

North Point High School

College & Career Center Newsletter February 2022

Christina A. Jones – College & Career Advisor cajones@ccboe.com Follow me on Twitter @NPHS_CCC

February 2022 College and Career Newsletter



ATTENTION SENIORS

Please remember to bring a copy of

<u>ALL</u> your college acceptance letters, scholarships,
grants, awards, or military commitments to

Mrs. Jones in the Career Center. You can also email them to her at cajones@ccboe.com or
through StudentVUE!!!

This documentation is required for the GRADUATION PROGRAM and/or to complete end-of-year reports.

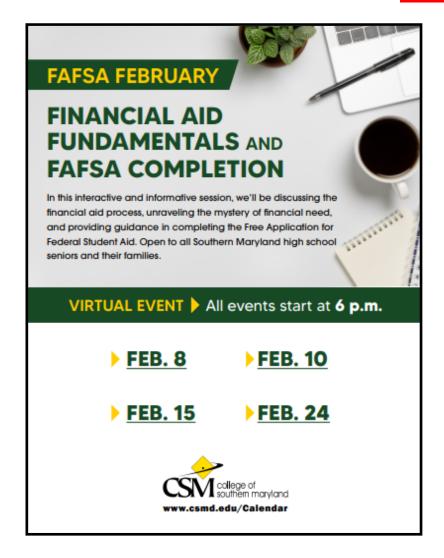
UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Information Session – The CCSO will be hosting an INFORMATION SESSION on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 9:30 AM (CCSO Headquarters, 6915 Crain Highway, La Plata, MD 20646) They will provide information about job opportunities as a Correctional Officer or Police Officer. There will also be information about their Sheriff's Cadet Program. For more information, please visit: www.ccso.us

SAT and ACT TEST PREP at the College of Southern Maryland – The College of Southern Maryland is offering SAT/ACT Test Prep through their KIDS' & TEEN COLLEGE program. There are 2 sessions coming up. 2/8/2022 – 3/8/2022 and 4/5/2022 – 5/3/2022. Sign up now, seats are going quickly!!! Go to: www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/kids-and-teen-college/index.html, then CLICK on "View All Classes" under the Young Adult (14+) Section.

Student Success Bootcamp at the College of Southern Maryland – FREE - The College of Southern Maryland is offering a FREE Student Success Bootcamp for ages 15+ to help prepare students to overcome academic, social, and financial situations they may encounter in college and beyond. Prospective college students will learn about time management, communication skills, financial decision-making, and test-taking & studying techniques. The session will be held from 2/15/2022 – 3/29/2022 (space is limited so register early) and is offered through their KIDS' & TEEN COLLEGE program. Go to: www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/kids-and-teen-college/index.html, then CLICK on "Student Success Bootcamps" under the Young Adult (14+) Section.

FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES!!! FREE



CSM is hosting FAFSA Completion & Financial Aid Fundamentals Sessions throughout the month of February. These will be virtual, interactive sessions to help students with the financial aid process and provide guidance in completing the FAFSA.

To receive the Zoom link, please click on the date (or link) of your choice listed below and complete the registration. An email will be sent to you with the login information.

ALL EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL and BEGIN at 6:00 PM

- FEB. 8 https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/02/fafsa-completion.html
- FEB. 10 https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/02/fafsa-completion2.html
- FEB. 15 https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/02/fafsa-completion3.html
- FEB. 24 https://www.csmd.edu/calendar/2022/02/fafsa-completion4.html



The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is hosting MULTIPLE VIRTUAL College Fairs!!!

Thinking about college?

Mark your calendars for the NACAC Virtual College Fairs below:



For more **INFORMATION** and to **REGISTER** to attend these events, click on the link below!!!

www.nacacattend.org/fairs



St. Mary's County Branch of The NAACP in partnership with St. Mary's County Public Schools and St. Mary's County Library, presents the....

10th Annual VIRTUAL Southern Maryland

HBCU College & Career Fair

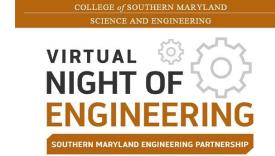
Local Colleges & Career Information

Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 10 AM – 2 PM

FREE

Students will receive information about college, career, and scholarship opportunities. They will also celebrate African American History Month by featuring Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as well as local colleges, career representatives, and community support services.

For more information and to register to attend this event, visit: https://stmarysnaacp.org/college-career-fair



Virtual Night of Engineering Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:00 PM

Explore an exciting opportunity to learn about the College of Southern Maryland's <u>Mechanical and Electrical Engineering</u> partnership with the <u>University of Maryland College Park & Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD)</u> located at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County.

For more <u>INFORMATION</u> and to <u>REGISTER</u> for the event, please visit: <u>www.csmd.edu/NOE</u>

Questions??? - Contact Jehnell Linkins, Pre-Engineering Coordinator at CSM, at jclinkins@csmd.edu or Phone: 301-934-7747

Information about the Engineering Program at the College of Southern Maryland:
www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/credit/school-of-professional-technical-studies/engineering.html

For more information about STEM careers, please visit the website below: http://www.onetonline.org/find/stem?t=0&g=Go

CollegeBoard presents Real Talk: HBCU Edition

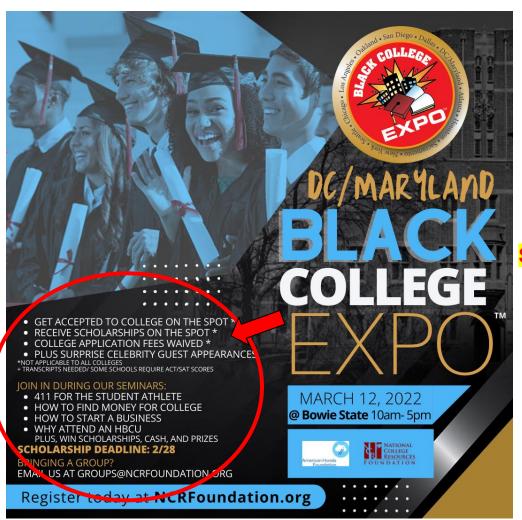


Are you thinking about attending an **Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**, but aren't sure which one is right for YOU? Mark your calendars and participate in **Real Talk**!!! Real Talk, sponsored by CollegeBoard, is excited to launch their spring season with a two-night **HBCU Edition** on **March 2 and 3**, **2022**. A variety of campus representatives and current HBCU students will share key information about the college admissions process, scholarships, student life, and more.

This Real Talk event is the perfect opportunity to hear directly from the source and gain the insight you need to help you decide which of the 100+ HBCUs across the country should be added to your college lists.

JOIN Real Talk: HBCU Edition on Wednesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. ET!

Students/Parents/Guardians must RSVP at: REAL TALK



DC/Maryland Black College Expo College Fair 2022

Bowie State University
Saturday, March 12, 2022
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*Seniors – Bring transcripts and SAT/ACT scores if available.

DEADLINE to register for SCHOLARSHIPS is 2/28/22!!!

For more INFORMATION and to REGISTER, go to:

www.thecollegeexpo.org/students/dc-maryland-black-college-expo

Maryland Career and Technology Education (CTE) <u>Programs</u>



(Information from MSDE:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/CTE/CTEprograms.aspx)

According to Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Career and Technology Education (CTE) prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers. These careers require varying levels of education- from high school and postsecondary certificates, to apprenticeships, or two- and four-year college degrees. Students add value to their overall education by completing CTE programs of study that provide opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials and college credit while still in high school.

Maryland's Career Technology Education (CTE) programs fall under clusters, groupings of interrelated occupations that represent the full range of career opportunities in key economic sectors of Maryland's economy.



College and school administrators, counselors, and faculty members are using the career cluster system to develop programs that extend from high school to two-and four-year colleges/universities, apprenticeship programs and the workplace.

