**  
[www.goarmyreserve.com](http://www.goarmyreserve.com)  
**NAVY RESERVE**  
[www.navyreserve.com](http://www.navyreserve.com)  
**AIR FORCE RESERVE**  
[www.afreserve.com](http://www.afreserve.com)  
**MARINE CORPS RESERVE**  
[www.marines.com/eligibility/service-options/reserve](http://www.marines.com/eligibility/service-options/reserve)

### ASVAB

**What is the ASVAB?** The *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)* is a multi-aptitude test battery. It consists of eight short individual tests covering General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension. Not only do you receive scores on each of these individual tests, you also receive career exploration scores. These scores are the results of individual tests combined to yield three career exploration scores: Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills.

**What is the relationship between the ASVAB and the Military?** ASVAB participants are **not** under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. However, a junior or senior can use their scores from the ASVAB to enlist in the Military after graduation. The scores are good for two years. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations. Visit the website at [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com).

ASVAB Links:

- ✓ Information about the ASVAB - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/>
- ✓ Parent Fact Sheet - [http://asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB\\_factsheet-parents.pdf](http://asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB_factsheet-parents.pdf)
- ✓ Overview of the Program - [http://www.asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB\\_Fact%20Sheet.pdf](http://www.asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB_Fact%20Sheet.pdf)
- ✓ Sample questions - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=overview.testsample>
- ✓ FREE help and practice questions - <https://www.march2success.com/>, [www.asvabtutor.com](http://www.asvabtutor.com); [www.military.com](http://www.military.com), [www.tests.com](http://www.tests.com);
- ✓ ASVAB Program Arcade Games - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/games/index.html>

**The ASVAB is FREE and available for interested Juniors and Seniors.**

**North Point's ASVAB test date Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please see Mrs. Jones in the College & Career Center to register.**

### Selective Service

Selective Service is a government agency with the task of providing untrained manpower for the Armed Forces should there be a national emergency. If you are a man, aged 18 through 25 and living in the U.S., then you **must** register with Selective Service. *It's the law.* According to law, a man must register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. But, it's quick and painless. And, you stay eligible for school loans, jobs, and job training. It only takes 2 minutes on your smart phone or computer at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You can also register at the post office.



## Volunteer

**Volunteer opportunities are a very important part of your resume, college application, and job application. Make sure you take advantage of getting involved and volunteering!!! Colleges and businesses are looking for well-rounded individuals who are making a difference!!! With COVID-19, some of the volunteer policies have changed. Make sure you are contacting the organization directly for current guidelines.**

\***Charles County Children's Aid Society:** Volunteers are needed on a daily basis or various activities. For more information, visit: <http://childrens-aid-society.org/> or contact the volunteer coordinator at 301-645-1561.

\***Charles County Sheriff's Office TEEN COURT:** TEEN COURT is seeking youth volunteers to serve as jurors and prosecution and defense attorneys. To find out more about this program contact Ms. Sarah Vaughan, Teen Court Coordinator, at 301-609-3916 or visit [www.ccsso.us](http://www.ccsso.us).

\***The Humane Society of Charles County, Inc.:** The Junior Volunteer Program is set up for those who are under 18. You can complete a volunteer Enrollment form online at <https://humanesocietycc.org/volunteer/>. For questions email Heather Takeuchi at [htakeuchi@humanesocietycc.org](mailto:htakeuchi@humanesocietycc.org) or call 301-645-8181.

\***LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.:** Volunteers are needed to help provide services to those who are economically disadvantaged. For more information, call 301-609-9900.

\***Melwood:** Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas that help individuals of differing abilities. If you are interested in volunteering with Melwood, contact [volunteer@melwood.org](mailto:volunteer@melwood.org) or call 301-599-2724.

\***Our Place Soup Kitchen:** Volunteers are needed to sponsor dinners, set up, clean up, and serve the meals. To find out more information about volunteering go to: [www.OurPlaceWaldorf.org](http://www.OurPlaceWaldorf.org) or email [our-place@verizon.net](mailto:our-place@verizon.net).

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

\***Rotary Club of Charles County:** The Rotary Club is a service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization open to all. The Charles County Rotary Club is going virtual and will meet on Mondays from 6 – 7PM through Zoom. Students can register by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4eada729abfd0-rotary>

\***Southern Maryland Food Bank:** Volunteer opportunities for ages 16+ or 12-15 with an adult. Volunteers work in the Food Pantry stocking, bagging, and distributing food. You can visit <https://southernmarylandfoodbank.com/volunteering/> or contact them at 301-274-0695.

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

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

\***UM Charles Regional Medical Center** – Volunteer Program Teens between the ages of 14 and 17 are exposed to the healthcare environment while deciding if healthcare is the career for them. The program also offers teens an opportunity to serve their community and its residents. Volunteers learn about the hospital setting while assisting staff members and patients. Volunteers spend between 4 and 30 hours each week at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center over the summer. For more information visit <https://charlesregionalcareers.org/volunteer>

## **VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL!!!**

**There are numerous clubs available for you to join at North Point High School. Many of the clubs participate in several service projects throughout the year that benefit members of our community. Make sure you join at least one of these clubs so you can VOLUNTEER and BE THE DIFFERENCE!!!**



## Scholarships

### **September Deadline:**

#### Cameron Impact Scholars

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** For those who have demonstrated excellence in academics (3.7+), extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service.

