



# North Point High School

## College & Career Center Newsletter

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#### NEWS BRIEFS

##### SENIOR CLASS 2021 ORIENTATION

The Student Services Team conducted Senior orientation presentations which included Senior Survey, College/Career Information Session, and Senior Transcript/Course Validation. Counselors and the College & Career Advisor will be meeting with seniors to follow up on these orientation presentations October 5-8.

##### Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) October 21-30

The MCAC is a program designed to help high school seniors navigate the college application process and to increase the number of seniors completing at least one college application. Seniors, Look for Mrs. Jones to visit your English classes during that week. Several colleges are offering **application fee waivers** for this program. Watch your emails to obtain waiver codes.

##### FAFSA

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)** for the Class of 2022 is now open!! Seniors who are planning to attend any type of post-secondary educational program need to complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is used by all schools in awarding federal student aid such as federal loans, federal grants, and federal work-study. In addition, schools will use the information from the FAFSA to offer school based financial aid awards to students.

- Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](https://studentaid.gov/fsaid)
- Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 every year you plan to attend school at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Expect to receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 3 days (if you complete your FAFSA online). Review for accuracy. Make corrections or updates.

The recording for the **Virtual Financial Aid Presentation by CSM from September 13<sup>th</sup> is now available.** To view the meeting - [https://csmd.zoom.us/rec/share/NKJx0wTUxfiLX4vdAlbxYTppNh6DmTY6ea4QcTxyGd6eVxcqkT7\\_DqYSjHENiA-0.AdrOAPhp8qhN9CrA](https://csmd.zoom.us/rec/share/NKJx0wTUxfiLX4vdAlbxYTppNh6DmTY6ea4QcTxyGd6eVxcqkT7_DqYSjHENiA-0.AdrOAPhp8qhN9CrA).

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#### **Quick overview of Post-Secondary options and actions:**

1. Direct workforce – Create a LinkedIn profile and start networking.
2. Military – Check out [FUTURES Magazine — Today's Military \(todaysmilitary.com\)](https://www.todaysmilitary.com). Prepare for ASVAB testing. Stay in Shape.
3. Apprenticeships – Check out info on [Local Unions](https://www.localunions.org). Make sure you have your driver's license. Prepare for aptitude testing
4. Vocational/Trade/Private Career Schools – Research different industries and schools at [PCS Search \(maryland.gov\)](https://www.pcssearch.org)
5. 2-year schools – College of Southern Maryland is our local college, but also check out Allegany College of Maryland which has dorms and different program options.
6. 4-yearschoools – Find your fit at [www.bigfuture.com](https://www.bigfuture.com).

## October Grade Level Reminders

### 9th Grade Freshmen:

- Plan and become involved in extracurricular activities, clubs, etc.,
- Position yourself for leadership opportunities, ex. SGA officer.
- Keep up your grades. Be sure teachers know you care!
- If you are struggling with course work, be sure to seek tutoring.
- READ as much as you can. Reading has a huge effect on your vocabulary, hence your standardized test results.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Sophomores:

- Prepare to take the PSAT.
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities and leadership roles.
- Keep up your grades and seek tutoring if needed. Make sure your teachers know you are a serious student.
- Visit the College & Career Center website to view information to help you prepare for the future.
- Use the XELLO app under Clever in Office 365 to research and update your career matches. Start or continue your Academic Resume.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Juniors:

- Register for the PSAT As a junior, the PSAT qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship competition.
- Keep up your grades. Seek tutoring if you need help. Study hard and aim for that A or B!
- Set up or add to your personal file or bin which includes awards, articles, prizes, earned. Update your resume.
- Join in on North Point live virtual visits with College representatives to begin creating your list of prospective colleges.
- Visit virtual college fairs at <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Seniors:

- Join in on North Point live virtual visits with College representatives to finalize your list of prospective colleges.
- Visit virtual college fairs at <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>
- Continue to work on completing your college applications gathering all the required documents and recommendations. Make sure you apply by the early action or priority dates. Remember selecting the **early decision** date locks you into a binding contract to attend that college.
- Attend college open houses and information sessions to find out if your choice is a good fit for you.
- Remember to ask for any separate applications that are needed for financial aid opportunities. Many colleges have **early fall deadlines for specific merit scholarships**. Check with the financial aid office and/or their website for available scholarships. Some of these merit and service scholarships require a nomination from your high school counselor or another high school recommender.
- Complete and submit your FAFSA!!!

