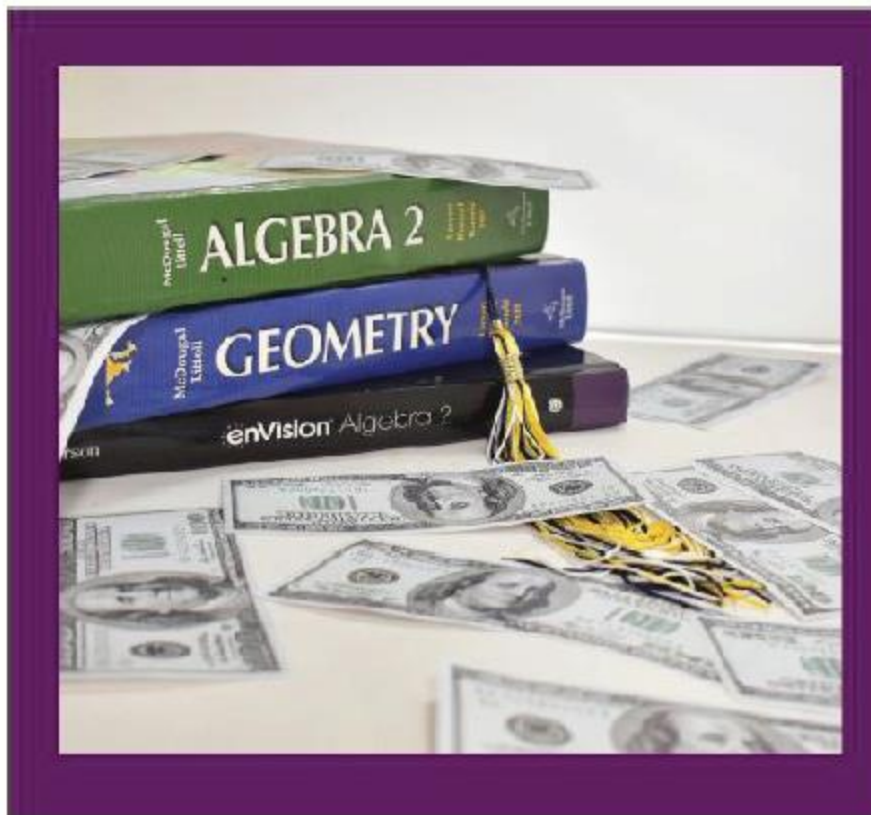




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*A Guide to Financial Aid for
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Introduction

A college education is one of the biggest and most important financial investments that a family will make. Financial aid can play a significant role in helping families to afford higher education. Keep in mind there are many sources of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs, and loans. This guide will provide students and parents with resources to help determine the type of financial aid that best suits their personal circumstances. Don't forget the human resources that are available to you; namely, your high school counselor and the financial aid staff at the colleges you are considering. Good luck with your search.

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Dear Students and Parents:

This booklet contains important information about financial aid for post high school education planning. School counselors can assist you in making decisions and working through the processes associated with career goals.

As the cost of higher education continues to increase, you may find it necessary to seek assistance to fund your higher education goals. The financial aid information contained in this guide will be helpful as you consider funding options.

I wish you all the best in the successful pursuit of your aspirations. Please do not hesitate to contact your high school counselor and teachers for additional assistance. Again, I am hopeful that you will find this year's Guide to Financial Aid useful and informative.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Lawson, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

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Q & A
Answers to Most Commonly Asked Questions
About Financial Aid



Q. What is Financial Aid?

- A. Financial aid falls into two broad categories. **Merit-based** aid is given to students based on their academic achievement or special talents. **Need-based** aid is given to students based on their financial need.

Q. What Types of Financial Aid Are Available?

- A. **Grants and Scholarships**, also called *gift aid*, are awards that you don't have to pay back. Grants are usually based on need, while scholarships are usually based on academic achievements, athletic ability, or special talents. **Loans** may be acquired by either parents and/or students and will need to be paid back over time. **Work-Study** may or may not be need-based. This program allows a student to work part-time on campus to help pay for school expenses.

Q. Who Gives Financial Aid?

- A. **Federal Government** - The federal government provides most of the student financial aid; the PELL Grant, Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins and Stafford Loans, and Federal Work-Study are examples. These programs are need-based.

State of Maryland - The state has grant programs and Senatorial/House of Delegate scholarships based on need and merit.

Post-Secondary Institutions - Colleges and technical schools offer scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans; some are merit-based while others are need-based.

Private Programs - Many private organizations provide aid to students; additionally, employers, labor unions, and professional associations sponsor programs. Community and service organizations such as the Jaycees, Lions and Rotary Clubs, church groups, veterans' organizations, and businesses are also good sources of aid. These programs can be need-based or merit-based. This booklet has a listing of some of these programs.

Q. Who Should Apply for Financial Aid?

- A. **All students interested in financial assistance for their education should apply.** Both need and merit-based scholarships may require that you complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

Q. When do I apply for Financial Aid?

- A. Many scholarships are available throughout high school, however, each scholarship has its own deadline and eligibility. The FAFSA may be completed beginning October 1 of the senior year.

Q. How do I Apply for Financial Aid?

- A. The FAFSA is the basic form used to apply for financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov). You must complete the FAFSA to apply for federal, state, and college financial aid. Many private scholarship programs also require the FAFSA. Many grants and scholarships from the state of Maryland have separate applications and deadlines. The deadline for filing the FAFSA in Maryland is March 1. Some colleges have earlier deadlines, so the sooner you file after October 1 of your senior year, the better. Many colleges also require that you complete supplemental financial aid applications, such as the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, found at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>. Check with the colleges for their specific requirements.

Q. Where and When Can I Get a FAFSA?

- A. FAFSA forms will be available for seniors October 1 online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To apply electronically or to find out more about federal student aid, visit the Department of Education's website at: <https://studentaid.gov>.

Q. How Can I Get Help Completing the FAFSA?

- A. Every high school in the county hosts a financial aid meeting in late spring or early fall. The keynote speaker, who is usually a financial aid officer from a local college, goes through the FAFSA step-by-step and answers parents' questions. The Cecil College Financial Aid Office and the Financial Aid Office at the colleges to which you are applying are resources for those who need additional help.

Q. How is My Financial Need Determined?

- A. Your financial need is determined by following this formula:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Education} \\ - \text{What your family can pay (EFC)} \\ \hline = \text{Financial Need} \end{array}$$

The Cost of Education includes tuition, room, board, books, and other related expenses. *What your family can pay* is called your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Your completed FAFSA is used to calculate your EFC.

**Remember the March 1 FAFSA deadline to
qualify for Maryland's financial aid programs!**





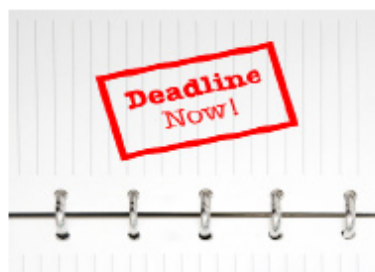
The University System of Maryland (USM) is the state's public higher education system. USM's 12 institutions, 3 regional higher education centers, and system office work closely together to leverage their collective expertise and resources, share best practices, increase the system's effectiveness and efficiency, and advance USM's mission to improve the quality of life in Maryland.

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- Promotes economic growth and workforce development.
- Provides vital services to communities and individuals.
- Partners with business, governmental, nonprofits, and organizations to improve quality of life.



The Ambitious Junior's Pre-College Planning Calendar



Fall

- ☐ Review the test-taking tips and sample questions in the PSAT student bulletin.
- ☐ Explore virtual college and career fair options.
- ☐ Take the PSAT.
- ☐ Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- ☐ Do a college search and discuss the results with your counselor. All CCPS students can utilize Naviance for this purpose.