**Award:** Full tuition, fees, and books

**Deadline:** 9/10, <https://www.bryancamereducationfoundation.org/scholarship>

#### The Gates Scholarship

**Eligible:** Seniors

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

**Award:** Based on FAFSA

**Deadline:** 9/15, [www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship](http://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship)

#### QuestBridge

**Eligible:** Seniors

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

**Award:** Four-year scholarships

**Deadline:** 9/28, [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)

### **October Deadline:**

#### AES Engineering Scholarship

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

**Criteria:** submit the essay to: [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com)

**Award:** \$500

**Deadline:** 10/8 <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>

#### Coca-Cola Scholars Program

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

**Criteria:** Demonstrated leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement, employment

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

**Deadline:** 10/31 students apply on-line [www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org)

#### Horatio Alger Association Awards

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** GPA 2.0+, students must demonstrate integrity, hard work, academic achievement, participation in their community, and plan to pursue bachelor's degree, also demonstrates financial need.

**Award:** various

**Deadline:** various, apply online at <http://scholars.horatioalger.org>

#### UMBC Meyerhoff Scholarship Program

**Eligible:** High School Seniors

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

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

**Deadline:** Students interested in being considered for nomination must email Mrs. Jones at [cajones@ccboe.com](mailto:cajones@ccboe.com) by 10/1

#### Wendy's High School Heisman Award

**Eligible:** Seniors

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

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

**Deadline:** 10/19 apply online at [www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com](http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com)

**November Deadline:**

**Hispanic Heritage Foundation/Youth Awards**

**Eligible:** Senior, Hispanic heritage, enroll at an accredited higher education institution

**Criteria:** GPA 3.0+ unweighted, community involvement

**Award:** up to \$3,500

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

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

**Eligible:** Students in grades 5 - 12

**Criteria:** has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred within the past year, school nomination required

**Award:** \$1,000, medallion & all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. with parent in May.

**Deadline:** 11/10 application due online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> Please email Mrs. Jones [cajones@ccboe.com](mailto:cajones@ccboe.com) if you submitted an application

**December Deadline:**

**Kahlert Foundation Scholarship for Towson UTeach**

**Eligible:** Seniors

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

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** 12/1; for more information about and how to apply, visit: [www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/uteach/scholarships.html](http://www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/uteach/scholarships.html)

**February Deadline:**

**National Society DAR Scholarships**

Multiple scholarships, pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education. For information and applications: [http://dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm)

**Deadline:** 2/15

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** 3.0+ unweighted GPA, low income (will need to submit FAFSA)

**Award:** varies

**Deadline:** 2/14; for more information about and how to apply, visit: [HSF: Scholarship](#)

**Ongoing:**

**Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.**

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

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

**Apply:** [www.kidschance-md.org](http://www.kidschance-md.org)

## SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information on-line

[www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)

[Scholarships.com Search Free College Scholarships Financial Aid Grants Scholarships College Scholarship Free Scholarships](#)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

[www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

[www.central-scholarship.org](http://www.central-scholarship.org)

[Scholarship Finder | CareerOneStop](#)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> [www.collegecost.ed.gov](http://www.collegecost.ed.gov)

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

[www.going2college.org](http://www.going2college.org)

[ACT College Planning Resources - Students and Parents | ACT](#)

[Black Scholarships | African American Scholarships | Black Colleges](#)

[WELCOME TO UNCF SCHOLARSHIPS, PROGRAMS, INTERNSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS!](#)

### **College Board Opportunity Scholarships**

This program is a guide for the college application process. Multiple ways to earn scholarships up to \$40,000.

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org>

**College Affordability and Transparency Center** This website by the U.S. Department of Education helps students find information about how much it costs to attend different colleges. [www.collegecost.ed.gov](http://www.collegecost.ed.gov) below is a list of links available:

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

### **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 [Post-9/11 GI Bill | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#). U.S. Senate approved a new benefit for student veterans and their families. The proposal would require public universities that want to continue receiving GI Bill benefits to offer recent veterans in-state tuition. Veterans’ spouses and dependents are also being eligible for the benefit.

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund** senior, citizens or legal permanent residents, GPA min 3.0 cumulative, plan to enroll in college full time in the Fall, apply online: [www.HSF.net/scholarships](http://www.HSF.net/scholarships) , applications close in December

### **Medical Condition Scholarships**

Scholarships that are offered for students with specific medical conditions or 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.

**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](#)

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

**By School** - To be eligible for scholarships offered by individual schools, the student must apply and be planning to attend that particular college or university. Check the individual school website for latest information

**"CALL ME MISTER"** program is offered by four historical black colleges in South Carolina: Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College and South Carolina State University. For more information, go to <https://www.clemson.edu/education/callmemister/> for details online or call 1-800-6402657.

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

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

**National YoungArts Foundation** Artist between the ages of 15 and 18 or grades 10 to 12, YoungArts has recognized more than 20,000 young artists and facilitated more than \$60 million in scholarships in the past two years. Applications accepted in Cinematic Arts, Dance, Design Arts, Jazz, Music, Photography, Theater, Visual Arts, Voice, Writing, and Spoken Word. DEADLINE: 10/15; [www.youngarts.org/apply](http://www.youngarts.org/apply)

#### **Gordon Croft Scholarships**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Visit the NPHS College & Career Center website to view more information on post-high school activities, important notices on upcoming events, and scholarships. These programs and scholarships are provided as a courtesy. Charles County Public Schools and North Point High School do not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jones at [cjones@ccboe.com](mailto:cjones@ccboe.com).*

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