Maryland's CTE Career Clusters

(Information about Career Clusters: www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/CTE-Programs-of-Study/Clusters/index.aspx)

Maryland's career clusters are driven by what students need to know and do in order to graduate fully prepared for further education and careers in the 21st century global economy. Career clusters are groupings of interrelated occupations that represent the full range of career opportunities in key economic sectors of Maryland's economy. The career clusters provide a "road map" for students and adults in planning for and pursuing further education and careers through pathways. Maryland's career clusters are:

- EDUCATION
- CAREER & TECHNOLOGY
 EDUCATION PROGRAMS
 OF STUDY

MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL

- *Arts, Media and Communications
- *Business Management and Finance
- *Construction and Development
- *Consumer Services, Hospitality and Tourism
- *Environmental, Agricultural and Natural Resources
- *Health and Biosciences

- *Human Resource Services
- *Information Technology
- *Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology
- *Transportation Technologies
- *Career Research
- and Development
- *Apprenticeship Maryland

<u>Maryland High School</u> <u>Career and Technology Education</u> <u>Programs of Study</u>

Career Technology Education (CTE) pairs academic knowledge with technical skills to prepare students for indemand, high-skilled, and high-waged jobs. CTE programs of study provide the opportunity for students to earn industry-recognized certificates, acquire college credit, and gain work experience. For more information about the Maryland High School Career and Technology Education Programs of Study, visit:

www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/CTE/CTEprograms.aspx

Financial Aid Information



Cost of Attendance

Cost of Attendance is the *estimate* of the education expenses incurred by students during the nine-month academic year they are in college. These include **direct costs** (tuition, fees,

and on-campus room and board) and estimates of **indirect costs** (transportation, books, supplies, miscellaneous living expenses, and off-campus room and board). Off-campus cost of living expenses are determined based on the average room and board charges for the local area. These are indirect costs, not billed by the university.

Net Price Calculator

Click on this link to access the Net Price Calculator on College Board - http://studentnpc.collegeboard.org/

This page provides information on financing your education. If you do not see your college when you click on the link, you can go directly to your college's website. All colleges are required to either link to a net price calculator or have one directly on their website.

U.S. Department of Education Net Price Calculator Center

You can also use the Net Price Calculator and other financial aid tools on the U.S. Department of Education's website. Go to: https://collegecost.ed.gov

Want to compare Financial Aid Award letters from your schools?

Below are several websites where you can see a side-by-side comparison of financial aid packages.

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

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

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

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

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

DON'T FEAR THE FAFSA!!! Learn tips for navigating the financial aid maze of paying for college. Meet experts who explain how to navigate public and private grants and scholarships, plus tax forms and loan applications. Meet students from college campuses across Maryland who have found simple and creative ways to pay for school. Go to: www.mpt.org/college

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



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

Attention Seniors:



Don't forget to file your FAFSA as soon as possible. <u>If you are planning on attending a Maryland college/university, the FAFSA must be submitted by March 1st at the latest in order to meet the State of Maryland deadline.</u> For <u>out-of-state schools</u>, please check on the college's website to find out the

deadline to complete the FAFSA. Seniors and their parents can get more information about completing the FAFSA at: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out OR www.fafsa.gov

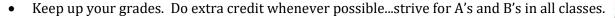
Guaranteed Access Grant

When determining a student's eligibility for the Guaranteed Access Grant (GA Grant), Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) uses the income information as reported on the FAFSA. Students who meet the 2021-2022 income requirements, are eligible for in-state tuition, have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5+, and completed the FAFSA by March 1 may be considered for the GA Grant. Upon receiving the FAFSA, MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission) will notify you by mail and email of the documents to submit to confirm your eligibility for the GA Grant. You must submit the required documents by April 1. Students awarded the GA Grant will be sent an email notification on how to accept the award through MDCAPS. You will need to create a MDCAPS account. If the student fails to accept the award within the allotted time frame, the award will be canceled and not reinstated. Do not overlook the many options for education and paying for education the state of Maryland offers residents.



Grade Level Reminders

9th Grade:





- Use the XELLO link on your Office 365 Clever App to find information out about careers and colleges. Check out the Career Center page and the Career Center Newsletter on the NPHS website!!!
- Use https://collegefairsonline.com to ask questions about college to hundreds of college reps conducting virtual college fairs and information sessions. Don't miss out on the free, virtual college tours and opportunities for scholarships provided by the program.
- Look for opportunities for community service and be sure to complete the Student Service Learning Graduation Requirement within your Local/State/National (LSN) Government class this semester.
- Start thinking about a challenging schedule for next school year. Colleges look for Honors and Advanced Placement classes that indicate a student has tried to take the strongest possible course of study to prepare for college-level classes. If you are planning to go to college, you also need to take 2-3 years of a language.

10th Grade:

- Keep up your grades and stay involved in extra-curricular activities and community service.
- Start thinking about a challenging schedule for next school year. Colleges look for Honors and Advanced Placement classes that indicate a student has tried to take the strongest possible course of study to prepare for college-level classes. If you are planning to go to college, you also take 2-3 years of a language.



- Use the **Xello** link on the Clever App in your Office 365 account and other resources in the Career Center and on the Career Center page of the NPHS website to investigate careers and colleges. Continue to work on a list of possible colleges based on results from your PSAT. Explore!
- Search for relevant summer activities, paid and/or unpaid, that support your area of interest or intended major in college.
- Save money for senior-year expenses and college. It is not uncommon to need at least \$500+ to pay for college entrance exams and college application fees as well as senior dues.
- Students who took the PSAT in October should be able to access their PSAT Score Reports on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home. Once you receive your PSAT Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access

FREE, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts.

11th Grade:

- Plan a challenging senior class schedule. An easy schedule can cost you an acceptance to your dream college. Colleges look for Honors and Advanced Placement classes that indicate a student has tried to take the strongest possible course of study to prepare for college-level classes. If you are planning to go to college, you also need to take 2-3 years of a language.
- Map out your college-entrance exam schedule and register for exams needed. Juniors should take their first SAT and/or ACT no later than the end of their junior year. Register as soon as possible and pay attention to the registration deadlines!!!
- Prep for your college-entrance exams at www.actstudent.org (ACT), or www.collegeboard.org (SAT). https://students who took the PSAT in October should be to access their PSAT Score Reports NOW on the College Board website. If you have an account with College Board, you can sign in with your Username and Password; if you don't have an account, you will need to create a Student Account at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home. Once you receive your PSAT Score Report, you can learn more about what your scores mean by visiting https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores. Using your score report, you will learn how ready you are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for you, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. You can also link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access FREE, personalized SAT practice based on your PSAT/NMSQT results, go to: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/k12-educators/advising-instruction/practice-resources/link-accounts. Stop in the Career Center for additional resources to help you study and prepare for these tests.
- Remember how important your junior grades are for class rank and college applications. Do all assignments and ask for help if you need it. Don't forget to do any extra credit that is assigned.
- Be sure your Student Service Learning graduation requirement is complete. Continue to volunteer and stay involved in activities; work on getting leadership positions.
- Student-athletes planning to pursue Division I and Division II sports in college need to register at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Make sure you meet the eligibility requirements to play college sports at those levels.
- Use the **Xello** link on the Clever App in your Office 365 account to investigate careers and colleges. Explore! Take advantage of resources available in the Career Center and on the Career Center page of the NPHS website to narrow down your list of prospective colleges.

12th Grade:

- If you haven't done so, PLEASE submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (www.fafsa.gov) and check the financial aid deadline of your prospective colleges. Be sure to check with the college for additional financial aid, scholarship, and grant applications.
- Have your counselor submit your mid-year grades to your prospective colleges that require them and send any updates to your application if you have not been granted admission yet or have been waitlisted. Ask for an interview and showcase why you should be accepted!
- Pay attention to correspondence from colleges whether communication is done through e-mail or the postal service so that you do not miss **deadlines** or **opportunities** offered by colleges.
- Students planning to attend the College of Southern Maryland after graduation should apply to CSM NOW!!!
 Students can apply to the College of Southern Maryland online at www.csmd.edu. It is FREE to complete the CSM application. Students will need to show college readiness. More information about the CSM Placement Testing and college readiness can be found at: www.csmd.edu/student-services/testing-services/placement-testing/index.html.

- Students who plan to enlist in the military after graduation need to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB will be administered in the spring. Information about the dates will be sent out. **START STUDYING NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE ASVAB TEST!!!**
- Keep your grades up. Offers from colleges can be rescinded (taken away)!
- There are MANY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES available on the Career Center page of the NPHS website. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to get FREE \$\$\$!!!



SENIORS...

Please remember to bring in a copy of <u>ALL</u>
your college acceptance letters <u>AND</u> your
scholarships, grants, awards or
military commitments to
Mrs. Jones in the Career Center!!!



TESTING



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

https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home. Once you receive your PSAT

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



ACT and SAT Testing

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

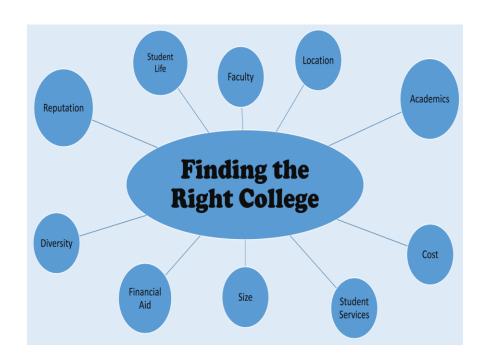
- ✓ Students must register to take the ACT and/or SAT using the links below.
- ✓ There are 2 testing sites in Charles County Westlake High School & College of Southern Maryland. Seats are limited, REGISTER EARLY so you can reserve a seat at one of these local testing sites.
- ✓ Pay attention to DEADLINES!!!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



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

Pay attention to REGISTRATION DEADLINES!!!