Winter

- ☐ Review PSAT results with your counselor and discuss their impact on your college choices.
- ☐ Ask your counselor whether you should take the ACT or the SAT.
- ☐ Register for spring tests (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT).
- ☐ Make a list of high interest schools to visit during the spring.
- ☐ Make sure your senior year academic schedule is as challenging as possible.
- ☐ See your counselor regarding Boys State/Girls State.

Spring

- ☐ Prepare a list of questions for your spring college visitations.
- ☐ If you are interested in military academies, begin filling out preliminary interest forms.
- ☐ Visit as many colleges as possible: take a campus tour, sit in on a class, and eat in the dining hall.
- ☐ Participate in the SAT School Day test administration.
- ☐ Share your college visitation impressions with your counselor.
- ☐ Revise your high interest college list.
- ☐ Complete the registration for Student Athlete Eligibility at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> for prospective college student athletes.
 - ☐ If applicable, print out the transcript release form from the website for prospective college student athletes, and turn in to your guidance office.
- ☐ Talk to your counselor about all available resources for financial aid.
- ☐ Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.
- ☐ Add colleges of interest in Naviance.



Summer

- ☐ Take appropriate SAT/ACT test.
- ☐ Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer. See your Service Learning Building Coordinator or go to www.volunteermatch.org.
- ☐ Make college visits part of your family's summer travel plans.
- ☐ Use financial aid websites to begin accessing scholarship applications.

Senior Year

Pre-College Calendar & Checklist

September

- ☐ Meet with your school counselor to discuss college plans and find out about financial aid opportunities.
- ☐ Get organized. Keep a personal calendar of important dates and deadlines. Organize your important college information in folders.
- ☐ Ask your counselor to help you with a college search on the computer if you're uncertain about college choices (i.e., Naviance).
- ☐ Check your colleges' testing requirements. Sign up for the fall SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests.
- ☐ Access applications and financial aid materials online.
- ☐ Complete NCAA Eligibility Center Application for initial eligibility <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> for prospective college student athletes and notify your school counselor.
- ☐ Student should apply for their own Student Federal Aid (FSA) ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov>.
- ☐ Parent/Guardian should apply for their own FSA ID, which is required to complete the on-line FAFSA.
- ☐ Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.

October

- ☐ Explore virtual college and career fair options.
- ☐ Meet with selected college representatives at your high school.
- ☐ Begin filling out college applications. Compose a personal statement and activity résumé.
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or others who can strengthen your application.
- ☐ Discuss college application essays with your English/Language Arts teacher or school counselor.
- ☐ Visit as many of your top choice colleges as possible. Make appointments for interviews and campus tours. Ask permission to sit in on some classes.
- ☐ Complete and submit your college application. "Priority" and "early decision" deadlines may be as early as October.
- ☐ Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- ☐ Sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- ☐ Complete "Colleges I am Applying to" in Naviance.

October - continued

- ☐ Access the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov. All colleges require a completed FAFSA to determine your eligibility for financial aid.
- ☐ Check to see if your colleges also require the PROFILE form for financial aid. The application is available online at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>.
- ☐ Be sure to have your parents attend the financial aid meeting at your high school. Additional assistance may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office at Cecil College.
- ☐ Complete your FAFSA, beginning October 1, as soon as possible. (Remember, keep copies of all forms you submit!) Check with your college(s) for specific deadline dates.
- ☐ Helpful hint: Utilizing the IRS retrieval tool when completing the FAFSA will help expedite submitting your tax returns to colleges if needed.

Talk to your counselor about the pros and cons of "early decision."

November

- ☐ Complete and submit all college applications with a November deadline.
- ☐ Keep informed of scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office/ Guidance website/Naviance.
- ☐ Take the SAT and/or ACT if necessary.
- ☐ Take the SAT Subject Tests if required by your colleges.
- ☐ Keep working on your college applications. Check on deadlines.
- ☐ Stay focused on your high school classes. Colleges will want a transcript that includes your first semester grades.
- ☐ Create MD CAPS account (see pg. 10 for details).

December

- ☐ Complete and submit all college applications.*
- ☐ Make sure an official high school transcript (request from your Guidance office through Naviance) is included with your application.

** Many colleges have December application deadlines for merit-based scholarships.*

January

- ☐ Give any mid-year report forms to your counselor so that your first semester grades can be sent to your colleges.

February

- ☐ Continue checking for scholarship opportunities posted in the Guidance Office/Guidance website/Naviance.
- ☐ Check to see if your mid-year reports have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- ☐ Rank your final list of colleges. You should receive acknowledgements from the colleges to which you have applied.
- ☐ Check with those schools that have not contacted you.
- ☐ Make sure your FAFSA has been submitted. Maryland's deadline for the FAFSA is March 1. Some schools may have earlier deadlines. Check with each institution for specific dates.

March

- ☐ Keep your high school counselor informed when you receive acceptance or denial letters/notifications from colleges.
- ☐ Check your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy and report any errors. Request duplicate SARs if you have not decided which college you will attend.
- ☐ Contact each admissions and financial aid office to make sure your application is complete.
- ☐ Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office/Guidance website/Naviance.

April

- ☐ Expect a financial aid award letter* from the colleges that have accepted your application. If you have not received any information, contact the financial aid office of that college.
- ☐ Compare the financial aid awards that you receive.
- ☐ Talk to the financial aid officer at your first choice college if the financial aid offer does not meet your needs.
- ☐ Decide which college you will attend and send in a deposit before the deadline.
- ☐ Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- ☐ Sign and return the financial aid award letters.
- ☐ Check on local scholarships posted in the Guidance Office/Guidance website/Naviance.

** A listing of all types and amounts of financial aid for which you are eligible at the college.*

May

- ☐ Tell your school counselor which college you will be attending and request that a copy of your final transcript be sent there via Naviance.
- ☐ Notify your school counselor of all awarded financial aid including scholarships.
- ☐ Share your plans with those people who have written letters of recommendation and thank them for their support.
- ☐ Pursue volunteer opportunities, employment, or internships for the summer.
- ☐ Check for any late scholarship applications.
- ☐ Request that a final transcript be sent to NCAA Eligibility Center.

College is expensive, everybody knows that. However, there is more “free” money out there than most people believe. Scholarships can be tedious to fill out but once you do a few of them you will find that most of the scholarship essays can be reused or reworked to fit different prompts. Sure it is tough to get through the first few scholarships but then they become much easier to fill out once you have experience with completing them. Stay organized and continue to look for new scholarship announcements. There are more specific scholarships than one would imagine and a lot of the local and regional ones do not have very many applicants. Do not worry about sinking too much time into scholarships or thinking it is not worth it. Any money you can earn from scholarships is more than worth it, taking some of the stress off of yourself to finance a college education is more than worth it. Never believe that scholarships are not worth it, it is free money and it is out there for the taking.



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My best advice for applying for scholarships is to start as soon as possible. Once you write 4 or 5 essays, you can construct new essays using the ones you have already written. While it can be tedious, applying for scholarships is worth it! I found that many of my peers did not take the time to apply, so it gave me a better chance of winning; fewer people apply to these scholarships than you might think. Also, I would highly suggest utilizing connections within your community to proofread your essays (especially for the larger scholarships). This feedback not only made the specific scholarship essay improve but my writing as a whole improved as well. And lastly, the thesaurus is your best friend, use it!! Best of luck.

Important Financial Aid Information Specific to Maryland

Maryland College Aid Processing System (MD CAPS) is MHEC's new comprehensive financial aid system that allows MD to process state scholarship applications and allocate funds more efficiently using today's technology. To use MD CAPS, you must first create a Student Login Profile and then click the activation link in the message sent to your e-mail account. To create a profile, go to <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>; then create a student login.

