

North Point High School College & Career Center Newsletter November 2021

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NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors, please remember to send a copy of all your college acceptance letters and your notification of any scholarships, grants, and other awards for Mrs. Jones in the College & Career Center.

If you are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), you should take advantage of the **Common Black College Application**. There are over 65 participating colleges and universities. It is one \$20 application fee. <u>www.commonblackcollegeapp.com</u>.

The **Common Application** website is <u>www.commonapp.org</u>; there are over 600 colleges and universities that will accept the common application.

Transcript Policy

Seniors requiring a **transcripts** for college applications or scholarship applications must fill out the Transcript Request Form. This form can be found on the NPHS College & Career Center website under documents. We will be waiving the \$2.00 fee. Please fill out the form completely, including legal student and parent signatures, and provide to your school counselor. Please allow at least five school days for the counselor to prepare documents.

CSM Informational Nights

Dual Enrollment: November 3rd at 6pm The Dual Enrollment Program provides juniors and seniors with opportunities to enroll in college classes on CSM's campus or receive college credits while taking In-School Dual Math, English, or other classes. To learn more about this opportunity, please plan to participate in one of the information sessions listed below: For more information and to register for this event, please visit: www.csmd.edu/DualEnrollment

Night of Engineering: November 3rd at 7pm Come explore an exciting opportunity to learn about the College of Southern Maryland's Mechanical and Electrical Partnership with the University of Maryland College Park and Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) located at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County For more information and to register for this event, please visit <u>Night of Engineering</u>

Open House: Nov 17th 5pm Join the College of Southern Maryland Open House to hear from students, professors, and leadership to see what makes CSM the right choice for reaching your goals. For more information and to register for this event, please visit: <u>www.csmd.edu/OpenHouse</u>

FINANCIAL AID and the FAFSA

ALL SENIORS who are planning on attending school after they graduate need to create a FSA ID and complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) For more information about creating an FSA ID and completing the FAFSA, go to: FSA ID: <u>www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid</u> FAFSA: www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out



NOVEMBER GRADE LEVEL REMINDERS

9th Grade:

- Be sure you are doing your best to earn the highest grades...freshman year counts toward your college admissions!
- Please take advantage of the resources in the College & Career Center to make the most of your high school experience.
- Use XELLO, Study Island, and other resources for exploring your options.
- Get involved in clubs and extracurricular activities. Do volunteer work/community service.

10th Grade:

- Focus on your academics. Do extra credit whenever it is offered. Use tutoring services for help, such as NEST, <u>www.khanacademy.org</u>, or <u>tutor.com</u>.
- Use your XELLO program and other resources in the Career Center to investigate possible career paths and possible college majors. Explore!
- Stay involved in clubs and community activities. Being involved helps you develop good time management skills.

11th Grade:

- Take advantage of college fairs and information sessions to learn more about college options and scholarship information.
- Get to know your teachers well as your academic teachers will need to give you letters of recommendation for college admissions, scholarship applications, and job applications.
- There are many books available containing sample college application essays and information about writing the college application essay. College Board also has information available on their website, go to: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays.
- Keep grades up and use your resources such as Study Island, XELLO, College Board, and ACT to practice for college entrance exams.
- Register to take the SAT or ACT June of your Junior Year.

12th Grade:

- Don't miss deadlines! Save copies of your applications, and complete any college entrance exam testing your college is requesting.
- Look for separate applications to apply for scholarships and grants. It will be beneficial to you to complete your college applications by Thanksgiving so you can focus on your course work to keep a strong GPA—senior year counts too!
- Be sure to send your test scores directly from the testing agency to your colleges, scholarship programs, NCAA, or tech schools.
- Complete your FAFSA as early as possible.
- Be sure to take advantage of resources on the College & Career Center to apply for scholarships and complete admissions essays. Keep working!
- Not planning on College, that's ok! However, what are you planning on doing? What are the necessary steps based on the MCAC English Presentation?

WRITING A COLLEGE ESSAY



With the multitude of schools going test optional for admissions this year, the essay becomes an even more important factor. Take time to write a strong, well – thought essay. It should be proofread and revised at least twice.

Do some self-exploration.

Your college essay is all about showcasing yourself. Think about which of your strengths and interests you would most like

colleges to know about you. What are you passionate about? What is most important to you? What are you best at?

If you need to pick the topic, be focused and specific.

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

Show your thoughtfulness.

Be thoughtful in both your topic choice and the tone of your writing. Colleges look for students who have dealt with adversity, have overcome challenges and continue to grow from their experience. Admitting shortcomings is a sign of maturity and intelligence, so there is no need to portray yourself as a superhero – they will see through it.