2021-2022 Te	022 Test Dates (National)			
Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline	
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20	September 3	
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1	October 15	
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19	December 3	
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21	February 4	
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11	March 25	
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3	
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24	July 8	





Register to take the SAT at: www.collegeboard.org Pay attention to REGISTRATION DEADLINES!!!

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

All colleges accept scores from BOTH the ACT or SAT.

Students do not need to take both tests; however, some students may find it helpful to take both tests to find out which test is better for them.

SAT Test (www.collegeboard.org)

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

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

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

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

*SAT Test Prep

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

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

ACT Test (www.act.org)

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

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

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

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

*ACT Test Prep

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

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

Placement Exams

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

AP Exams and Earning College Credit

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

Additional Test Prep Websites and Helpful Information:

*Study Island

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

*Khan Academy

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

*CSM Continuing Education Operations

CSM offers classes SAT/ACT Prep Classes throughout the year. Visit: www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/personal-enrichment/kids-and-teen-college/index.html *CLICK on the "View All Classes" under the Young Adult (14+) section. Classes schedule for 2/8/22 – 3/8/22 and 4/5/22 – 5/3/22.

*FairTest

This list includes institutions that are "test optional", "test flexible" or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT. Even if a school is TEST OPTIONAL, you may still need to take the SAT and/or ACT test in order to be considered for scholarships, please check with the individual schools. www.fairtest.org/university/optional

*Additional Websites:

http://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act www.number2.com
www.majortests.com/sat www.number2.com
www.march2success.com www.quizlet.com/subject/act/
www.quizlet.com/subject/sat/

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

For more information, stop by the Career Center.

Transcript Policy

Students have several options regarding transcripts.

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

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

All transcript requests and other related forms should be turned in to your Counselor.



SENIOR PORTFOLIO INTERVIEWS – Feb 28-Mar 4

<u>ALL SENIORS</u> will complete a Senior Portfolio in their English classes. The culmination of this portfolio project is the <u>Senior Portfolio Interview</u> that will occur February 28 – March 4. The interview provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with the interview process so



they are better prepared for interviews they may have with businesses, colleges, scholarship committees, etc. More information about the Senior Portfolio Interviews will be given to the students during their senior English classes. Students who have questions about how to complete their Senior Portfolio should talk to their senior English teacher.

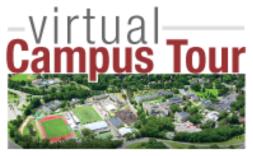


Mrs. Jones will arrange for each senior to present his or her portfolio in a mock interview situation. We are in the process of finalizing the details for this year's interview process. Parents may participate in this project by volunteering to interview students. If you are interested, you will be asked to volunteer for one session of interviews which will be held in the morning. You will interview approximately 10 students. The Senior Portfolio Interviews will be scheduled sometime in the spring. The exact date will be coming

soon. Please contact Mrs. Jones in the Career Center at 301-753-1759 or cajones@ccboe.com, if you would like to sign-up to help interview students. Thank you in advance.....we truly appreciate you taking the opportunity to help the students at North Point High School be successful.

Touring College Campuses





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

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

Top 10 list. <u>Many</u> of the college websites also provide a virtual tour of their campus....be sure to check it out! To help whittle down the choices, there are also websites where you can find **VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS**!!!

You can take a virtual tour at:

www.campustours.com



OR

www.youvisit.com



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



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

UPCOMING SPING VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS are listed at the beginning of this newsletter. Virtual College/Military/Career Visits will be scheduled this year. Information about the visits will be provided to students during morning announcements, on the Career Center page of the NPHS website, in the Career Center, and through synergy. Students can also look for additional information about virtual college fairs by going to www.collegefairsonline.com. Go to the student link on the website in order to register for the virtual college fair. During the fair, you can log on and search through all the colleges represented. Each booth will include information about the school and offer a chat time to talk with school representatives.



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

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

www.nationalportfolioday.org





Career Cruising: There's a NEW PROGAM to search for careers called Xello!!!

Xello has replaced Career Cruising. Every student has their own individual Xello account that they can access through the Clever app on their Office 365 account. Xello provides a wealth of information for students. Students can take Career and Skills Assessments; explore Careers, Schools, & Majors; view Career and College Profiles, create



their own **Plan**, save items to a **Personalized Student Portfolio** and **MUCH MORE**!!! Start exploring **Xello** NOW!!!

✓ Petersons:

This website provides information and tools to help you find, get in, and pay for school. Go to: www.petersons.com

✓ College Results Online:

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

✓ NACAC Virtual College Fairs:

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

✓ HBCU Interactive Directory: NEW!!!

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

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

✓ Exploring College Options:

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

✓ Exploring Educational Excellence:

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

✓ College Visits Tours:

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

✓ College Navigator:

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

✓ **CappexConnect Online**:

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

✓ Big Future – The College Board:

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

✓ College Majors 101:

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

✓ College Simply:

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

✓ 2021 Best Colleges in America

The Best Colleges ranking is based on rigorous analysis of **academic**, **admissions**, **financial**, and **student life** data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and alumni. **2021 Best Colleges in America - Niche**

NCAA Eligibility Center Information



In order to participate in athletics and receive athletic based financial aid, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and meet academic and amateurism eligibility standards. In order to register with the eligibility center, you must have a valid U.S. Social Security Number and a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover (debit or credit) card for the fee. If you are enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, you may receive a fee waiver to register for free. It should be completed the spring of your junior year (and fall of senior year at the latest). The Eligibility Center must also get copies of your SAT (use school code 9999) or ACT scores. The NCAA has adopted new legislation that will require prospects who intend to enroll at NCAA Division I and Division II institutions to supply ACT or SAT scores to the Eligibility Center directly from the testing agencies. Test scores on an official high school transcript will no longer be usable for NCAA purposes. All prospective student-athletes must complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire. You can reach the Eligibility Center Monday — Friday at 1-877-262-1492 or view the guidelines at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

There are many websites for potential college athletes but be wary of spending money for services. You would need to check these resources very carefully and obtain references. Listening to the advice of your coaches is important. Take a look at the websites below:

www.athleticaid.com www.college-athletic-scholarships.com <u>www.athleticscholarships.net</u> <u>www.collegesportsscholarships.com</u>

If you're an athlete, the best advice we can give you is to keep up your grades.

Gone are the days when athletic ability alone will get you accepted.

You must know your Core Course GPA. Keep track of your courses and the units that apply towards eligibility. Use the www.CoreCourseGPA.com program paid for by Charles County Public Schools to monitor your progress towards eligibility. Speak to your high school Coach, Athletic Director, or Counselor for further information.



How to ACTIVATE your FREE Membership:

Step 1: Go to www.CoreCourseGPA.com

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

School ID: 211067

School Code: 726090004

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

List of NCAA Approved Courses:

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

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS & TEST SCORES:

Division I Academic Requirements -

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

Division II Academic Requirements –

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



Research JOBS and CAREERS

- CareerOneStop Sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Learn about careers, find career information, and locate career resources and advice. Visit www.careeronestop.com
- Explore Career Paths with Career Coach College of Southern Maryland has a website that is available for students to use as they prepare for their future. It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Visit the website at: www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/career-services/explore-careers.html
- Way to Be Magazine (2021-2022) The magazine is separated into three parts: high school, college, and career. Students will be able to use the tools and information to help them find a college and/or career path. FREE copies of the magazine are available for students to pick up in the Career Center. Here is a link for the digital copy of the magazine: www.pageturnpro.com/The-Daily-Record/101303-Way-to-Be-2021/sdefault.html#page/1
- Wondering what you can do with a major??? Visit the following website: www.collegemajors101.com
- > Employment Information -
 - There are many websites available for you to be able to browse jobs that are available in a certain area and/or use their resources to learn some tips to help you when you are finding a job. Go to: www.indeed.com, www.snagajob.com, <a href="https://www.snag
 - o 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 & Internships Students and recent graduates may be eligible for federal internships and job opportunities through the Pathways and other student programs:
 www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students
- DOD Provides a Website to Help Youth Explore Pathways for Their Future: Figure out what's next! This website presents career, college and the Military as options, allowing students to explore all possibilities and gain insight into each option. More than 1,000 civilian and military career fields and nearly 7,000 accredited colleges and trade schools are featured. Go to: www.myfuture.com.
- Career Cruising: There's a NEW PROGAM to search for careers called Xello!!!
 Xello has replaced Career Cruising. Every student has their own individual Xello account that they can access through the Clever app on their Office 365 account. Xello provides a wealth of information for students. Students can take Career and Skills Assessments; explore Careers, Schools, & Majors; view Career and College Profiles, create their own Plan, save items to a Personalized Student Portfolio and MUCH MORE!!! Start exploring Xello NOW!!!
- Work Permits Students who are between 14 17 years of age and would like to work are required to get a work permit. For more information and to apply online, go to:
 https://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/wages/empm.shtml