Seniors: Make sure to log on to MD CAPS at least once every couple of weeks once you complete your FAFSA in order to see if you have qualified for any Maryland only scholarships. You must log in to MD CAPS and accept your awards in a timely manner or you will not be able to receive them. Refer to the website for additional information.

Helpful Websites to Aid in Your College Journey

Every high school in the Cecil County Public School system has Internet access making it possible for all students to obtain the most up-to-date information about financial aid sources. Remember to also check the websites of any colleges you are considering since these sites often have links to other financial aid information or scholarship databases.

These websites help students plan their careers, search for schools, apply for admission, and apply for financial aid.

Check out some of the features:

- College search
- Scholarship search
- Career assessment tools
- College and financial aid applications

Check out.....



<https://clever.com/in/cecilcounty>

Big Future

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

Princeton Review

www.princetonreview.com

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

College Board - www.collegeboard.org

College Scorecard - <http://collegecost.ed.gov>

Financial Aid Search through the Web - www.fastweb.com

Maryland Higher Education Commission - <https://mhec.state.md.us>

Peterson's Education Center - www.petersons.com

Sallie Mae - www.salliemae.com

The Financial Aid Information page - www.finaid.org

Unigo - www.unigo.com

U.S. Department of Education - www.ed.gov

MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The American Legion - www.legion.org

The Corporation for National & Community Service -
www.americorps.gov

Today's Military - www.todaysmilitary.com

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

National Junior College Athletic Association - www.njcaa.org

NCAA Eligibility Center - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

Protect Yourself from Scholarship Scams -
www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

FINANCIAL AID DIRECTORY

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

It's true! Numerous scholarships are made available every year; so many, in fact, there is no way for any Guidance Office to maintain a current and complete file. Even the sample listings included here may already contain inaccurate information because changes occur so frequently. Therefore, interested applicants should carefully review current scholarship notices to ascertain the correct award amounts, eligibility criteria, and deadlines.

Remember to check your school's Guidance Office for more extensive scholarship publications that are devoted entirely to private endowment sources. Even more help can be found on the Internet! Just by exploring the websites, students might discover a "gold mine" of scholarship information.

Scholarship Application Tips

- 1. The student, not the parent, should do the application!**
- 2. Photocopy the application. Fill in the copy first.**
- 3. If online, download and print the application. Fill in the copy first.**
- 4. Read over the entire application before responding to the requested information.**
- 5. Type or print in blue or black ink for all responses unless instructed otherwise.**
- 6. Recheck the completed application to make sure all the information and signatures are included.**
- 7. Ask a responsible person to proofread the final version.**
- 8. Keep copies of everything!**

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships guide you through the college planning process and offer you a chance to earn money for each action you complete.

1. Build Your College List: \$500 Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in. Junior Year: December - June
2. Practice for the SAT: \$500 Use Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy to get ready for the test day. Junior Year and Fall Senior Year: December - October
3. Explore Scholarships: \$500 Explore Scholarships in College Board Scholarship Search. Junior Year through Senior Year: July - February
4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500 Make sure your college list has a mix of safety, match, and reach schools. Summer and Fall Senior Year: July - October
5. Complete the FAFSA: \$500 Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. Fall and Winter Senior Year: October - February
6. Apply to Colleges: \$500 Apply to the schools you want to attend. Fall and Winter Senior Year: October - February
Complete your Journey: \$40,000 Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship. Final Drawing: Senior Year: February

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AES Engineers Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Essay required.

DEADLINE: October 8

CONTACT: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm

American Chemical Society Scholarship

AWARD: Varies; up to \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior of African-American, Hispanic, or American Indian heritage with minimum 3.0 GPA; planning to study the chemical sciences.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: www.acs.org/scholars

1-800-227-5558 x6250

Ayn Rand Essay Contests

AWARD: Various awards ranging from \$50 to \$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students write 600-1,600 word essay related to Ayn Rand's The Atlas Shrugged, The Fountainhead, or The Anthem.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests

Burger King Scholars Program

AWARD: \$1,000-\$50,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; plans to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or technical school.

DEADLINE: December 31

CONTACT: <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/>

Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in grades 4-11 may apply; 3.75 unweighted GPA; outstanding humanitarian qualities.

DEADLINE: January

CONTACT: www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc.

AWARD: \$20,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. citizen attending high school full-time and planning to attend college in the USA; demonstrates character and personal merit; minimum of 3.0 unweighted GPA.

DEADLINE: October 31

CONTACT: <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

College Scholarships for Individuals with Parents with Disabilities

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic and personal achievement; parent with disabilities; essay required; transcript; letter of recommendation.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: <http://www.lookingglass.org/national-services/scholarships> or 1-800-644-2666

Digital Responsibility Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: You must be at least a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student; home-schooled students are also eligible; no age limit; students must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident; essay required.

DEADLINE: Varies

CONTACT: <http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/>

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship

AWARD: Five hundred national awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year for four years

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

DEADLINE: Varies

CONTACT: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm> or Scholarship@elks.org or call 773-755-4732;

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards

AWARD: \$4,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior whose parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is a living member in good standing of an Elks Lodge; judged on knowledge, charity, community, and integrity.

DEADLINE: February 5

CONTACT: www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm

Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A current high school senior who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident living or claiming residency in one of the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico. Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States by Fall 2023. Be willing to provide a release to publicize their identities and information about their achievements along with photographs for use in program promotion and information.

DEADLINE: Opens in Oct. & closes in Dec. or 10,000 applications received

CONTACT: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>

Farm Kids for College Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000 (non-renewable)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a high school senior who plans to pursue a degree in an agriculture related major; essay required.

DEADLINE: February

CONTACT: <http://www.nfo.org/scholarships/>

Flight Training Scholarships

AWARD: \$2,500 - \$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Several different scholarships available for students & adults who would like to learn to fly.

DEADLINE: February

CONTACT: <https://youcanfly.aopa.org>

Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship

AWARD: Thirty \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Rural youth; 2.0 GPA; interest in working in a rural community following graduation; 300-word essay required.

DEADLINE: February 8

CONTACT: <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships> or call 703-351-2026

Future Farmers of America Scholarships

AWARD: \$1,000-\$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Varies; some require FFA membership.

DEADLINE: Varies

CONTACT: <https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/>

Gates Millennium Scholars

AWARD: Varies based on need

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, Hispanic American student with a minimum 3.3 GPA; leadership; service; must qualify for Pell Grant.

DEADLINE: January

CONTACT: www.gmsp.org

Horatio Alger Association Career & Technical Scholarships

AWARD: 500 awards, max award being \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Perseverance in overcoming a personal obstacle; great financial need; high school completion or equivalent by spring; commitment to pursue/complete career or technical cert/degree in Fall; attend not-for-profit post-secondary institution; pell-eligibility; under age of 30; U.S. Citizen.

DEADLINE: June

CONTACT: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/>

Horatio Alger Association State, Targeted, & National Scholarships

AWARD: \$10,000-\$25,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: For high school juniors with less than \$55,000 adjusted gross family income. Display integrity in overcoming adversity. Shows strong commitment to obtaining a bachelor's degree.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>

Jackie Robinson Foundation

AWARD: Four-year scholarship up to \$7,500/year

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating minority high school senior.

DEADLINE: January

CONTACT: <http://jackierobinson.org/apply>

Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program

AWARD: Up to \$40,000 per year

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current senior student intending to enroll in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2023; cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above; demonstrate financial need.

DEADLINE: Mid-November

CONTACT: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: College-bound child or stepchild of a Marine; pursuing college or career training; 2.0 GPA and demonstrates financial need.