Get started early.

Self-exploration can be fun, but do not procrastinate on the actual writing. You do not want to rush or be up against a tight deadline; it will affect your work.

Create an essay outline.

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

Read the instructions and follow them.

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

Use your own voice.

Do not use big words just for the sake of using big words. They can distract from the essay when misused. Remember, this essay is about you – so use words you would use.

Use quotations and examples to show personal detail.

Instead of just stating your point of view, you want to make your reader feel the experience. Adding detail will help convey your stance. However, do not use quotations simply to use them; make sure they make sense.

Try to be concise.

While adding personal detail is good, you do not want to be wordy or long-winded; short sentences can be more powerful.

Do not use slang words.

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

Be honest.

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

Do not be afraid to use humor if it is part of who you are.

Admissions officers can have a sense of humor too, and, when used appropriately, humor can make you stand out. However, do not make being funny one of your top goals in your college essay.

Step away from your essay and come back later.

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

Write multiple drafts.

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

Type your essay.

No matter how good your essay, if people cannot read your handwriting they will not appreciate the work.

Proofread your essay.

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

Get feedback from others.

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

Revise if necessary.

You want to edit your essay down to what is important. Make every word count. There are many books available containing sample college application essays and information about writing the college application essay. College Board also has information available on their website, go to: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays.

The goal of the essay is to show colleges why they want you on their campus; show what values will you bring

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. Students will be able to hear presentations from college representatives, meet with college representatives, ask questions, and get additional information.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Epsilon Lambda Chapter have put together a dynamic must-see virtual college fair. The fair is on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from10:00 am to 1:00pm. Over 100 colleges and universities are anticipated to participate. Colleges including private, public, faith-based, men only, women only, military academies, and historically black colleges and universities have confirmed their participation. Register today at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-16th-annual-go-to-high-school-go-to-college-virtual-college-fair-tickets-167134777619.

NACAC Virtual College Fair - More than 600 college and university representatives will be available to talk with you. Sunday, Nov. 14: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET

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

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

RESEARCHING AND COMPARE COLLEGES

<u>Big Future – The College Board:</u> 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 <u>www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org</u>

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

<u>XELLO</u> (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.

<u>CollegeBoard My College QuickStart</u> 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 <u>www.collegeboard.com\quickstart</u>

<u>College Fairs Online</u> Students can chat with admissions reps and get financial aid information as well as ask any questions they have about college, register at <u>www.collegefairsonline.com</u> to participate

College Majors - What can I do with this major? Go to www.collegemajors101.com

College Navigator from the US Dept. of Education, Find the right college for you: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

<u>College Visits Tours</u> Led and supervised by trained staff and high school counselors. Complete list <u>www.college-</u> <u>visits.com</u>. Tours are set up across the United States and Canada. Register online and call 843-853-8149 for details

<u>College Xpress</u> Connect with colleges and scholarships at <u>www.collegexpress.com</u>

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

<u>Petersons</u>: This website provides information and tools to help you find, get in, and pay for school. <u>www.petersons.com</u>

Virtual tour: www.campustours.com

TWO MAIN COLLEGE APPLICATION PLATFORMS

<u>Common Application</u> - Over 500 schools, in 47 states and the District of Columbia, as well as ones overseas accept this application.

For more information: <u>www.commonapp.org</u>

<u>EDU, Inc.</u> Common Black College Application: Apply to 51 member institutions with one \$35.00 application fee-Application includes 4 Maryland schools – Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. For more information: www.eduinconline.com

MARYLAND 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 ermation place go to: www.mbos.state.md.ur.

parents. For more information, please go to: 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 furth er their education beyond high school. For more information, please go to: 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 <u>Community College Promise Scholarship</u> (<u>maryland.gov</u>) 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/

<u>Academic Common Market</u> 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. <u>https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/commonmarket.aspx</u>

RESEARCH JOBS & CAREERS



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.

CareerOneStop - Sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Learn about careers, find career information, and locate career resources and advice. Visit 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/

College Majors – Visit the following website: www.collegemajors101.com

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dental Assistant Training - Contact Dr. Coleman at 703-963-8969

Divers Academy International – Career opportunities in commercial diving and underwater welding, hands-on learning, comprehensive certifications, 5 month program, career assistance, high job placement, high income potential. www.diversacademy.edu

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

Year Up (National Capital Region) – Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults from the National Capital Region, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits and corporate internships. The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months focuses on applying these skills through corporate internships. Year Up is FREE of charge and students earn a weekly stipend. For more information, go to: www.yearup.org and 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 and attend an Open House (see website for dates).