- O*NET OnLine This is a tool for career exploration and job analysis! This site has detailed descriptions of the world of work! Build your future with O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
- > My Next Move U.S. Department of Labor's Career Search Tool: www.mynextmove.org
- Maryland Natural Resources Police Natural Resource Cadet, high school graduate (men and women) between ages of 18 and 20, full-time position. Apply at: www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp
- Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) There are several student/career opportunities available at the Charles County Sheriff's Office. For more information, visit: www.ccso.us CLICK on "Career Opportunities".
- > **STEM Jobs** Discover your career, do what you love, go to www.STEMjobs.com click on "Find Your STEM Type", take a quiz and get results, see which jobs match your type.
- Federal Government Jobs and Internships Opportunities for jobs with the Federal Government: www.USAJOBS.gov Under "Explore Hiring Paths" CLICK on "Students and recent graduates."
- Marine Trades Association of Maryland Career opportunities in the boating industry. www.mtam.org
- Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc. A vocational school dedicated to preparing students for successful careers as U.S. merchant mariners. Tuition-free training, no prior experience necessary, www.seafarers.org Located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, 45353 St. Georges Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674
- Maryland Dental Assistant School 10 weeks, entry-level dental assistant program, Dr. Evelyn Leach, 888-401-4555, fax 240-253-2673, 15638 Livingston Road Unit 9, Accokeek, MD 20607
- > Dental Assistant Training Contact Dr. Coleman at 703-963-8969
- Divers Academy International Career opportunities in commercial diving and underwater welding, hands-on learning, comprehensive certifications, 5-month program, career assistance, high job placement, high income potential. www.diversacademy.edu
- United States Intelligence Community Intelligence Careers The Intelligence Careers (IC) offers students a wide variety of excellent programs to get a jumpstart on a career in intelligence. Choose your agency, education level, field of study and the type of opportunity you're looking for, and match your needs to theirs. For more information go to:
 https://www.intelligencecareers.gov/icstudents.html?Agency=NSA
- Year Up (National Capital Region) Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults from the National Capital Region, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits and corporate internships. The first six months of the program focuses on technical and professional skill building, while the second six months focuses on applying these skills through corporate internships. Year Up is FREE of charge and students earn a weekly stipend. For more information, go to: www.yearup.org and www.yearup.org and attend an Open House (see website for dates)!!!

JOBS & FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!!!



Come work for your Hometown Team!

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs 2022 Job Fair will take place on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM, and applicants can show up to interview on the spot. In addition to job openings such as ticket takers, ticket sellers, parking attendants, customer service representatives, bat boys/girls, video camera crew workers, grounds crew, kid's park attendants, cleaning crew, and other positions, the Blue Crabs are also in search of Southern Maryland's most entertaining and talented individuals to fill their brand new "Crabby Daddies" and "Hype Squad" positions.

The Crabby Daddies will serve as the team's ushers but will be no average ushers. This crew of men and women will assist Ron Lord the Tye Dye Guy in making game days more exciting and fun, serving less as ushers, and more as entertainers. Whether you have a special hidden talent, are an actor, magician, thespian, stand-up comedian, improv actor, or simply an entertaining person, the Blue Crabs want you! At the Blue Crabs Job Fair on March 19th, applicants will have the chance to perform an up to five-minute skit. This skit will consist of five minutes of entertainment and engagement to earn your spot on Ron's crew, showing how you'd entertain a section of fans during a game. The Blue Crabs are looking for fun, charismatic, engaging individuals with the ability to make fans' game day experience more enjoyable. Skits could also be an improv act in a character created by the applicant (princess, gym teacher, surfer, etc.). Applicants are encouraged to be creative in their skits. For those unable make it for an in-person audition, please submit a clip here: shorturl.at/jmCM9.



Charles County Sheriff's Office is HIRING!!!

For more information and to apply, visit www.ccso.us

You can also contact Recruiter Williams at 301-609-5933 or email at recruiting@ccso.us



CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COMPETITIVE SALARY

Police Officer: \$55,704

Correctional Officer: \$45,390.38

Part-Time Cadet: \$15.81 an hour

Lateral Police Officer: call to inquire



BENEFITS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Holiday Compensation
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan
- Shift Differential
- Competitive Retirement Benefits
- Health/Dental Plans

For more information, contact: Recruiter Williams at 301-609-5933

Or email us at recruiting@ccso.us



JR TEAM TODAY!





HIRING OUR HEROES

Visit our website to apply:

www.ccso.us

Apprenticeships



Maryland and U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program -

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

U.S. Apprenticeship and Training Program: www.apprenticeship.gov

MD State Apprenticeship and Training Program: www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/appr/

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



A career in the construction trades can change your life!

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

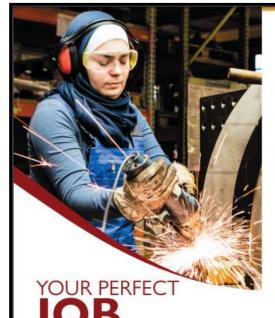
BEGIN WITH AN APPRENTICESHIP!!!

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

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







Why be an apprentice?

Earn while you learn.
Increase your earning potential.

· Build professional connections.

Be in demand.Avoid college debt.

If you are ready to dream big and achieve your full

potential, then an apprenticeship may be right for

YOUR PERFECT
HIRE

Why hire an apprentice?

- Build your workforce.
- Reduce turnover costs.
- Increase productivity.
- Plan for employee succession.
- Take advantage of financial incentives.

How do I become an apprentice?

Step 1: Visit occupations.mdapprenticeship.com to see a list of available occupations.

Step 2: Call (410) 767-2246 or email info@mdapprenticeship.com to connect with an apprenticeship navigator who will connect you with available apprenticeship opportunities.

Step 3: Apply directly to the program sponsor or employer.

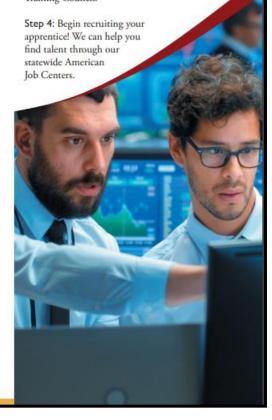
- Be 18 years of age
 Have transportation
 Be drug free
- Have a high school diploma (by means of high school graduation, GED* or NEDP)
- Be physically able to perform required tasks

How do I hire an apprentice?

Step 1: Call an apprenticeship navigator at (410) 767-2246.

Step 2: The apprenticeship navigator will connect you with an existing apprenticeship program or help you to develop a customized registered apprenticeship program.

Step 3: We will partner with you to present your plan for approval to the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council.



"EARN WHILE YOU LEARN" JOB OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Apprenticeships provide you the opportunity to learn a job/skill while you are earning a salary!!!

Find out about the many apprenticeship opportunities that are available by visiting

Maryland's Department of Labor website!!!

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

MILITARY NEWS



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

www.goang.com

COAST GUARD RESERVE

www.uscg.mil/reserve/

UNITED STATES SPACEFORCE

www.airforce.com/spaceforce

ARMY RESERVE

www.goarmyreserve.com

NAVY RESERVE

www.navyreserve.com

AIR FORCE RESERVE

www.afreserve.com

MARINE CORPS RESERVE

www.marines.com/eligibility/serviceoptions/reserve

Local Military Recruiting Offices

U.S. Air Force Recruiting Office

173 St. Patricks Drive Waldorf, MD 20603 240-530-0177

240-304-4476

U.S. Navy Recruiting Station

173 St. Patricks Drive Waldorf, MD 20603

301-843-8572

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

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

Maryland Army National Guard

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

https://military.maryland.gov (Click on MD National Guard link on the left)

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

Financial Aid for Veterans and their Dependents

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

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

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

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

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

Updated annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the publication *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* contains information about education and training benefits available to veterans and eligible dependents. For more information go to: www.va.gov

GI Transferability Bill

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

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

MOAA offers several educational assistance programs, including interest-free loans, grants and the American Patriot Scholarship. For more information, go to: <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/education-assistance/

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

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

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

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

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

DOD Provides Website for Career Pathways:

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

List of Maritime Colleges

<u>Four-Year</u> <u>Two-Year</u>

California Maritime Academy, CA
Maine Maritime Academy, ME
Massachusetts Maritime Academy, MA
SUNY Maritime College, NY
United States Merchant Marine Academy, NY
Webb Institute, NY

Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, WA Northwestern Michigan College, MI

List of Military Colleges

Four Year

The Citadel, SC
North Georgia College & State University, GA
Norwich University, VT
United States Air Force Academy, CO
United States Coast Guard Academy, CT
United States Merchant Marine Academy, NY
United States Military Academy, NY
United States Naval Academy, MD
Virginia Military Institute, VA

<u>Two-Year</u>

Georgia Military College, GA Marion Military Institute, AL New Mexico Military Institute, NM Valley Forge Military Academy and College, PA Wentworth Military Junior College, MO



Registering with Selective Service



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

<u>Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery</u> <u>Career Exploration Program (ASVAB)</u>

(Information from www.asvabprogram.com)



What is the ASVAB?