## Research Jobs & Careers



**XELLO** - Students are able to take **Interest and Skills Assessments**, look at **Career Profiles**, watch Multimedia Interviews, research College and Financial Aid Information, save items to the Electronic Career Portfolio and create a resume using the Resume Builder. To access the website go under Clever in Office 365

**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)

**Federal Government Jobs and Internships** – Opportunities for jobs with the Federal Government <http://www.USAJOBS.GOV> Under "Explore Hiring Paths" CLICK on "Students and recent graduates."

**Marine Trades Association of Maryland** – Career opportunities in the boating industry. [www.mtam.org](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

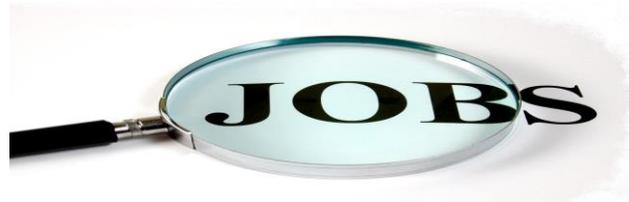
**Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc** – A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, [www.seafarers.org](http://www.seafarers.org). Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for 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)

**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).



## 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 representatives.**

**Get creative and think about your talents and how they can best serve our community during this pandemic.**

**Please note that during the Covid-19 pandemic, some of these volunteer opportunities may be operating under alternate plans. Please contact them directly to get all details.**

- \***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!!!**



## Military News

### **Military Service Academies**

You can earn an officer commission in the United States armed forces through one of the federal service academies, also referred to as military academies. The academies are colleges for the undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States armed forces.

#### **The United States operates five service academies:**

- United States Military Academy - West Point, New York <http://www.usma.edu>
- United States Naval Academy - Annapolis, Maryland <http://www.usna.edu>
- United States Coast Guard Academy - New London, Connecticut <http://www.uscg.edu/opportunity/>
- United States Merchant Marine Academy - Kings Point, New York <http://www.usmma.edu>
- United States Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, Colorado <http://www.academyadmissions.com>

#### **How to Receive an Appointment to a Military Academy**

Applicants to all service academies, except for the United States Coast Guard Academy, must obtain a nomination to the school either through a Senator or Representative, the [White House](#) (Vice President or President). Applicants to the Coast Guard Academy compete in a nationwide competitive process for nominations. Applicants are encouraged to seek nominations from ALL nominating sources.

**Contact Information: Visit the websites to determine their nomination process, application deadlines and interview dates.**

**Senator Benjamin L. Cardin** – [www.cardin.senate.gov](http://www.cardin.senate.gov)

**Senator Christopher Van Hollen** – [www.vanhollen.senate.gov](http://www.vanhollen.senate.gov)

**Congressman Steny H. Hoyer**— [www.hoyer.house.gov](http://www.hoyer.house.gov)

### 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).

Test study and practice at [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com), <http://www.march2success.com>

### 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.

## 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.boilermakers.org](http://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.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/)



## Opportunities

**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. The next CyberSaturday is scheduled for: October 16, 2021. For more information and to register, go to: [www.captechu.edu/degrees-andprograms/cyber-saturday](http://www.captechu.edu/degrees-andprograms/cyber-saturday)

**CSM Dual Enrollment Information Session** - Dual Enrollment Information Night on November 3, 2021. (Students can RSVP by clicking this zoom link <https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2021/11/charles-county-dual-enrollment-virtual-information-night.html>).