MILITARY NEWS



The Unique Role of the U.S. Coast Guard <u>Military.com</u> Coast Guard Missions

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

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

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

Contact Information:

Baltimore - Coast Guard Recruiting Office, 6499 Baltimore National Pike, 40 West Plaza, Catonsville, MD (no walk-ins). Call 410-747-3963 and visit website at: <u>www.gocoastguard.com</u>.

Washington, DC - Coast Guard Recruiting Office, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC – Call 202-543-8313 or visit website: <u>www.gocoastguard.com</u>.

MILITARY WEBSITES

ARMY www.goarmy.com

AIR FORCE www.airforce.com

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD www.nationalguard.com

COAST GUARD www.gocoastguard.com NAVY www.navy.com

MARINE CORPS www.marines.com

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

COAST GUARD RESERVE www.uscg.mil/reserve ARMY RESERVE www.goarmyreserve.com

NAVY RESERVE www.navyreserve.com

AIR FORCE RESERVE www.afreserve.com

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

Local Recruiters

U.S. Navy Recruiting Station 173 St. Patricks Drive Waldorf, MD 20603 301-843-8572 240-304-4476

U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting 173 St. Patricks Drive Waldorf, MD 20603 301-843-0353

DC Air National Guard Recruiting, 113th Wing 7529 Old Alexandria Ferry Road Clinton, MD 20735 240-857-5449

U.S. Air Force Recruiting Office 173 St. Patricks Drive

Waldorf, MD 20603 240-530-0177

U.S. Army Recruiting Station

173 St. Patricks Drive Waldorf, MD 20603 301-645-9190

U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office 645 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE STE 202 Washington, DC 20003 202-543-8313

Maryland Army National Guard

6025 Rose Hill Road La Plata, MD 20646 240-805-0418

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

North Point and Charles County Public Schools will both offer a Spring Testing Date for ASVAB. Please monitor your Synergy email and the NP College & Career Center Webpage for updated information on these dates.

OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Capitol Technology University – Cyber Saturday Camps –</u> 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

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

<u>National Security Agency Summer Internships</u> 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, contact Ashley Belt, albelt@nsa.gov, 410-854-4288, deadline October 31st

SEAP Internship Program, Science and Engineering Apprentice Program, 2021 summer programs offer select rising 10th through graduating 12th 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

Attention Seniors interested in State Government:

The Senior Page Program applications is open. This year's program runs from January 12th – April 11, 2022. The majority of the program will be virtual, but there is an optional in-person visit to Annapolis to tour the State House complex and experience serving in-person on the chamber floor. For more information about this year's program, <u>click here</u>. More information about the program itself can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>.

All applications and essays should be submitted by **November 15** to Lisa Love at <u>llove@ccboe.com</u>. The date of the interview is Thursday, November 18. Students will need to submit applications and essays by Nov. 15. **They will also need to be available for a 15-minute Zoom interview on the 18th.** The interview schedule will be immediately after all applications are submitted.

Application link: Click here

Essay link: Click here

If you want some help with the application process or preparing for the interview, please see Mrs. Newton in room 2307 or email her at <u>anewton@ccboe.com</u>. In order to open/view links, students will need to use their Office 365 account.



Continue to check the College & Career Center website for many more Opportunities!

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!!! 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.ccso.us.

*<u>The Humane Society of Charles County, Inc.</u>: 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 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.

*<u>Melwood</u>: 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 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 or email our-place@verizon.net .

*<u>Sagepoint Senior Living Services</u>: 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 virtural 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, 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.

*<u>UM Charles Regional Medical Center</u> – 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. Volunteens learn about the hospital setting while assisting staff members and patients. Volunteens spend between 4 and 30 hours each week at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center over the summer. For more information visit <u>https://charlesregionalcareers.org/volunteer</u>

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!!!

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 <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> 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.

For a Complete List of NCAA Courses:

Visit <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> and enter the site as an NCAA College-Bound Student-Athlete. Navigate to the "Resources" tab; click "U.S. Students" and then "List of NCAA Courses." Follow the prompts to search for your high school's list by name.

The NCAA works with more than 430,000 student-athletes participating in 23 sports at more than a 1,000 colleges/universities. Good Luck!

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

<u>North Point High School</u> has teamed up withCoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all studentathletes 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 Step 2: In the "New Member Account Creation" box, enter: School ID: <u>211061</u> School Code: 726090004

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 <u>www.njcaa.org</u> and find out where you can use your talents while building your academic skills for transfer to a four-year college or university program.