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

The ASVAB consists of nine short individual tests covering:

- > General Science measures knowledge of life science, earth and space science, and physical science
- Arithmetic Reasoning measures ability to solve basic arithmetic word problems
- > Word Knowledge measures ability to understand the meaning of words through synonyms
- > Paragraph Comprehension measures ability to obtain information from written material
- > Mathematics Knowledge measures knowledge of mathematical concepts and applications
- **Electronics Information** measures knowledge of electrical current, circuits, devices, and electronic systems
- Auto and Shop Information measures knowledge of automotive maintenance and repair, and wood and metal shop practices
- Mechanical Comprehension measures knowledge of the principles of mechanical devices, structural support, and properties of materials
- > Assembling Objects measures ability with spatial relationships

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 who is interested in the military will use their scores from the ASVAB to enlist in the military after graduation. The scores are good for two years. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations.

Did you know?

A student's decision to enter college, technical or vocational school, military service, or the civilian world of work after high school is an important one. They may already have a general idea of what direction they want to go in life; however, the ASVAB CEP can assist them in narrowing career fields down to a manageable number. In addition, the program may show them that they have abilities in fields that they have never considered. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is not offered to try to recruit students for the military, but to help them with planning their future, whether it lay with the military or not. It can help students take steps now toward finding a career that's right for them. Take advantage of all the ASVAB CEP can offer by signing up when it is available. The test will be administered at North Point High School March 15, 2022 for any juniors and seniors interested in taking it.

Free Test Preparation for the ASVAB

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

*The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is <u>FREE</u> and available for interested Juniors & Seniors!!! The spring ASVAB will be administered in March 15, 2022. Please check your Synergy email for Registration form. Juniors and <u>Seniors interested in enlisting in the military, should start preparing now for the ASVAB test. It is never too soon to start studying!!!!</u>



Military Academy Summer Programs



United States Coast Guard Academy Summer Program for Juniors

COAST GUARD
A C A D E M Y

February 8: AIM Application <u>OPENS</u> April 15: AIM Application CLOSES

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

Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)

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

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

AIM 2022

Session 1: July 5 – 9 (Virtual)

Session 2: July 11 – 16 (On Campus) Session 3: July 18 – 23 (On Campus)

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

January 4: Application OPENED

Spots are limited. Apply as soon as possible.
Visit www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php



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

2022 Summer Seminar Dates

Session 1: June 4 – 9 Session 2: June 11 – 16 Session 3: June 18 - 23

West Point United States Military Academy Summer Leaders Experience

February 1: Application <u>OPENS</u> March 15: Application <u>CLOSES</u>

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



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

2022 SLE Dates

Session 1: May 28 – June 3 Session 2: June 4 - 10



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

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

List of dates!!! March 11-13, 2022 April 8-10, 2022 May 13 - 15, 2022

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

Choose from 3 Tracks:

Medical Science, Biomedical Engineering & Technology, or Applied Mathematics

DEADLINE to apply – February 9, 2022

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

ASPIRE Internship Program at Johns Hopkins University – This is an unpaid, hands-on, learning-based internship that provides rising juniors and seniors in high school with the opportunity to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. ASPIRE's experiential and educational nature is designed to give students a chance to see inside the STEM industry. To learn more about this exciting opportunity (which is completely FREE!), as well as view the full eligibility requirements and apply, please visit https://secwww.ihuapl.edu/stem/aspire/

The application for SUMMER 2022 is now OPEN. DEADLINE to apply is February 16, 2022

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

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

Session A: June 19 - June 25, 2022 (In-Person Career Camp) Session B: July 10 - July 16, 2022 (In-Person Career Camp) Session C: June 27 - July 1, 2022 (Virtual Career Camp)

Black College Institute at Virginia Tech (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON Event) – Virginia Tech's Black College Institute is a 4-day VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON academic summer enrichment program by Virginia Tech for rising junior and senior high school students. While the program is designed to attract underrepresented and/or first-generation students, we welcome the participation of ANY student who has a potential interest in Virginia Tech. The program activities are planned using a multicultural perspective though they place special emphasis on the African-American identity. The camp offers a broad overview of many of the colleges at Virginia Tech while also helping students navigate the college admissions process and explore campus life. The camp is FREE, but participants must provide their own transportation to and from Blacksburg.

Session 1 for JUNIORS: June 12 - 15, 2022 (*Virtual*) Session 2 for SENIORS: July 19 - 23, 2022 (*In-Person*) Session 3 for SENIORS: June 26 – 30, 2022 (*In-Person*)

For more information and to apply to attend these programs, please go to https://vt.edu/admissions/black-college-institute.html. DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 1, 2022

Boston Leadership Institute – Stem_Programs designed for high achieving students. Offering both live and remote Summer Programs in 2022. Apply at www.bostonleadershipinstitute.com

<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. Cyber Saturdays are scheduled regularly throughout the year. For more information and to register, go to: www.captechu.edu/degrees-and-programs/cyber-saturday

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

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

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

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

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

The Princeton University Summer Journalism Program

This program is for **low-income students (JUNIORS ONLY)** with **excellent academic achievement** who are committed to pursuing a career in journalism. To apply for the program, you must be a **JUNIOR** in high school, have an interest in journalism, and meet the eligibility requirements listed on the website.

For more information and to APPLY go to

https://psjp.princeton.edu/apply/eligibility DEADLINE: February 28, 2022

Rotary Club of Charles County is calling students to

JOIN ROTARY INTERACT

The Rotary Club of Charles County has started a community-based

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



Join Charles County Rotary Interact for a year of:

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

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

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

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

Rising 9th Grade Students – June 6 – 11, 2022 Rising 10th Grade Students – June 13 – 18, 2022, and Rising 11th Grade Students – June 20 – 24, 2022.

Applications CLOSES March 31, 2022. For more information and to APPLY, go to: www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php#fndtn-panel1-Attending



Boys State Program: Junior male students with an interest in Political Science or attending one of Military Academies after graduation may apply for this all expenses paid summer program sponsored by the American Legion to be held from June 19-25. McDaniel College will host this event providing leadership training, learning principles of governmental affairs, and enriching your knowledge of American citizenship. For more information and an application, go to: www.mdlegion.org/boysstate Application deadline: May 1, 2022 For more information, please see Mr. M. Howard in Room A415.





Summer Programs, Opportunities, & Internships

Terp Young Scholars Program

July 11-29, 2022

For rising high school seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen

Discover the challenge, excitement, and independence of campus life at the University of Maryland and earn three college credits

Application <u>OPENED</u> January 10, 2022 Application <u>CLOSES</u> May 1, 2022

(Applications are reviewed and admission made on first-come, first-served basis.)

For more information and to apply, go to:

https://oes.umd.edu/pre-college-programs/terp-young-scholars-online

School of Engineering Summer Programs at UMD

These programs provide high school students the chance to learn about engineering, explore engineering disciplines, build confidence, and meet like-minded friends.

Check the website frequently for updated information about their upcoming summer programs.

https://eng.umd.edu/pre-college-programs

Did You Know???

The Common Black College Application, EDU, Inc.

Common Black College Application: Apply to 65 member institutions with ONE \$20.00 application fee - https://commonblackcollegeapp.com or call (770)716-0616. (*Includes 3 Maryland schools – Coppin State University, Morgan State University, & University of Maryland Eastern Shore!!!)



www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

The Common Application:

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

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

Coalition for College:

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

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

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

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

❖ Find YOUR College Match!!!