DEADLINE: Opens January 1

CONTACT: www.mcsf.org

Microsoft Disability Scholarship

AWARD: \$5,000 per year

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a current high school senior living with a disability (as defined by WHO), whether that be visual, hearing, mobility, cognitive, speech or other disability. Plans to attend vocational or academic college and target a career in the technology industry.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx>

National Organization of Professional Hispanics NRCS Employees (NOPHNRCS)

AWARD: Three, \$1000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Natural Resources Conservation, or a related field of study; minimum 2.75 GPA. Scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to graduating high school students accepted to an accredited college or university or registered students in their first through third years in an accredited college or university. Additionally, there will be one specific \$1,000 scholarship (Martha Guerra-Arteaga) that will be awarded to one female student majoring in public affairs, communications or a natural resources conservation-related field of study.

DEADLINE: May 1

CONTACT: <https://nophnrcse.org/nophnrcse-scholarships/>

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp Scholarship

AWARD: Partial to full tuition and other financial benefits.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Highly competitive national selection process.

DEADLINE: December 31

CONTACT: www.nrotc.navy.mil

Project Yellow Light Scholarship

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a high school junior or senior willing to design/produce a radio ad, video, or billboard for a campaign against distracted driving.

DEADLINE: March 1 or April 1

CONTACT: <http://www.projectyellowlight.com/>

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Application and volunteer service; overall excellence.

DEADLINE: End of October

CONTACT: 1-888-450-9961 or <https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply>

Ron Brown Scholar Program

AWARD: Ten, \$10,000; which can be renewed for a total of \$40,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic and leadership excellence; financial need; participates in community service; application with essay required; US Citizen or permanent resident VISA holder; African-American student.

DEADLINE: November 1

CONTACT: 434-964-1588 or <https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/program-description>

SAE Engineering Scholarship Program

AWARD: Several awards by participating colleges ranging from \$1,000 - \$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Seniors or juniors intending to major in engineering or related science; 3.5 GPA and minimum SAT/ACT scores.

DEADLINE: March 15

CONTACT: 724-776-4970 or <http://students.sae.org/scholarships>

SEG Scholarship

AWARD: \$500-\$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a high school senior who plans to attend college next year pursuing a degree in applied geophysics.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: <https://seg.org/Scholarships>

The Selfless Act of Giving Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. citizen currently enrolled or about to attend an accredited community college, undergraduate, or graduate program within the United States; Minimum GPA of 3.0; 750-1,000-word essay explaining how volunteers are essential to help the community and how volunteering has had a positive effect on your life.

DEADLINE: October 31

CONTACT: <https://mattlottlaw.com/2021-scholarship/>

Student-View Scholarship Program

AWARD: One, \$5,000, Three, \$1,000, Ten, \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: No minimum SAT/ACT score or grade point average; no essay required; no lengthy application forms; no application fees.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: <http://www.student-view.com/>

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship

AWARD: \$5,000-\$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student with epilepsy or living with family member of an epilepsy patient; academic achievement; activities outside school; role model; accepted to college.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: www.UCBepilepsyscholarship.com or
Call 1-888-275-7928

U. S. Military, Civilian & Spouses' Club Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.0 GPA; taken SAT or ACT; unmarried; legal dependent of APG community.

DEADLINE: April 1

CONTACT: www.mcscfirwin.org

United States Institute of Peace Scholarships

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a high school student interested in learning and writing about issues of peace and conflict; encouraging appreciation for diplomacy's role in building partnerships that can advance peace building; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 15th

CONTACT: <https://www.usip.org/public-education/students/AFSAEssayContest>

Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship

AWARD: \$10,000 OR \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a high school senior who has demonstrated an interest in vegetarianism in the community or at school; essay required.

DEADLINE: February 20th

CONTACT: <http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

Voice of Democracy Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000 - \$30,000 at local, state, and national levels

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Three to five minute essay required on a designated theme.

DEADLINE: October 31

CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.vfw.org/VOD

Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund

AWARD: \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. Citizen, College bound or currently enrolled college student whose parent/guardian is an active, retired, or volunteer service member of Law Enforcement, the Armed Forces, or First Responders. 500-word essay on designated topic, GPA of at least 3.0.

DEADLINE: May 31

CONTACT: www.federalresources.com/scholarship/

Washington Crossing Foundation

AWARD: \$500 to \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school seniors who are U.S. citizens and are planning careers of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. Essay required.

DEADLINE: January 15

CONTACT: <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>

"We the Students" Essay Contest

AWARD: \$500-\$7,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must write a 500-800-word essay on the topic of the government's role in monitoring internet content. Be a U.S. student between the ages of 14-19.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Common Market

AWARD: In-state tuition rates at specified out-of-state institutions

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland resident accepted into an approved program of study not offered at a Maryland public college or university; specific application form from Maryland Higher Education Commission.

DEADLINE: July

CONTACT: 410-974-2971 or www.sreb.org/academic-common-market or Guidance Office

American Legion Oratorical Contest

AWARD: Seven state awards (\$500 - \$2,500); national and regional awards (\$1,000 - \$18,000)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student speech related to the U.S. Constitution with local contests leading to national awards. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible.

DEADLINE: Fall

CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.legion.org/

Central Scholarship

AWARD: Up to \$10,000 a year and up to \$40,000 lifetime

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Maryland residents attending or planning to attend an accredited United States college, university, community college or career school.

DEADLINE: April 3

CONTACT: 410-415-5558 or www.central-scholarship.org

Charles Riley Fire and Medical Emergency Tuition Reimbursement Program

AWARD: at least 50% of the student's actual annual tuition and mandatory fees at an eligible institution

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current firefighter, ambulance, or rescue squad member; enrollment in college courses leading to a degree in fire service or emergency medical technology.

DEADLINE: July 1

CONTACT: Guidance Office or mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog-fire.aspx

Columbia Bank Diversity Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student plans to attend a 2-year or 4-year undergrad degree program majoring in Business, Communications, IT, Finance, or Marketing; must be of diverse ethnic background; financial need; essay required; three forms of recommendation.

DEADLINE: March 31

CONTACT: Angela Bell 410-996-2268

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program

AWARD: \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must have a demonstrated commitment to community service, outstanding qualities in character, integrity and leadership. Must be a high school senior; reside in a community served by Comcast and/or participating NBCUniversal or Telemundo markets; plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or vocational-technical college in the United States for the entire 2022-2023 academic year. Minimum GPA 3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

DEADLINE: December 6

CONTACT: www.learnmore.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers

Department of Maryland Scholarship

AWARD: Amounts of \$1,500 (1), \$1,000 (1), and \$500 (9).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Be a child or a grandchild of a veteran (must show proof of veteran's time in military discharge or DD-214); be a Maryland resident; not have attained their 20th birthday by January 1; intend to be a full-time student; application; essay required; transcript.

DEADLINE: April 8

CONTACT: <http://www.legion29.org/index.php?id=8>

Delegate Scholarships

AWARD: Amounts vary and can only be used for Maryland or approved out-of-state institutions.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must reside in specific delegate's area and complete the application process.

DEADLINE: Early March

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

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship

AWARD: Five, \$1,000 (renewable)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be residents of Maryland or the District of Columbia for at least one year preceding the date of the award; accepted as a full-time student; financial need; 3.0 overall GPA; pursuing a career in business or education.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: <https://asbo.org/page/Jacobus>

Grace Erline Memorial/Girls Gone Great Scholarship

AWARD: \$3,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be a woman living in the state of Maryland between the ages of 17-24 attending a four-year college/university.

DEADLINE: January 1

CONTACT: <http://graceerlinescholarship.org/>

Hamilton Relay Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be a graduating Senior who is deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or has difficulty speaking. Applicant must submit application, essay, letter of recommendation and signed talent release.