November Deadline:

Prudential Emerging Visionaries (Formerly Prudential Spirit of Community Award)

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 recognitionprogram 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

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

Eligible: Female Students in grades 9 through 12 Criteria: 300-500-word essays and multiple-choice sections, Award: varies, plaque and recognition, opportunity for additional scholarships and internships Deadline: 11/5; https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards

Eligible: Senior, Hispanic heritage, enroll at an accredited higher education institution in 2020-2021 Criteria: GPA 3.0 min. unweighted, community involvement Award: up to \$3500 Deadline: 11/14; https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

Elks Most Valuable Student

Eligible: Senior Criteria: Must be planning to attend an HBCU in the fall, transcript, letter of recommendation, essay Award: Scholarships (\$1,000 - \$12,500 each) Deadline: 11/15; https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Must enroll in 4- year college beginning fall of 2022, 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; <u>https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/</u>

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

Dell Scholars Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Eligible: High School Senior Criteria: GPA 2.4+, Financial Need Deadline: 12/1; www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/

National Space Club & Foundation Keynote

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Plans to pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) Award: \$10,000 Deadline: 12/3; www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html, www.spaceclub.org

Equitable Excellence Scholarship

Eligible: Senior Criteria: Plan to enroll full time and attend a 2- or 4-year college; demonstrate strength in managing challenges andshare wisdom with others, U.S. citizen or legal resident Award: \$2,500 - \$5,000 Deadline: 12/17; (First 10,000 applications will be considered); https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship

Foot Locker Athlete

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Be currently involved in high school sports, intramural sports or community-based sports; U.S. Citizen orpermanent resident, plan to enroll in four-year college or university, 3.0+ Unweighted GPA, essay Award: \$20,000 Deadline: 12/17; https://www.footlockerscholarathletes.com/

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January Deadline:

GE Reagan Foundation

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Leadership, Drive, Integrity, Citizenship, GPA 3.0+ on 4.0 scale, plan to enroll in four-year college or university **Award:** \$10,000-\$40,000

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

Ron Brown Scholar

Eligible: Black/African American High School Seniors

Criteria: honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. High school senior applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need.

Award: RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year). Deadline: 1/9; <u>https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/</u>

Jackie Robinson Foundation

Eligible: Minority Senior Criteria: leadership, academic excellence, community service, financial need, SAT & ACT scores not required, attendinga 4-year college/university, letter of recommendation, essays Award: varies- up to \$30,000 over four years Deadline: 1/12; www.jackierobinson.org/apply/, www.jackierobinson.org

Maryland JCI Senate Foundation

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Leadership, community service, transcript, letters of recommendation Award: \$1,000 Deadline: 1/14; www.usjcisenate.org/scholarship-program

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Plan to pursue a career in government service, essay, letter of recommendation, transcript Award: \$500 to \$5,000 Deadline: 1/15; <u>https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship</u>

Maryland Mensa Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Essay explaining career, academic, and/or vocational goals Award: Up to \$1,000 Deadline: 1/15; <u>www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships</u>, www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarship-process

Daughters of the American Revolution

Various scholarships for students in pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including History, Economics, Government & Political Science, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Elementary and Secondary Education, Chemistry, Math, Science, and English.

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

February Deadline:

Elks National Legacy Eligible: Senior Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members Award: \$4,000 Deadline: 2/7; Applications can be submitted online at <u>https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm</u>

Future of STEM Scholar Initiative

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

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

Award: \$10,000 for 4 years

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

HBCU Week X Capital One

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

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

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

HBCU Week Foundation X NFL

Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University) Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Academic accomplishments, Community Involvement, Financial Need Award: Varies Deadline: 2/15; www.hbcuweek.org/nfl/

HBCU Week X LexisNexis Risk Solutions Group

Eligible: Senior attending an HBCU (Historically Black College or University) Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Academic accomplishments, Community Involvement, Financial Need Award: Varies DEADLINE: 2/15; For information and application - https://www.hbcuweek.org/lexisnexisrisksolutionsgroup/

March Deadline:

Create-A-Holiday-Card

Eligible: High school students Criteria: Design a greeting card Award: \$10,000 scholarship Deadline: 3/2; For more informationand details, visit https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm

Automotive Gateway

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Career in the automotive industry, one-page essay about your career goals, letter of reference, transcript. Deadline: 3/31; <u>www.automotivescholarships.com</u>.