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

PSAT/NMSQT Practice & Score Report Resources:

This is a **FREE** Career and College Resource from College Board. Students (9th, 10th, 11th grade) who took the test in October, received their Score Reports in December. The counselors provided additional details about the score reports. Once students receive their score report, they should visit https://studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn more about what their scores mean. If they have an account with College Board, they can sign in with their Username and Password; if they don't have an account, they will need to create a Student Account at www.collegeboard.org. Using their score report, they will learn how ready they are for college, explore which AP courses are a good match for them, and get insight into which skills to focus on in order to prepare for the SAT. They can also link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to access FREE, personalized SAT practice based on their PSAT/NMSQT results. Students who would like to find out more information about the PSAT and take *a full length practice PSAT/NMSQT, can visit:*https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice.

❖ Khan Academy – A personalized learning resource for ALL AGES!!!

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Our math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. We've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. For more information go to: http://www.khanacademy.org

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

***** FairTest:

This list includes institutions that are "test optional", "test flexible" or otherwise de-emphasize the use of standardized tests by making admissions decisions about substantial numbers of applicants who recently graduated from U.S. high schools without using the SAT or ACT.

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

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

AP Exams and Earning College Credit:

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



MARYLAND RESOURCES



College Resources & Financial Aid Programs:

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

Maryland College and University Search:

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

Go to: https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions training/Pages/colleges universities/index.aspx

Maryland Private Career School Search:

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

Go to: https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/career/pcs/search.aspx

Artsys: The Articulation System for Maryland Colleges and Universities

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

Academic Common Market:

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

❖ Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

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

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship:

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

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

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

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



Overview of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship



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

Who May Apply?

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

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

Application Requirements

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

Enrollment Requirements

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

Important Reminder

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

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

The information contained in the one pager is for informational purposes only; and if there is any variance between this website and applicable statutes and regulations, the statutes and regulations shall prevail.

WWW.MHEC.MARYLAND.GOV



College of Southern Maryland Information

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

College of Southern Maryland: Application and Testing Process:



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

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

- 1. Apply online at www.csmd.edu/apply-register, there is no fee.
- 2. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The FAFSA is available NOW! CSM's school code is 002064. If your application is not completed, your financial aid cannot be processed.
- *Please Note: In order to be considered for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship, students must complete the FAFSA, LIST the College of Southern Maryland *(Community College)* on the FAFSA as one of the schools you may attend, and submit the FAFSA by March 1. Students will be notified by an email from MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission) of the required documentation to submit for further consideration of the Scholarship. For more information, please visit: https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog MDCommunityCollegePromiseScholarship.aspx
- 3. Visit the CSM website for information about CSM's Placement Testing at https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/placement-testing/.
- 4. Pay attention to the EMAILS you receive from the College of Southern Maryland and register for an appointment for the Student Orientation And Registration (S.O.A.R.) by calling the college at 301-934-2251.

Financial Aid Process at College of Southern Maryland

Priority Deadline for your FAFSA is March 1 - CSM Federal School Code for FAFSA: 002064

The College of Southern Maryland Financial Assistance Department staff members are there to help meet your educational goal. Their mission is to offer you the information and services to make college affordable for you. Their office is located at the La Plata Campus in the Administration Building, Room 110. Their regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can reach them by telephone at 301-934-7531, or send an e-mail at finaid@csmd.edu.

For more information about COSTS & AID at the College of Southern Maryland visit: www.csmd.edu/costs-aid

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

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

College of Southern Maryland (CSM) \$cholarship Finder!!!

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

Visit www.csmd.edu/scholarshipfinder for the most up-to-date information and eligibility requirements. For SM Financial Assistance Department at (301) 934-7531





SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS



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

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



February Deadline:

AFCEA DC STEM Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

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

financial need Award: Varies

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

Elks National Legacy Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members

Award: \$4,000

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

Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) Scholarship

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

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

Criteria: Proof of acceptance to an HBCU, Transcript, US Citizen, GPA 3.0+, Financial Need, Pursue studies in a pertinent chemical and engineering industry STEM field, with preferred majors including, but not limited to: Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math, Computer Science, Biochemistry, Material Science, Environmental Sciences, IT, Sustainability, Agriculture/Science, Aerospace Engineering Award: \$10,000 for 4 years

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

HBCU WEEK X CAPITAL ONE SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

University (HBCU) for the entirety of their college education, financial need

Award: Varies

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

HBCU Week X NFL Scholarship

HBCU Week Foundation

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

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

Involvement, Financial Need

Award: Varies

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

HBCU WEEK X LEXISNEXIS® RISK SOLUTIONS GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

Involvement, Financial Need

Award: Varies

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

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

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

need

Award: \$500-\$5,000

Deadline: 2/7; www.jimmyranefoundation.org

Legacy Scholarship

Elks National Foundation

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Open to Children and Grandchildren of Elks members

Award: \$4,000

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

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Planning to pursue a degree and a healthcare-related field, GPA 3.0+, FAFSA SAR, transcript, report card,

letters of recommendation, resume, essay **Award:** Up to \$3,000 per semester for four years

Deadline: 2/25; www.medstarstmarys.org/careers/healthcare-scholarships

TheDREAM.US - National Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: 2.5+ GPA, 2- or 4- Year school, eligible for in-state tuition at Partner College, have current DACA or TPS or

DACA eligible, financial need

Award: Varies

Deadline: 2/28, www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

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

Eligible: Female Senior

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, accepted to 4-year school, transcript, letters of recommendation, school and community involvement

and/or participating in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority programs, essay

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

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

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Issie Jenkins Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: GPA 3.0+, transcript, letters of recommendation, resume, essay

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: 2/19; Please email or see Ms. Jones in the College & Career Center for application. Questions?? Email Ms. Karen Parham, Scholarship Coordinator, at lssieJenkinsScholarship@zphibmaryland.org or call her at 443-

570-4774.

March Deadline:

ACS (American Chemical Society) Scholars Award

Eligible: Senior

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

transcript, letters of recommendation, FAFSA Student Aid Report

Award: Up to \$5000 per academic year

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

AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay Contest

Eligible: A student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and must also *enter* a four-year accredited college or university within 12 months of the application deadline.

Criteria: This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has had on their own lives and others in their family and community.

Award: Various Awards

Deadline: 3/1; For more information and application go to: https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/

Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington D.C.

Eligible: Graduating college-bound seniors who are dependents of an active duty, retired, MIA/POW, or deceased Air Force member residing in the Washington, D. C. area

Criteria: 3.25+ unweighted GPA, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership

Award: varies each year

Deadline: 3/4; https://www.afoscdc.com/page-18083; www.afoscdc.com

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

- National President's Scholarship: Scholarships for high school students who are direct descendants, stepchildren, step-grandchildren of U.S. wartime veterans. Application available at: www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors-National-Presidents--Scholarship/
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Member: Scholarships awarded to Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Application available at: www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Spirit-of-Youth-Scholarship-Fund/

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

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

American Legion Post #170 Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

pursuing higher education **Award:** Six - \$500 Scholarships

Deadline: 3/15; Contact Renee Thompson-Flores, Commander, for additional information and the application at

rtf.alpost170@gmail.com.

American Welding Society District Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Students seeking an undergraduate degree in welding engineering, welding technology, or a welding related

field, must be accepted into a welding related educational or training program

Award: \$1,000 and up, renewable

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

Automotive Scholarship Gateway

Eligible: Seniors

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

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/31; www.automotivescholarships.com

Belvoir Spouses' Club (BSC) Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors – BSC Dependents of military personnel (active duty, reserve, guard, deceased, or retired), all services

/ranks

Criteria: Essay, community involvement, leadership, academic and other achievement, letters of recommendation

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/13; www.belvoirspousesclub.org/scholarships.html

Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) Scholarships

Eligible: Seniors of African descent (for example, African-American, African, or Ethiopian)

Criteria: GPA 3.3+, attend 4-year college/university, major in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, business programs (finance, business administration, or marketing), financial need, letters of recommendation,

resume, transcript, essays

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: 3/15; www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx

Blacks in Government

Coast Guard Chapter

Eligible: High School Seniors

Criteria: GPA 2.0+, recommendation, must reside within Washington D.C. metropolitan area

Award: Varies \$250-\$750

Deadline: 3/31; www.bigcgchapter.org/scholarships.html

Carter Marohn-Johnson Memorial Scholarship

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

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

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

Deadline: 3/15; www.cartermjscholarship.com

Charles County Arts Alliance Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

essay, letter of recommendation, transcript

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

scholarship!!!)

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

application-2020.pdf, https://www.charlescountyarts.org/

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

Charles County Scholarship Fund

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2022

The Charles County Scholarship Fund Application is OPEN for SENIORS!