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

Exploring College Options is a special informational program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the county's leading universities. During the program, admission officers from our five universities will introduce their institutions, discuss the college application process, answer general questions, and provide individual school breakout sessions. For more information and to register for the webinar date and time that best fits your schedule, please go to: [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)

**Harvard, Princeton, UVA, Wellesley, Yale Information Session** – October 3, 2021 and October 5, 2021. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.hpuwy.com](http://www.hpuwy.com)

**National Security Agency Summer Internships** Gifted and Talented STEM Program for seniors who possess outstanding academic credentials in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, 10-12 weeks position starting in June [www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html](http://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html), contact Ashley Belt, [albelt@nsa.gov](mailto:albelt@nsa.gov), 410-854-4288, deadline October 31<sup>st</sup>

**SEAP Internship Program, Science and Engineering Apprentice Program**, 2021 summer programs offer select rising 10<sup>th</sup> through graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders an opportunity to explore and pursue careers in science and technology, 8 weeks each summer. Stipend \$3500 (\$4,000 returning student) [Science and Engineering Apprentice Program \(SEAP\) | High School Internship, Navy, STEM, science, technology, engineering \(navalsteminterns.us\)](#) Apply by 11/1



## Testing



***While most colleges are going test optional again this year for admissions, some schools are still requiring an SAT or ACT score in order to qualify for certain merit financial aid. Check with the college(s) you are interested in to see what their test optional policy is for merit based aid.***

*Students who qualify for FREE/REDUCED LUNCH should see Mrs. Jones to get a FEE WAIVER so you do not have to pay to take the ACT or 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. [www.fairtest.org/university/optional](http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional)

### ***When should you take the SAT or 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 the fall of senior year.

### ***How do I know which test to take: SAT or ACT?***

Check out this great [College Admissions Tests](#) presentation which helps to identify the differences.

Here are some resources for test prep at all levels (in no particular order):

**Study Island:** Students can access Study Island on their Office 365 Account. Students should click on the CLEVER app, then click on the Study Island link. Once at the Study Island, click on the US PROGRAMS tab on the left, and then click on ACT or SAT.

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

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) - online registration and prep for ACT

[www.Number2.com](http://www.Number2.com) - free SAT coaching

[www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com) - relatively new program with several options

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com) - a popular service – test prep and more

[www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com) - another popular service for test prep

[www.sylvanlearning.com/](http://www.sylvanlearning.com/) - another popular service for test prep

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) - this is also where you register

[www.freevocabulary.com](http://www.freevocabulary.com) - 5000 vocabulary words that may be on SAT

[www.testprepreview.com/](http://www.testprepreview.com/) - practice tests and advice

**CSM ACT/SAT Test Prep Class** - The CSM link to where students can register for the SAT/ACT prep course with Personal Enrichment: <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/kids-and-teen-college/index-summer.html>. It is under the “View All Classes” link under the Young Adult (14+) category.

**Colleges will still use their own method to evaluate scores sent. Some colleges take your best single sitting; others take your best from each test section.**

## Playing Sports Beyond High School

**Want to Play College Sports? You MUST Know Your Core Course GPA.**

***North Point High School*** has teamed up with [CoreCourseGPA.com](http://CoreCourseGPA.com) to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements.

***Be sure to double check your Core Classes with your guidance counselor to be sure they count with eligibility requirements.***

**CoreCourseGPA.com** calculates core course GPA for both the Division I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores, and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed. All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their FREE membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

### **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](#)

### NCAA Eligibility Center Information

Any junior wishing to play collegiate sports at the Division I or II level needs to register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Initial-Eligibility Center at this time. Visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for all the pertinent information you will need to compete in college.

Remember ACT/SAT test scores are reported directly from the testing agencies to NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center. When registering for the exams, include "9999" in the send score reports section.

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

Think junior colleges! Think community colleges! Many community and junior colleges across the country have full athletic programs including **tackle football**. Visit the **National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association's** website at [www.njcaa.org](http://www.njcaa.org) and find out where you can use your talents while building your academic skills for transfer to a four-year college or university program.