MD/DC Credit Union Foundation

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Member of a Maryland or District Columbia-based credit union, essay, photo, and/or video Award: \$1,000 scholarships for college or trade school Deadline: 3/31; <u>www.cufound.org/scholarship</u>

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium – Leslie A. Ebert Legacy

Eligible: Seniors **Criteria:** Write an essay not to exceed 1,000-words persuasive argument or produce a video not to exceed 90 seconds for a selected audience (see scholarship info. for specific details) that will convince them to register to be organ, eye, andtissue donors. **Award:** \$1,000-\$5,000

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

April Deadline:

American Foreign Service – National High School Essay Contest

Eligible: 9th-12th grade students, parents can NOT be members of the Foreign Service Criteria: Essay, US Citizen Award: \$1,250 - \$2,500 Deadline: 4/4; http://www.afsa.org/essay-contest

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Eligible: Seniors **Criteria:** Parents/Guardians are SMECO customers, GPA 3.0+, Copy of SAR from FAFSA, Transcripts, Based on Scholastic Achievement (30%); Financial Need (30%); Interview (20%), Community Involvement & School Involvement(20%) **Award:** \$2,500

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

Chesapeake Language Project

Eligible: Seniors Criteria: Current or former English learner (has participated in ESOL/ESL program), GPT 3.0+, extracurricular activities orwork experience, applying to college/university Award: \$1,000 scholarship Deadline: 4/15; http://thechesapeakelanguageproject.org/scholarship-program

May Deadline:

B. Davis Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors and Seniors Criteria: 1000-word essay Award: \$1000 Deadline: 5/21; <u>www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm</u>

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 andmeals

Apply: www.kidschance-md.org/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS from SPECIFIC SCHOOLS or ORGANIZATIONS



Here are some scholarship opportunities offered by <u>specific schools or organizations</u>. <u>ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS</u> o to the college's website to check for more scholarshi

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

Local Scholarships!!! – (Scholarship information will be updated on the website soon!) Applying for local scholarships through civic organizations, like the Rotary Club, religious affiliations, or local companies is an excellent way to increase your chances of being selected for an award. Local scholarships arenot as competitive as those scholarships offered at the national level through many internet database searches.Click on the link below and read each description for qualifications. Pay attention to the various deadlines.

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

Build Your Future Scholarships

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

<u>"Call Me MISTER" Program (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models)</u> This initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background. The program is contributing to the talent pool of excellent teachers by identifying and supporting them. The project provides:

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

Clemson University sponsors the "CALL ME MISTER" program which is offered at several Two-Year Colleges and Four Year Colleges/Universities. For a list of the participating schools and for more information about this program, go to:<u>www.clemson.edu/education/programs/programs/call-me-mister.html</u>

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

MSDE tuition assistance program for childcare providers to obtain a college education at participating colleges/universities in Maryland. Funding is available in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, and Special Education. For additional information, please visit: https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/office-child-care/credentialing-branch/child-care-career-and-professional

Going Merry scholarship

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

Harvard College – Harvard University

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

Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs

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

McDaniel College, Educator's Legacy Scholarship

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

Medical Condition Scholarships

This is a listing of scholarships that are offered for students with specific medical conditions. There are also some for students who have a parent or a family member with a specific diagnosis. Most can be used at any

school. Some coverone specific condition, while others cover whole types of diagnoses (such as all types of cancers) or even all chronic diseases. Most have some type of eligibility requirements, usually financial ones. **How to Search for Scholarships:**

The scholarships are sorted several ways:

- <u>By Medical Condition/Diagnosis</u> (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 ArmedForces).
- By All Conditions
- By Residency of Applicant
- By Scholarship Name

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



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

manages various scholarship programs and each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates andrequired documentation. To apply for a UNCF scholarship, you must apply through the on-line application process. For more information about deadlines and the award amounts, go to: https://scholarships.uncf.org/

Washington College (MD) National Honor Society Students Eligible: High school senior who is a member of the National Honor Award: \$25,000 Deadline: For more information, visit: https://www.washcoll.edu/admissions/admitted/availablescholarships.php

Gordon Croft Scholarships

To be eligible 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 must demonstrate financial need to be eligible to apply.

<u>University of Maryland (College Park, MD)</u> A. James Clark School of Engineering is offering 3 renewable scholarships: The Carol Croft Linde, The Kent Gordon Croft and The Russell Gordon Croft for students, engineering major, financial need

<u>Washington and Lee University-</u> 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.

<u>Randolph College</u> - 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.

<u>Dartmouth College</u> - 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 College & Career Center website to view more information on Career Center 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

Nondiscrimination statement

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

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