DEADLINE: January

CONTACT: <https://hamiltonrelay.com/high-school-scholarships.html>

Joseph Fox Jr. Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduation from Maryland high school; enrollment as full-time student at accredited college with major in education; 3.2 GPA; documented community service.

DEADLINE: Postmarked by April 15 CONTACT: <https://www.somla.online/scholarship-opportunities.html>

Dr. Kenneth E. Mann Scholarship Award

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any high school senior who plans to pursue an elementary teaching degree at a college, university, or trade school in the state of Maryland; essay required; provide transcripts that also include ACT or SAT test scores and your junior year G.P.A.; provide two recommendations: one by a faculty member within your school and one by a person outside of your school setting. All applications and accompanying information must be submitted to: Mrs. Karen Covino, Executive Assistant, 229 E. Main Street, Suite H, Westminster, MD, 21157.

DEADLINE: Mid-February CONTACT: https://maesp.org/Dr._Kenneth_E._Mann_Scholarship_Award

Libby Frist Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Tobacco-free and has demonstrated a commitment as an anti-smoking advocate.

DEADLINE: April 22 CONTACT: www.blog.gramspromisefoundation.org

Maryland Athletic Association (MPSSAA) Minds In Motion Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.25 GPA (unweighted); participated in interscholastic athletics in high school.

DEADLINE: February CONTACT: <https://www.mpssaa.org/membership-services/minds-in-motion/scholarship-application/>

Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior pursuing a career in emergency management or related field; essay required; community involvement; and references required.

DEADLINE: April 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office or <https://www.marylandema.org/>

Maryland Farm Bureau Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicant must be a full-time student and a member (or a parent must be a member) of the Farm Bureau.

DEADLINE: February 1 CONTACT: Guidance Office or <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/scholarships/>

Maryland JCI Senate Foundation

AWARD: \$500 to Maryland senior and consideration for \$1,000 national scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Extra-curricular activities; service; brief essay required; financial need; and recommendation letters.

DEADLINE: January CONTACT: <https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program>

For many students coming out of high school, one of the biggest deciding factors when it comes to choosing a college is the price. At first these numbers can be intimidating, but fortunately your school provides you with a plethora of resources to help reduce your financial burden as much as possible. A great tool that you can make use of is scholarships. Not only are scholarships a great opportunity to take thousands of dollars off of your student debt, they are easy to find if you're looking in the right places. From talking to your guidance counselor, to looking through your school's local scholarships, and even a simple google search for a wider range of scholarships, there is no shortage of chances for you to make your life after high school as smooth as possible.

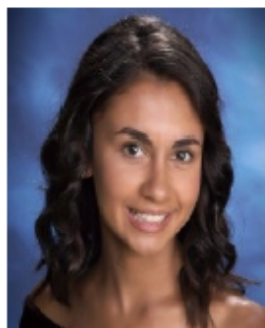


*Anthony Ruello
Rising Sun High School
Class of 2022*



*Emily Sample
Bohemia Manor High School
Class of 2022*

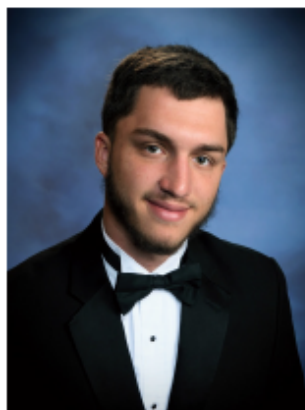
My best advice for seniors graduating this year would be to take advantage of every scholarship you can. I applied for as many scholarships as I could. Even if the college tuition is low, the extra money will help take away the stress of the cost. Look for scholarships outside of school as well. There are many online where you only have to take a small survey. Scholarships are an easy way to get financial help you may or may not need. The Guidance Office is a great resource as well.



*Lily Miller
Elkton High School
Class of 2022*

The scholarship application process can be daunting, especially amid a hectic senior year schedule. But, just a few hours of working on an application can lead to hundreds, even thousands, of dollars in scholarship money. It is an investment well worth the labor. If you feel overwhelmed, start by making a list of scholarships for which you are eligible and would like to apply. Good organization is key! But, do not try and stretch your resume to fit a scholarship. It is best to put your efforts toward scholarships geared towards your degree, demographic, and interests. Also, apply for the scholarships that most students overlook. Scholarships that may seem like a lot of work or require research and essays may attract few applicants. Completing those applications could be your chance to receive scholarship money. Finally, the most helpful strategy I used during the scholarship process was saving every application essay I wrote. Reuse and edit your previous writing to save yourself time and energy. Best of luck to you throughout your scholarship applications and college journey.

Getting into the college of your choice is a very exciting moment in life that quite literally comes at a high cost. Colleges are very expensive, which not only stresses the applicant out but the family of the applicant as well. If there was any advice you should take from me, it would be to use the very helpful resources around you. Talk to your counselor, as they enjoy answering any questions you may have, assisting you in scholarships, and are just an ear to listen when you need to talk. Next, apply for as many scholarships as you can! Even if the scholarships are for a small sum of money, any amount helps! Applying for as many scholarships as you can will only increase your chances of winning one. It is not guaranteed that you will win all of them, but seeing the email that you've been selected for the scholarship is a great feeling. While national scholarships usually amount to a larger amount than local scholarships, they are much more competitive than local ones! My advice would be to look for local and state scholarships as they are your best chance of winning because of less competition. Lastly, maintain a positive mindset the entire time you are applying for colleges and financial aid! Do not get discouraged to see that you were not selected for a scholarship, because you might win the next one! Talk to people who want to help you along the way, and take advantage of the basic resources provided to you! Good luck on your journey to college, I wish nothing but the best for you!



*Daniel Tserkis
Perryville High School
Class 2022*

Maryland Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest

AWARD: Varying awards from \$300 - \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Application with essay required.

DEADLINE: January 15

CONTACT: www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships
or call 1-800-66-MENSA

Maryland Municipal League, Cecil/Harford Chapter

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student residing in chapter area; good grades; application with essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: <https://www.mdmunicipal.org/99/Cecil-Harford-Counties>

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.

AWARD: Up to \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicants who are judged by local, regional, and state Masonic committees; application; academic and leadership achievements.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: <http://masoniccharitiesmaryland.org/scholarship-program/> or Guidance Office or 410-527-0600

McDaniel College Educator's Legacy Scholarship

AWARD: \$100,000 (\$25,000 per year)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be a son or daughter of a K - 12 school employees who have served in a school district for four or more years. Must apply to McDaniel College.

DEADLINE: Varies

CONTACT: <https://www.mcdaniel.edu/admissions-cost/cost-financial-aid/types-financial-aid/mcdaniel-scholarships/educators-legacy>

MELLFIN Scholarship Program

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Currently be enrolled and classified as a senior in Maryland Public Schools, currently be in an ESOL program or have exited the ESOL program within the past three (3) years, currently have a GPA of 3.0 or better, and be on track to graduate in the spring.

DEADLINE: March 12

CONTACT: <http://www.mellfin.org/3.html>

Miss Utility Scholarship Program

AWARD: \$1,008.11 single year scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be on track to graduate from a Maryland or Washington, DC, high school in spring 2023, intend to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school beginning in fall 2023, and have participated in extracurricular activities.

DEADLINE: January - April 1

CONTACT: <https://www.missutility.net/miss-utility-scholarship/>

Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must be planning to attend a college in an approved engineering, computer science, mathematics, or physics program; GPA of 3.0 or higher; 3 letters of recommendation and essay required.

DEADLINE: February 3

CONTACT: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/ngengineering/>

Senatorial Scholarship

AWARD: Numerous awards in varying amounts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recipients must attend an accredited Maryland or approved out-of-state institution; financial need; and merit considerations.

DEADLINE: Varies by legislative district.