## 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

**Career Cruising:** Interest and Skills Assessments - Career Profiles - Multimedia Interviews - College and Financial Aid Information - Electronic Career Portfolio - Resume Builder [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

**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 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 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 Week Live** Virtual College Info free and available online [www.CollegeWeekLive.com](http://www.CollegeWeekLive.com) November Global College & University Fair, 11/13, connect with top universities across the U.S. and all around the world

**Exploring College Options** Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn and Stanford [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) [www.campuscorner.com](http://www.campuscorner.com).

**XELLO (Formerly Career Cruising)** Interest and Skills Assessments - Career Profiles - Multimedia Interviews - College and Financial Aid Info - Electronic Career Portfolio - Resume Builder Students can access XELLO under Microsoft 365 Clever account.



## Maryland Resources

**Maryland Guide to Higher Education** 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 that affect students on a statewide basis. <https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Academic Common Market** tuition savings program for college students who live in the 16 states that are members of the Southern Regional Education Board and want to pursue a degree not available in your home state yet pay in-state rates. [https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions\\_training/Pages/acadaff/commonmarket.aspx](https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/commonmarket.aspx)

**ARTSYS** Articulation system for transferring courses from one Maryland University or College to another, [artsys.usmd.edu](http://artsys.usmd.edu)

**Financial Aid Resources:** The State has an extensive range of 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, click on the following link: <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/index.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. For more information on How to Apply, Eligibility Criteria, Award Amount, Renewing an Award, Service Obligation Requirements visit [https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog\\_MDCommunityCollegePromiseScholarship.aspx](https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_MDCommunityCollegePromiseScholarship.aspx)

## **Touring College Campuses and College Fairs**

Even with the current health pandemic, campus tours and college fairs are vital. Most colleges have transitioned seamlessly with virtual campus tours, fairs and visits.

**HBCU Week 2021 Virtual College Fair** - Friday and Saturday October 1 and 2, 2021 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Upload your transcript and ACT and or SAT Test Score Reports for possible on-site Admission. REGISTER at: <https://ugoevents.ugovirtual.com/event/HBCUWeek2021/register>

**NACAC Virtual College Fair** - More than 600 college and university representatives will be available to talk with you  
Sunday, Oct. 3rd<sup>h</sup> from 1 - 6 pm  
Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 6 pm  
Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 6 pm  
For more information and to register for this event: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>

## **How to Complete a College Application**

**Getting Ready to Apply** Be sure you have your Social Security Number and your high school's CEEB code handy. They will go on all applications. (Note: Keep your Social Security Number private.)

**North Point High School's CEEB code is 211061.**

**Your Application - Written** Most applications are now done on-line. If, for whatever reason, you are submitting a paper application, then take note. Your application is one of the few things seen by an admissions officer directly. The appearance of your application is a reflection on you. Start working on your applications early, as rush jobs are easy to spot. Practice by downloading a copy of the application and filling it out. Use a black pen and avoid errors. Think carefully about your answers and review them. Ideally, have a parent check them. Be truthful, be specific, and be accurate; but do not hesitate to put your best foot forward.

**Your Application – On-Line** Most college prefer, or even require, on-line applications. This solves the neatness issue, but can cause other problems. It is easier to make and miss mistakes on an on-line application. You should still download or request a paper copy of the application and fill it out before doing the on-line form. Pay attention to the on-line instructions. If your browser blocks pop-ups, you may need to disable that feature for on-line applications. As the deadlines draw near, the websites begin to slow down tremendously and this dramatically affects your time spent filing them out. Sluggish websites are simply overloaded with applicants, so it pays not to be one of the late ones. Applying on-line early saves time in the end and reflects on your time management skills as well. Procrastinators are easy to identify in the

application process; they are the ones on-line at midnight on the deadline day. On the other hand, do not pull an all-nighter to be the first on-line applicant at your school of choice. It is not a race, and there is no advantage to being first.