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

Seniors may apply for these scholarships using one application.

The electronic online application NOW OPEN and is available at:

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

(*CLICK on Charles County Scholarship Fund)

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

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

If you have questions/concerns or need assistance with the scholarship, please email Mrs. Jones, the College & Career Advisor or your school counselor.

REMEMBER....YOU can APPLY for MULTIPLE scholarships with just ONE application!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Several scholarships indicate that

ONE SCHOLARSHIP IS GIVEN AT EACH CHARLES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL. This means that ONE SENIOR from HS will be awarded the scholarship....PLEASE APPLY if you QUALIFY!!! NP

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

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

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

Award: Varies

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

Create-A-Holiday-Card Scholarship

Eligible: High school students Criteria: Design a greeting card Award: \$10,000 scholarship

Deadline: Students can submit designs through 3/2/22 and Monthly voting ends 4/15/22; For more information

and details, visit https://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm

Credit Union (CU) Foundation MD/DC

Eligible: Seniors

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

Award: \$1,000 scholarship

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

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter

Eligible: Graduating high school senior from Southern Prince George's and Charles County

Criteria: Community service, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, essay, interview, letters of recommendation, minimum GPA 2.5, and plans to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4-year college

Award: \$1,000+

Deadline: 3/7; https://dstfwac.org/programs/educational-development/scholarship-program/ For questions please

email: fwacscholarship@gmail.com

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarships

Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Maryland and the District of Columbia

Eligible: High School Seniors

Criteria: Resident of Maryland for at least one year preceding the date of award, been accepted for admission as a full-time student (as defined by the recipient's attending school), demonstrated financial need, GPA 2.0+, transcript, essay,

SAT/ACT results **Award:** \$1,000

Deadline: 3/1; https://asbo.org/page/Jacobus, www.asbo.org

FEEA Federal employee Education & Assistance Fund

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

Criteria: Academic Record, Community Service

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

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

Hampton University - National Hampton Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

Eligibility: Seniors

Criteria: GPA 3.0+, Plan to attend Hampton University in the Fall; FAFSA, essay, transcript, letter of recommendation

Award: \$6.000 (Renewable for 3 years.)

Deadline: 3/15; Please email or see Ms. Jones in the College & Career Center for application. Questions, Email:

scholarships@nhaainc.org

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

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

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

Give Back Book Scholarship (\$1,500)

Eligible: Black or African American Seniors

Criteria: Unweighted GPA 2.0+, Maryland resident, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activity

involvement, attending a 2- or 4- year college/university, letter of recommendation, essay

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

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

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Eligible: High School Seniors (College Scholarships and Career & Technical Education Scholarships)

Criteria: Child of active duty, reserve, retired, deceased U.S. Marine or Navy Corpsmen, GPA 2.0+, and financial need

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/1; www.mcsf.org/apply

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

Eligible: Seniors

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

Award: Varies

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

Masonic Charities of Maryland Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

application

Award: \$500 - \$7,000

Deadline: 3/1; http://masoniccharitiesmaryland.org/scholarship-program CLICK on the 2022 Scholarship Application

Form link.

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

NAACP Charles County Branch - J. Wesley Key Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors of African American descent

Criteria: African American descent, GPA 2.5+, transcripts, letters of recommendation, planning to attend 2- or 4-year

college/university OR a career/vocational/technical program

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: 3/11; Please email or see Ms. Jones in the College & Career Center for application.

RN STAT

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

Eligible: Seniors

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

application, personal interview

Deadline: 3/25; Please email or see Ms. Jones in the College & Career Center for application.

Southern Maryland Community Enrichment Center Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: GPA 2.5+ unweighted, letters of recommendation, transcript, essay, proof of acceptance

Award: Varies

Deadline: *POSTMARKED BY 3/3; http://somcec.org/

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

Eliaible: Senior

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

MULTIPLE Scholarships Available:

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

Deadline: 3/15; https://form.jotform.com/220049100798150 - For questions or additional information, contact Dr.

Treesa Elam-Respass: EMAIL - Scholarship@dsttricountymd.org or CALL - 301-684-3993

Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program

Eligible: Seniors who are sons or daughters of a veteran who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts

Criteria: Filed FAFSA by March 1, military parent documentation (see website)

Award: Varies

Deadline: 3/1; For more information on how to apply, please go to:

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

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium

Leslie A. Ebert Legacy of Life Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

Award: \$1.000-\$5.000

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

Maryland Senatorial & Delegate Scholarships

Who may apply???

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

Senatorial Scholarships

Senator Arthur Ellis

301-858-3616

File your FAFSA by March 1st to be considered for this scholarship. <u>DEADLINE</u>: March 15, 2022. *Scholarship application is available at*

https://arthurellis.us/scholarship.html

Delegate Scholarships

Delegate Debra Davis

Contact: 301-858-3337

DEADLINE: April 1, 2022. Scholarship Application can be completed ONLINE at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVGVv2kxavXwkZDfCZ0AvMgf0b_IUE9m4W-

5waX1KNKihGAQ/viewform

Delegate C.T. Wilson

Contact: 301-858-3325

DEADLINE: TBD. Students should email Delegate C.T. Wilson's office at

C.T.Wilson@house.state.me.us or call 301-858-3325 to request a copy of the scholarship application

packet.

Delegate Edith J. Patterson

Contact: 301-858-3247

DEADLINE: March 31, 2022. The Scholarship Application is available at

https://forms.gle/3iaDtgMxhSNFnFMT7.

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

*You MUST live in the 28th District.

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

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

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

spx

*You <u>MUST</u> file a FAFSA before March 1ST to be considered for any of the Maryland Senatorial, Delegate, or State Scholarships

April Deadline:

American Foreign Service - National High School Essay Contest

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

Criteria: Essay, US Citizen Award: \$1,250 - \$2,500

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

AMVETS National Scholarships

Eligible: High School Seniors who are military dependents

Criteria: Military dependent (Active or Veteran), financial need, transcript, FAFSA SAR, essay, resume

Award: Varies

Deadline: 4/30; www.amvets.org/scholarships

Bill of Rights Institute

WE THE STUDENTS ESSAY CONTEST

Eligible: 9-12 graders

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

Award: \$500-\$7,500

Deadline: 4/15; Scholarship Application: www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-

events/scholarship/; Information: http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Maryland Scholarship

William C. Price Memorial Scholarship Eligible: African-American Seniors

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

college/university **Award:** \$2,000

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

Cathay Bank Foundation Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

Transcript

Award: Twenty - \$1,000 scholarships

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

6 or EMAIL scholarships@apcf.org

Chesapeake Language Project Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: Current or former English learner (has participated in ESOL/ESL program), GPT 3.0+, extracurricular activities or

work experience, applying to college/university

Award: \$1,000 scholarship

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

Crescent Cities Charities Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: GPA 3.0+, scholastic or other achievement, good leadership qualities, community involvement, enroll in degree

or certificate program

Award: \$1,000 - \$10,000 (multiple scholarships awarded)

Deadline: 4/15; https://cccharities.org/scholarships For more information, email: steve.novak@cccharities.org

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Business and Finance Scholarship

Rosemary Brinkley Business and Finance Scholarship

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

a member.)

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

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: 4/1; https://supporteducation.org/helping-college-bound-students/

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union High School Scholarship

Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarship

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

a member.)

Criteria: GPA 2.75+ and essay

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: 4/1; https://supporteducation.org/helping-college-bound-students/

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, 4-year college bound, majors: various Engineering programs, Computer Science, Systems

Engineering, Math, Physics, Information Systems/Management Information Systems or Information Assurance, interest in

a paid internship with Lockheed Martin

Award: 200 scholarships of \$10,000 per student, renewable each year

Deadline: 4/1, www.lockheedmartin.com/scholarship

Miss Utility/District One Call Scholarship

Eligible: High School Seniors

Criteria: Essay, extracurricular activities, Letters of Recommendation, unofficial transcript

Award: \$1,008.11

Deadline: 5/27; Applications can be completed and submitted online at www.missutility.net/miss-utility-

scholarship

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

Eligible: Seniors who are dependents of an active duty, activated reservist, retired from active duty, or deceased United

States Navy (USN) service member

Criteria: Essays, letter of recommendation, transcript

Award: Varies

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

North Point High School Athletic Boosters Scholarship

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Participated in at least one athletic team all four years at NPHS, member of Athletics Boosters Club is required

Award: two - \$1000 to male and female athletic, GPA 3.00, and two - \$1000 to male and female athletic GPA 2.5

Deadline: 4/1 submitted to Mrs. Jones. Please email Ms. Jones for a copy of the application

North Point High School PTSO Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

Criteria: community service, school involvement, min GPA 2.5

Award: two \$500

Deadline: 4/1 submitted to Mrs. Jones. Please email Ms. Jones for a copy of the application

Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors, in the NPHS JROTC, Criminal Justice Program, Cheer Team, Girls Basketball Team

Criteria: Min GPA 2.5, 2 or 4-year college bound, official transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, essay topic provided

Award: 2 awards - \$500 each

Deadline: 4/1 Applications available in the Career Center.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter

John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation

Eligible: Senior

Criteria: Planning to attend a 4-year college, Essay, Letters of Recommendation

Award: \$1.000

Deadline: 4/1; https://taulambda.wpengine.com/mandated-programs/tau-lambda-lambda-and-ilwcs-scholarship/

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Scholarship

Eligible: Seniors

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

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

Award: \$2,500

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

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program for Military Dependents

Eligible: Seniors who are military dependents of active duty, discharged, or retired military personnel (ALL military

branches)

Criteria: Enroll in full-time undergraduate study at 2- or 4-year college/university, vocational or technical school or trade school, GPA 2.0+. Selections based on academic performance, financial need, community/activity involvement, essay.