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

The Credit Union Foundation of MD & DC Scholarship

AWARD: One essay award for \$1,000; one video-based award for \$1,000; one photo essay award for \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Member of Maryland Credit Union.

DEADLINE: March 31

CONTACT: www.cufound.org/consumer-resources/college-scholarship/

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program

AWARD: Up to \$4,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student and parent residents of Maryland; student planning to work in specific careers: child care, human services, teaching, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, or public services; attend a Maryland college.

DEADLINE: July 1

CONTACT: www.mhec.state.md.us/Preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/program_WSSAG.aspx

The Zaching Against Cancer Foundation

AWARD: Six, \$2,500 Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior with minimum 2.0 GPA, plan to attend 2- or 4-year college within year of receipt of scholarship, overcome some sort of significant hardship, medical challenge and/or family issue relating to cancer during their life, Complete the 5 sections of the nomination form, including 3 individual nomination forms, Is not a family member of a Zaching Against Cancer Foundation Board or Scholarship Selection Committee Member.

DEADLINE: April 1

CONTACT: <https://www.zachingagaincancer.org/scholarships/>

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU) College Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current APGFCU member in good standing; minimum 3.0 GPA.

DEADLINE: February 1

CONTACT: www.apgfcu.com/learn/college-planning.html

Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Aberdeen Chapter - Education Foundation Scholarship

AWARD: \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for four years)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Cecil and Harford County student high school senior; planning on entering a STEM related field of study and must stay in the field of study through graduation; cumulative GPA of at least 3.5; SAT 1300+ or ACT 28+.

DEADLINE: January

CONTACT: Chris Manning 443-566-0635 or <https://www.afcea.org>

Associated Builders and Contractors, Baltimore Metro Chapter

AWARD: \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female high school students planning to pursue construction related fields of study in post high school education.

DEADLINE: May 12

CONTACT: Ally D'Ovidio 410-821-0351

The BGE Scholars Program

AWARD: Up to \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must be dependents of BGE customers and must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or career and technical training full-time.

DEADLINE: April 3

CONTACT: 410-415-5558

www.central-scholarship.org/overview/

Black College Expo

AWARD: Variety of amounts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Write an essay on "Why is college education important to me"?

DEADLINE: May

CONTACT: 877-427-4100 or <https://www.thecollege>

[expo.org/students/black-college-expo-scholarship](https://www.thecollege-expo.org/students/black-college-expo-scholarship)

The Bryan Michael Burnett Scholarship Foundation

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Plan to attend an institution of higher learning to pursue a career in Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management. An essay of 300 words must accompany this application explaining what your future plans are, why you are applying, and why you feel you would be a good candidate to receive a scholarship from the Bryan Michael Burnett Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

DEADLINE: April 15

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Children's Home Foundation Scholarship

AWARD: Maximum \$3,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Financial need; must attend a community college or trade/technical school within 250 miles from home; not for general studies.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Doris G. Carey Honorary Book Award Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; minimum 3.0 GPA; college acceptance; two letters of recommendation; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 31

CONTACT: [https://www.akaxideltaomega.com/](https://www.akaxideltaomega.com/scholarships)

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Edward L. Walmsley Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior attending regional school; academic performance; school/community activities, especially with the American Legion; application and essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: <http://www.legion29.org/index.php?id=8>

Elks Skilled Trades Scholarship (MD, DE, & DC Elks Association)

AWARD: \$2,000 for two yrs. (1 male & 1 female), \$1,000 for two yrs. (4 males & 4 females)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. Citizen, graduate after 2017, enroll in a program to obtain a certificate, diploma, or associates degree, but not a bachelor's degree.

DEADLINE: April 15

CONTACT: Lynn Evans, State Scholarship Chairperson, lynneevans@atlanticbb.net or 410-598-1225

Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Scholarship

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; accepted to an accredited HBCU; minimum 3.0 GPA; essay.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: <https://www.akaxideltaomega.com/scholarships>

James Weldon Johnson Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior males enrolled in a Harford or Cecil County high school; able to demonstrate a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: June

CONTACT: <https://naacp.org/find-resources/scholarships-awards-internships>

Leona Dorbert Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$250

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident and member of a Harford or Cecil County Fire or EMS service.

DEADLINE: March 30

CONTACT: Guidance Office

LifeBridge Health/ExpressCare Community Scholarship Program

AWARD: \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High School senior who plans to enroll full-time at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or technical school; essay required.

DEADLINE: Early March

CONTACT: www.whywaitintheer.com/scholarship

Maryland Municipal League, Cecil/Harford Chapter

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student residing in chapter area; good grades; application with essay required.

DEADLINE: March 1

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Mildred G. Stansbury Memorial Scholarship Award

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; minimum 3.0 GPA; college acceptance; essay; two letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: <https://www.akaxideltaomega.com/scholarships>

Sara E. Roye Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$3,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Harford or Cecil County resident; college acceptance; minimum 3.5 GPA; one year of foreign language; essay; two letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE: March 31

CONTACT: <https://www.akaxideltaomega.com/scholarships>

Soroptimist International of the Americas

AWARD: Four - \$1,000 for Academic Achievement, One - \$750 Art, One Photography, Two - \$500-\$1,000 to students who do not have straight A's & B's but wish to go to college

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female, academic, art, photography, financial need.

DEADLINE: April 1

CONTACT: Guidance office

Soroptimist Scholarship-Live Your Dream Award

AWARD: \$3000-\$10,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female; demonstrates financial need: two academic, one art, one college bound.

DEADLINE: December 1

CONTACT: <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/index.html>**Soroptimist Scholarship-The Violet Richardson Award**

AWARD: Recognition award

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Female between the ages of 14 & 17, demonstrated initiative in identifying/solving problems, had significant & noteworthy accomplishments as a volunteer.

DEADLINE: December 1

CONTACT: <http://www.salisbury.org/sites/default/files/attachments/VRAApplication-Writeable.pdf>**University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital**

AWARD: Ten, \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students accepted to a college/university to pursue studies toward a degree in Nursing or an Allied Health Care field; application; letters of recommendation; minimum 3.0 GPA; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 15

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund

AWARD: \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: U.S. Citizen, Senior attending a D.C., Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia high school, minimum 3.0 GPA, have a parent/guardian with proper service certification (police, EMT, firefighter, military), submit a 500+ word essay.

DEADLINE: May 31

CONTACT: <http://www.federalresources.com/scholarship/>

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Cecil College Board of Trustees Scholarship

AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum "B" grade average; financial need and academic achievement.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College County Council's Scholarship

AWARD: Full tuition for four consecutive semesters at CC plus \$750 for books; one award for a student from each Cecil County High School and CCST.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior with plans to enroll full-time at CC; minimum "B" grade average; financial need and academic achievement; school nomination.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation Arts and Communications Scholarship

AWARD: Numerous awards; varying amounts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning to attend CC for one of the following fields: Art, Dance, Journalism, Literary Arts, Music Performance Theater, Visual Communications.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: must apply online at www.cecil.edu

Cecil College Foundation Scholarships

AWARD: Numerous awards; varying amounts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school graduate enrolled at CC; must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA; must complete FAFSA form by March 1 (state deadline).

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: must apply online at www.cecil.edu

Cecil County Arts Council Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Enroll in full-time arts degree program; may apply in categories of literary arts, visual arts, or performing arts.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: www.cecilarts.org/scholarships

Cecil County Branch NAACP Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Good academic standing; plans for full-time enrollment in college; three letters of recommendation; essay required.

DEADLINE: May 1

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Farm Bureau/ Ray Mueller Scholarship

AWARD: Two, \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior planning college study in an agriculture related field; must be the son or daughter of a Farm Bureau member; must be a resident of Cecil County.