**Transcripts** Many applications will ask for your classes and grades as part of the form. Be accurate and truthful, because they will still obtain an official transcript in the end. Falsifying anything on the application is a sure way to be rejected.

Often the application will include a form for requesting a transcript, but pay attention to the individual instructions for each college's application. Many colleges do not want the transcript initially, but instead will ask for it from accepted students only. Obviously, that would be much later in the process. Other colleges, especially privates, may want it initially. Do not send things that the school does not want. Pay attention to their instructions.

**Additional Requirements for Some Majors** Pay special attention to whether your intended major has additional requirements, such as portfolios, tapes, or additional letters of recommendation. This is not uncommon.

**Make Copies** In all cases, make a copy of the application (paper or on-line) before sending it. The on-line ones can generally be printed. But one way or another, save a copy for your files.

**Certificate of Mailing** For anything important that you mail, obtain a certificate of mailing (only a little over \$1) from the post office. This gives you proof of the day the item was mailed. Use this for applications, secondary school reports (from your counselor), transcripts, and anything else you consider critical. When close to deadlines, this is can be valuable insurance.

**On-Line Receipt** Most, if not all, on-line applications finish with a receipt or confirmation page as you submit the application. Print and save this receipt page. It will often indicate that you have paid the application fee by credit card (or whatever) as well. There are generally other ways to pay the fee if you prefer.

**Fees** Application fees generally range from \$35 to \$95. Four fee waivers are generally issued to applicants who qualified under the SAT and ACT Fee Waiver programs. The Fee Waiver program is available to juniors and seniors based on economic need.

**Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success** [www.mycoalition.org](http://www.mycoalition.org), 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, over 150 public and private universities across the U.S. that comprise the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success. <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/alert.html>

**The Common Application(s)** Over 800 schools, in 47 states and the District of Columbia, as well as ones overseas accept this application platform. Colleges and universities have worked together to develop and distribute a Common Application. Colleges "join" this effort, and their membership means that they accept the Common Application and commit to considering it equally to their own. You can visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) for more information and a list of member institutions. The form can be downloaded or completed on-line and submitted electronically to your colleges. Pay special attention to the activities section.

**EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application:** Apply to 58 Historically Black College & University member institutions with one \$20.00 application fee- [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com) or call (770)716-0616 Application includes 4 Maryland schools – Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore.



**Types of Admission** There are several types of admission. Not all colleges offer all types. But it is important to understand them, then to research what your prospective colleges offer.

**Regular Admission or Regular Decision** This is the standard admission, whereby students submit applications by the college's regular deadline. Students applying under regular admission will generally be notified of the decision in March or April.

**Early Decision – Binding (ED)** Have you found a college that is overwhelmingly your first choice? Are you prepared to commit that if accepted you will attend? Then if that school offers early decision, it may be right for you. Early decision is binding; that means if the college accepts you, you **MUST** attend. Obviously you can only apply under early decision to one college. Usually you will sign a contract stating that you understand the binding nature of this admission process. Failure to abide by the restrictions can jeopardize your acceptance to that college and others. Some believe that applying ED can give you an edge at that school, but be very cautious when using that option.

**Early Action – Not Binding (EA)** Often confused with Early Decision, Early Action is an opportunity to apply early (usually by some November date) and to be notified by around mid-December or January. Under this plan, you can be accepted early, rejected, or deferred to the regular admission pool. Deferred means they were undecided, but odds of getting in later are generally lower. If accepted under Early Action, you are **NOT** obligated to attend and you still have until May 1 to make a decision. You may generally apply for Early Action to more than one college; however some colleges specify that theirs is a "single school Early Action program".

**Restrictive Early Action (REA) – Not Binding** You may be restricted from filing any other ED, EA or REA applications. You will receive a decision early and you can apply to as many colleges as you wish for regular admission.