Award: Varies

Deadline: 4/15; (Application Opens March 1) https://www.thanksusa.org/apply.html For questions, please email

Questions@ThanksUSA.org

May Deadline:

B. Davis Scholarship

Eligible: Juniors and Seniors **Criteria:** 1000-word essay

Award: \$1000

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

Port Tobacco Players Memorial Scholarship

Eligible: Graduating high school senior

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

some capacity. **Award:** \$1,000

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

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

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

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

Award: Varied

Deadline: 5/1 for Freshmen Application (Opens March 1); https://scholarships.swe.org/applications/login.asp

June Deadline:

Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship

Eligible: 9-12 graders

Criteria: Must have personally experienced challenges with mental health challenges or have had a person close to you

who has experienced mental health challenges. US Citizen or permanent legal resident. Essay

Award: \$500

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

Bel Alton High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Eliaible: Senior

Criteria: GPA 2.5+, attend HBCU or College of Southern Maryland or Vocational/Trade school, transcript, essay

Award: 4 – \$500 scholarships

Deadline: 6/10; www.belaltonalumnicdc.org/files/136664716.pdf

Ongoing:

College Board Opportunity Scholarship – CLASS of 2023!!!

This unique opportunity guides students through the college planning process and offers them a chance to earn money for college for each action they complete. Students in the **CLASS of 2023** are eligible regardless of income, citizenship status, GPA, or test scores. The scholarship doesn't require an essay or an application. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$40,000 and can be used for two- or four-year institutions. Half of all scholarships will be awarded to students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.

- 1. Build a College List: \$500 **December 6, 2021 June 30, 2022**
- 2. Practice for the SAT: \$500 **December 6, 2021 October 31, 2022**
- 3. Explore Scholarships: \$500 **July 1, 2022 February 28, 2023**
- 4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500 **July 1, 2022 October 31, 2022**
- 5. Complete the FAFSA: \$500 October 1, 2022 February 28, 2023
- 6. Apply to Colleges: \$500 October 1, 2022 February 28, 2023

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

For more information and to apply, CLICK on the link: https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships



Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.

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

Award: Varies, depending on need and educational expenses, covers tuition

and books, may also include housing and meals

Apply: www.kidschance-md.org

Seniors planning on attending the College of Southern Maryland after graduation...

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

Visit <u>www.csmd.edu/scholarshipfinder</u> for the most up-to-date information and eligibility requirements.

Remember to apply early for best consideration! For more information, contact the CSM Financial Assistance

Department at (301) 934-7531 for additional information.

Apply to College	
Pick a major	E
Find Money for School	N. Committee
Altend Student Orientation	1

ECIFIC SCHOOLS or ORGANIZATIONS

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

ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS

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

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

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

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

Build Your Future Scholarships

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

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

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

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

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

Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

MSDE tuition assistance program for childcare providers to obtain a college education at participating colleges/universities in Maryland. Funding is available in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Elementary Education, and Special Education. For additional information, please visit:

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/office-child-care/credentialingbranch/child-care-career-and-professional

Frostburg State University

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

Going Merry scholarship

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

<u>Harvard College – Harvard University</u>

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

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

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

McDaniel College, Educator's Legacy Scholarship

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

Medical Condition Scholarships

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

How to Search for Scholarships:

The scholarships are sorted several ways:

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

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

Mometrix

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

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

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

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

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

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

- · Alabama A&M University
- · Alcorn State University
- · Central State University, Ohio
- Delaware State University
- · Florida A&M University
- · Fort Valley State University, Georgia
- Kentucky State University
- · Langston University, Oklahoma
- · Lincoln University, Missouri
- · North Carolina A&T State University

- · Prairie View A&M University, Texas
- · South Carolina State University
- · Southern University, Louisiana
- · Tennessee State University
- · Tuskegee University, Alabama
- · University of Arkansas Pine Bluff
- · University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- · Virginia State University
- · West Virginia State University

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

DEADLINE: January 31, 2022;

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

Washington College (MD)

National Honor Society Students

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

Award: \$25,000

Deadline: For more information, visit:

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



SCHOLARSHIP and COLLEGE Information Online



Williamson College of the Trades (PA)

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

There is plenty of FREE information and help; do not pay for scholarships, scholarship searches, or FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application completion. The only website you should use for FAFSA is:

https://fafsa.gov OR https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. On this site you can access help by clicking contact, and then you can e-mail, call toll free, or live chat.

www.fastweb.com www.blackscholarships.org

https://studentaid.gov/ www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

www.studentscholarships.org www.scholarships.com

<u>www.cappex.com</u> <u>https://scholarships.uncf.org/</u>

http://www.chegg.com/scholarships https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college

www.goodcall.com/scholarships www.finaid.org

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

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

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

College Affordability and Transparency Center

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

- <u>College Scorecard</u> Helps you search for a college that is a good fit. You can use the College Scorecard to find
 out more about a college's **affordability** and **value** so you can make informed decisions about which college to
 attend.
- <u>College Navigator</u> Helps you **search** for and **compare** colleges based on all sorts of criteria (costs, majors offered, size of school, campus safety, and graduation rates).
- Net Price Calculator Center Allows you to find links to colleges' net price calculators. Net price calculators help you estimate how much colleges cost after scholarships and grants.
- <u>College Affordability and Transparency List</u> You can find information about **tuition** and **net prices** at postsecondary institutions.

VISIT: https://collegecost.ed.gov

Bold.org

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

Cappex.com/Scholarships

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

Career One Stop

Search more than 7,500 scholarships, fellowships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities: www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx

Central Scholarship Bureau

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

Free-to-Apply Scholarships on NICHE

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

Free Scholarship Searches

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

GI Transferability Bill

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

Scholarships.com

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

Student Scholarships.org

Maryland scholarship database, quality & depth information, huge time saver, free newsletter option, privacy palicy

Financial Aid Information

www.studentscholarships.org

Scholarships360.org

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



'ho are planning to continue with any form of education, please make sure you complete the FAFSA!!!

FAFSA DEADLINES

for many states, schools, and scholarships are approaching FAST!!!



_____/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out

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



Or go to:

http://csmd.financialaidtv.com/



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



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

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

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



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) -

Provides tools and resources to help compare financial aid offers, college costs, understand student loan options, and more.

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

Federal Student Aid -

https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/comparing-aid-offers

Types of Financial Aid

Learn more about the Federal Student Aid at:

https://studentaid.gov/understandaid/types#scholarships



Sources of Financial Aid

Learn more about the Federal Student Aid at:

https://studentaid.gov

Federal Student Aid also has a list of RESOURCES you can view and download: https://studentaid.gov/resources



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

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

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

Friday, February 11

*2 Hour Early Dismissal



Monday, February 14 Valentine's Day



Wednesday, February 16

*2 Hour Early Dismissal (NEW DATE)

Monday, February 21

*Schools / Offices Closed Presidents Day

Wednesday, February 23

*U.S. Air Force Recruiter Presentation – 1.00 PM in the Career Center



Please remember to bring in a copy of <u>ALL</u> your college acceptance letters, scholarships, grants, awards or military commitments to

Mrs. Jones in the Career Center. You can also email them to her at cajones@ccboe.com!!!

Continue to check the Career Center website



for more information, resources, and scholarship opportunities!!!

These programs and scholarships are provided as a courtesy. Charles County Public Schools and North Point High School do not rate the quality or value of any of these. For more information on items in this newsletter, please contact Mrs. Jones, the College & Career Advisor.

Nondiscrimination statement - July 1, 2021

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

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