DEADLINE: April 20

CONTACT: Patty Pierce - 410-658-2460

135 North Hills Drive, Rising Sun, MD 21911 or

www.mdfarmbureau.com/scholarships

Cecil County Farm Bureau/Steve Carson Young Farmers

AWARD: Two, \$2,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior with farm or 4-H experience; must be the son or daughter of a Farm Bureau member; may pursue any discipline; must be a resident of Cecil County.

DEADLINE: April 20

CONTACT: Patty Pierce - 410-658-2460

135 North Hills Drive, Rising Sun, MD 21911 or

www.mdfarmbureau.com/scholarships

Cecil County Public Schools Administrators and Supervisors Association (CCPSASA)

AWARD: Two, \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CCPS high school graduate pursuing a degree in education; demonstrates strong leadership skills; good character.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools Susan King Boyle STEM Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: CCPS senior female student pursuing a degree in a STEM related field; academic performance; minimum 3.5 GPA; interest and pursuit in STEM extracurricular activities and community service; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 31

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County School Employees Federal Credit Union (CCSEFCU) Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High school senior must be or become a CCSEFCU member; two page typed essay required; minimum of 2.5 GPA.

DEADLINE: April 1

CONTACT: Guidance Office or www.ccsefcu.org/other-services/scholarships

When your senior year comes around you are given the opportunity to apply to many scholarships. Those can be scholarships from the school, or around the local community. Applying to scholarships is an important way to receive some type of aid towards the expense of college. Scholarships are so important and you should really take the advantage and complete a couple of the applications. Your guidance counselors or any staff member in your school will take time to help you complete the application if needed. So I would encourage everyone to apply for at least one scholarship because it can go a long way.



*Hannah Janney
Rising Sun High School &
School of Technology- Teacher
Academy of Maryland
Class of 2022*



*Nadiya Olusoga
Elkton High School & School of
Technology- Certified Clinical
Medical Assistant Program
Class of 2022*

Honestly, preparing for college can and will be the most exciting and the most stressful thing that you have experienced. I would like to give you four tips while on your search for financial aid.

1. I recommend getting started on the scholarship process as early as possible. As soon as you have an idea of what direction you are heading in, target your number one school and begin adding up the cost of your yearly tuition.
2. Even if you think that you know what school you want to attend, still take the time to visit other schools so that you can weigh all of your options. You may receive a better financial package from other schools.
3. A lot of schools do not require you to take standardized tests for enrollment but PLEASE take your standardized tests NO MATTER WHAT! Your test scores can help you to earn scholarship awards and obtain grants that are not available to students who do not take the ACT and/or SAT tests
4. It is very important for you to have a reliable support team that you can depend on during this stressful time. Do not be afraid to ask for help from the administrative staff, they are there to help you through the entire process. Good luck!

Conowingo Lions Club Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must live in Conowingo Elementary School attendance area; financial need; academic record.

DEADLINE: May

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Delta Kappa Gamma (Zeta Chapter) Book Grant

AWARD: \$250

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Cecil County high school female senior who will be pursuing a degree in education. Application, transcript, and essay are required.

DEADLINE: April 30

CONTACT: Kim Edler - kedler@ccps.org (PMS)**Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship**

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Minimum 3.25 GPA; at least one season of soccer during high school years; accepted to a two-year or four-year college; participation in Boy/Girl Scouts suggested.

DEADLINE: April 1

CONTACT: Guidance Office

John Jones Memorial College Scholarship

AWARD: Two, \$1,500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Cecil Soccer will be awarding two, \$1500 scholarship in John's name to graduating seniors. The awards will be given to applicants who best exemplify the spirit of community service, academic excellence and good sportsmanship.

DEADLINE: June

CONTACT: <https://www.cecilsoccer.org/more/john-jones-memorial-college-scholarship/>**#LIVEFORTHOMAS Memorial Scholarship**

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any senior; raised in a single-parent household; pursuing a post-secondary degree in a political or mental health field or will be participating in an ROTC program; an athlete; minimum GPA 3.0; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 15

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Northrup Grumman PS&C S.T.E.M. Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: GPA 3.0 or higher; planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university for a STEM related program. One scholarship to be awarded to a student at each of the five CCPS high schools.

DEADLINE: Mid-April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Raymond Allen Ryan Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior who is active with the volunteer fire service or enrolled in a golf program through their school; letter of recommendation; application, and essay required.

DEADLINE: July 15

CONTACT: <https://www.rarjmsf.com/scholarship.html>**Women's Club of Cecil County**

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating senior with at least a 3.0 GPA; good attendance; financial need; school involvement; application and essay required.

DEADLINE: March 15

CONTACT: Guidance Office

LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

BOHEMIA MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship

AWARD: \$600

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecilton Lions Club Endowed Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior who plans to attend Cecil College.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Chesapeake City Lions Club Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior with demonstrated financial need.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Helen Harris Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior minority student accepted to college full-time.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Moor Family Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior may apply.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Randy Sheaffer Leadership Award

AWARD: \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for four years)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS senior; demonstrate leadership skills; and strong personal character.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Upper Bay Ruritan Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any BMHS student who is attending Cecil College may apply.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Apply online at www.cecil.edu

ELKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Andy Sands Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to study science.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Barbara Edwards Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to study English/communications.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation - EHS Principal's Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Elkton High School.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship

AWARD: \$600

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Edmund T. Pratt Alumni Scholarships

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: EHS seniors with demonstrated financial need; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Elkton High School Alumni Scholarships

AWARD: Amount varies according to need and merit

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior with financial need and academic achievement; school/community activities and employment; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Elkton Town Commissioners' Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior residing within town limits of Elkton; minimum GPA 3.0; good attendance; school and community activities.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Henry A. Shaffer Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS student with a GPA of 3.0 or better; acceptance into a two-year or four-year college/university; demonstration of service in school and community.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Marsha L. Burnett Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior with demonstrated financial need who plans to enter an educational program to work with students with special needs; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Nelson K. Bolender Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior pursuing a post-secondary degree in education; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Reba Vina Bryson Scholarship

AWARD: Five, \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior pursuing a post-secondary degree in education or nursing; minimum GPA 3.0; one-page resume of school activities; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Rodney Todd Helsel Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior who participates in interscholastic sports as a senior; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Valerie Morrison Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any EHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year or four-year college, successful completion of AP English, minimum GPA 3.0; financial need to be determined by school.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

NORTH EAST HIGH SCHOOL**Cecil College Foundation - NEHS Principal's Scholarship**

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters.

Awardee selected by principal of North East High School.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship

AWARD: \$600

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Donald Preston Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NEHS college-bound senior who has completed the most community service hours.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Georgia Tech Scholarship Fund

AWARD: Two, \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior accepted and enrolled in an engineering program at Georgia Tech.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

#LIVEFORTHOMAS Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior who participates in interscholastic sports; minimum GPA 3.0; raised in a single parent household; pursuing a post-secondary degree in a political or mental health field or will be participating in a ROTC program; essay required.