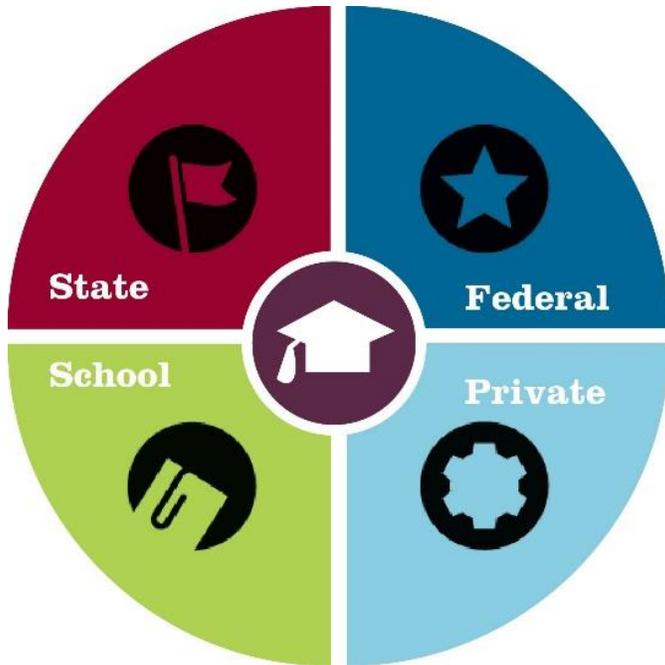
**Admission Spring Semester** Some colleges are accepting qualified students, but for a semester other than fall. This represents their attempt to remain at full capacity, knowing they will lose some students after first semester. These students are most likely ones that almost made the "cut" but had to be denied fall admission. However, it's still an acceptance.

**Delayed or Deferred Acceptance** If you have been accepted at a college, you can sometimes arrange to delay your matriculation (attendance) for a year. This is referred to as a "gap year". The school will look at your reasons, and they will need to have some merit. Acceptable reasons might be to work to earn tuition money, to travel, or to pursue some particular special internship or program. Any such arrangement must be explicitly set up with the college.

**Rolling Admission** Under this plan, applications are considered as they are received and the student is notified of the decision as soon as it is made. A student applying to a college that offers rolling admission is not committing to that college if accepted. There is almost no reason **NOT** to submit your application early to these schools, as it can only serve to give you an early answer. If accepted, you can relax knowing that you are in but can still wait to see what your additional options may be.

## Financial Aid information

It is important to start thinking about Financial Aid for College early. And it is never too early! Seniors should be stopping in their Career Center weekly to find out what new scholarships are available. That is not the only place they should be looking. Seniors should be checking this newsletters scholarship section every month and applying everything they are eligible for. Also seniors should be searching the many websites listed in this newsletter.



Sources of Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid



### FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

To qualify for most financial aid, families must complete a FAFSA ([The Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA®\)](#)).

- Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid)
- Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 every year you plan to attend college at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Expect to receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 3 days (if you complete your FAFSA online). Review for accuracy. Make corrections or updates.

### Maryland State Financial Aid

[Maryland High Education Commission \(MHEC\)](#) is a great resource for state financial aid. You would create an MDCAPS account. If you do not complete a FAFSA, then fill out the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) which opens on October 1st for the 2021-22 school year.

**Maryland Ways to Pay for College:** [https://youtu.be/LB-BW3Zwk\\_c?t=8](https://youtu.be/LB-BW3Zwk_c?t=8).

Have more questions about Financial Aid? Check out **Financial Aid TV** at <http://csmf.financialaidtv.com/>

## **Scholarships**

A scholarship is financial support awarded to a student, based on academic achievement or other criteria that may include financial need, for the purpose of schooling. There are various types of scholarships – the two most common being merit-based and need-based. The donor or department funding the scholarship sets the criteria for recipient selection, and the grantor specifically defines how the money is to be applied. The funds are used to defray the costs of tuition, books, room, board and other expenses directly tied to a student’s educational cost through the university.

**Scholarships are typically awarded using a variety of factors, including - but not limited to, academic achievement, departmental and community involvement, employment experience, areas of study, and financial need. They typically do not have to be paid back!**

Remember to be alert for scams! If you are not sure if it is a scam, bring it to your College & Career Advisor.

Here are a few red flags that a scholarship is possibly a scam:

- They ask you on the application for your social security number.
- You have to pay to apply.
- It says they guarantee that everyone who applies will receive a scholarship.
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Students that are not yet seniors should be looking for scholarships as well. A good starting place is [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

Other places to look: The local newspaper, clubs and organizations in the community in which you or your parents are involved

Always check with the NP College & Career Advisor, Mrs. Jones,

as scholarship information comes in every day!!!

### **SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information on-line**

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

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

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **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-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

#### **Horatio Alger Association Awards**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** GPA 2.0+, students must demonstrate integrity, hard work, academic achievement, participation in their community, and demonstrates financial need.

**Award:** various

**Deadline:** various, apply online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

#### **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/>

#### **Hispanic Heritage Foundation/ Colgate-Palmolive Essay Competition**

**Eligible:** students 16 years of age and older having at least one biological parent of Hispanic descent

**Criteria:** short essay

**Award:** \$2,500-\$15,000

**Deadline:** 11/14; [www.colgate.com/hazlau](http://www.colgate.com/hazlau)

#### **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** Must enroll in 4- year college beginning fall 2020, GPA 3.5+, SAT of combined score or 1200 on Critical Reading & Math or ACT composite of 26 or above, Financial need,

**Award:** varies, maximum up to \$40,000 per year

**Deadline:** 11/18 <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/>

**National Center for Women in IT (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing Award program**

**Eligible:** Female Students in grades 9 through 12

**Criteria:** 300-500 word essay,

**Award:** varies, plaque and recognition, opportunity for additional scholarships and internships

**Deadline:** 11/5; <https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward>

**National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarships to Study Language Abroad** sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, provides merit-based scholarships for eligible American high school students to study less commonly taught languages in summer and academic year overseas immersion programs

**Eligible:** 15 years old min.

**Criteria:** U.S. citizen, min GPA 2.5

**Award:** Varies

**Deadline:** 11/5, [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org)

**Prudential Emerging Visionaries**

**Eligible:** Students ages 14 – 18 who have an innovative solution

**Criteria:** Do you have a vision to transform your community – and the world – for the better? A national recognition program for students who have innovative solutions to financial and societal challenges facing their communities.

**Award:** If selected, you may qualify to receive up to \$15,000.

**Deadline:** 11/4; <https://challenges.changemakers.com/challenge/emergingvisionaries>

**December Deadline:**

**Dell Scholars**

**Eligible:** High School Senior

**Criteria:** GPA 2.4+, Financial Need

**Deadline:** 12/1; [www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/](http://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/)

**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:**

**Future of STEM Scholars Initiative Scholarship**

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

**Criteria:** HBCU bound, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Financial Need, Pursue major in STEM specifically chemical and engineering

**Award:** \$10,000 for 4 years

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

**HBCU Week X NFL Scholarship**

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

**Criteria:** HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Academic accomplishments, Community Involvement, Financial Need

**Award:** Varies

**Deadline:** 2/15; [www.hbcuweek.org/nfl](http://www.hbcuweek.org/nfl)

## **March Deadline:**

### **Automotive Scholarship Gateway**

**Eligible:** Seniors

**Criteria:** career in the automotive industry.

**Deadline 3/31;** Apply online at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

### **BYF Human Resources Construction Council**

**Eligible:** senior, planning to attend a technical school or approved craft training program in any discipline of construction

**Criteria:** min GPA 2.0

**Award:** \$500

**Deadline: 3/1,** <http://www.byf.org/get-involved/scholarships/>

## **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

<https://www.kidschance-md.org/scholarships/>

### **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 \(va.gov\)](http://www.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>

**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)

**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)

**UMBC Meyerhoff Scholarship Program**

Seniors with minimum 600 Math SAT, 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 includes tuition, mandatory fees, room & board for up to four years, to be considered for nomination must contact your school counselor by 10/1.

**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 [cajones@ccboe.com](mailto:cajones@ccboe.com).*

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