DEADLINE: March 15

CONTACT: Guidance Office

North East Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000 to Cecil College

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS outstanding student majoring in business at Cecil College; honor roll marking period one and two of senior year; 350-word essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: [www.https://www.cecil.edu/foundation/foundation-scholarships](https://www.cecil.edu/foundation/foundation-scholarships)

North East High School Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Academic excellence or improvement; positive character traits; motivation; good attendance; nominated from NEHS faculty member; 350 word essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

The NEHS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any NEHS senior who has completed at least 11th and 12th grade at NEHS; minimum 2.5 GPA; attend NEHS alumni banquet in June.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Cecil College Foundation - PHS Principal's Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Perryville High School.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship

AWARD: \$600

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Conowingo Elementary School Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must have attended 2 or more years at Conowingo Elementary School; minimum GPA 3.0; must have contributed to their community through service.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Harmony Masonic Lodge Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to attend college and demonstrates financial need.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Janet Hardy Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with a 3.25 GPA; community service; participation in soccer one year; must be drug and alcohol free.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Kathleen Lanigan Memorial Art Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior with demonstrated excellence in art, academics, and community service.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Community Scholarships

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: PHS seniors planning to attend any two-year or four-year school.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Perryville Lions Club Service Award

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who has demonstrated outstanding service to school and community.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Steven Zartler Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior planning to study foreign languages.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance office

Todd Haley Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any PHS senior member of the golf team.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance office

RISING SUN HIGH SCHOOL**American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships, Post #194**

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS female student with financial need; academic achievement; and leadership.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>**American Legion Post #194 Scholarship**

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors with post-secondary plans at any two-year or four-year school; academic achievement; financial need and leadership; application.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>**Cecil College Foundation - RSHS Principal's Scholarship**

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by August 15 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of Rising Sun High School.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Cecil County Public Schools College & Career Fair Furthering Education Scholarship

AWARD: \$600

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior that has been accepted to a two-year, four-year, or technical college; minimum GPA 2.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Conowingo Elementary School Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Must have attended 2 or more years at Conowingo Elementary School; minimum GPA 3.0; must have contributed to their community through service.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

David A. LeBrun Live Like LeBrun Award

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current Rising Sun High School senior who is well-rounded; exemplary student with similar characteristics to David LeBrun.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

David A. LeBrun Math Excellence Award

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Math GPA of 3.25 or higher and a member of the Math League.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

David A. LeBrun Scholar Athlete Award

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Current RSHS senior who participates in at least one sport and has a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

David Stout Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior planning to major or minor in photography.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Harmony Lodge Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior planning to attend college and demonstrates financial need.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Heather Ripley Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who is pursuing a degree in a Human Services field preferred and must have a GPA of 3.5; must submit essay.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Karen Mueller Memorial Art Scholarship

AWARD: \$1000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: A RSHS senior planning to pursue post secondary art studies in visual arts or art education.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or

visit: <https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Patrick Fasano Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$2500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: The successful candidate must attend a high school within the Octoraro Watershed boundaries. These include the Rising Sun, Oxford, Octorara and Solanco High Schools. There will only be one scholarship given between the four schools to a graduating senior. Applicants must have earned a 3.0 grade point average at the end of the fall semester of the school year the scholarship is awarded. The Octoraro Watershed Association hopes that the recipient of this award will use this gift to further the missions that Pat always strongly supported: environmental conservation, conscious use of current resources and planning/implementing methods to repair the damage done to our local environment.

DEADLINE: Feb 15

CONTACT: Contact Guidance or <https://www.cfall-eghenies.org/fund/patrick-fasano-memorial-scholarship-fund/>

Ravens Roost

AWARD: Two \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior planning to pursue post secondary education at a two-year, four-year, or technical college; one female and one male student will be selected.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Rising Sun High School Alumni Association

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Son or daughter of RSHS alumni who has demonstrated academic achievement and leadership.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Rising Sun Lions Club - Dr. R. C. Dodson Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in the Rising Sun community; preference given to applicants with plans to major in visual, speech or hearing disorders in the health care/medical field.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Rising Sun Lions Club - Darwin (Don) Struble Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students in the Rising Sun community; preference given to applicants with plans to major in education.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Robert Wetherhold Award for Advanced Studies in STEM

AWARD: \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who has been accepted to an out of state college or university to pursue a degree in a STEM related program; minimum GPA 3.5; essay required.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or visit:

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Ryan Hartnett Soccer Alumni Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have been a member of the RSHS Varsity Boys or Girls Soccer Team.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Guidance Office or

<https://www.ccps.org/domain/819>

Stephanie Black Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any RSHS senior who is attending Cecil College and demonstrates financial need, perseverance, and desire to help others.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: Apply at www.cecil.edu

The William C. Graham and William J. Graham Endowed Scholarships

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: RSHS seniors who have been accepted to the University of Maryland at College Park and demonstrates financial need.

DEADLINE: April

CONTACT: University of Maryland,
Office of Financial Aid

CECIL COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**Allan Sissom Memorial Scholarship**

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recipient must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in the Welding & Metals Technology program.; plans to further their education after high school in an accredited college or technical school for Welding.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecil College Foundation - CCST Principal's Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must complete a program at CCST with a "B" average, enroll in a certificate or degree program at Cecil College by May 1 with 12 credits per semester, and maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship award. Scholarship must be used for two consecutive semesters. Awardee selected by principal of CCST.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

CCST Educational Awards

AWARD: \$250

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating student from CCST who is planning to continue their education in their specific program of interest or is in need of help to purchase tools for their intended career path. An application and a recommendation from the CCST instructor is required.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Cecilton Lions Club/Charities Scholarship

AWARD: \$600 per semester/first four consecutive semesters

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Active member in good standing of the Cecilton Lions Club Leo Club of the Cecil County School of Technology annually; must attend Cecil College; essay required.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Covatta Culinary Scholarship

AWARD: \$1000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Senior completing the American Culinary Federation - Professional Cooking Program that plans to continue schooling at a Culinary institution. The awardee should exhibit the following attributes: Passion for Culinary Arts, Leadership, Reliability, Attention to Detail, Persistent, Confident and Results Oriented.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Dr. D'Ette W. Devine Teacher Academy of Maryland Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000-a year for four consecutive years

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating student from the Teacher Academy of Maryland program who is planning to continue their education. Recipient must major in education or an education related field.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Elkton Kiwanis Scholarship

AWARD: \$500 per year or two, \$250 scholarships in memory of Ken Grubb, Grubb Contractors

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any CCST student continuing education in any construction related field; 2.5 GPA; positive recommendation from school. Renewable for second year.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Elkton Rotary Club George Benvegno, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Graduating student from CCST with a minimum GPA of 2.5. The scholarship is for students who demonstrate leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit. Essay required.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Imagine America Scholarship

AWARD: \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High School Seniors looking for scholarships to career and technical colleges.

DEADLINE: Dec 31 of graduation year

CONTACT: <https://www.iafportal.org/user/register>

Kay & Ted Bailiff Memorial Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Recipient must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be enrolled in the Natural Resources program. Scholarship will also be based upon the student's financial need and their intentions on furthering their education after high school in a Horticulture/Natural Resources program.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: Guidance Office

Mike Rowe Foundation Scholarships

AWARD: Varies

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: High School Students enrolled or intending to enroll in a licensed two-year college, vocational, technical school or other approved technical institute in the United States.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: <https://www.mikerowe-works.org/scholarship/>

Pureland Supply Vocational and Skilled Trade Scholarship

AWARD: \$500

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Acceptance to an accredited community college, vocational college, technical school, trade school or labor occupations. Completed application, a typed one-page essay, high school transcript or GED, and one letter of recommendation from a non-family member.

DEADLINE: March

CONTACT: www.purelandsupply.com/t-scholarship.aspx

Directory of High School Counselors

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Cecil College

More and more high school students are choosing to begin a post-secondary program by attending a local college. Students may complete general coursework requirements at Cecil College before transferring to a four-year college or specialized technical program. Advantages include:

- A variety of programs & degree options.
- Significant savings compared to four-year colleges & universities.
- Accepts some high school CTE completer programs for college credit.
- Small class sizes.
- Individual academic planning.
- AP scores of 4 or 5 may be accepted for college credit.

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LOAN INFORMATION

The **Thorn Foundation** offers low interest loans to Cecil County students. Loans are administered by the law office of Scott and Scott Attorneys.

Contact the law office at 410-398-0611 for an application.
Funds are limited, so apply early!



Stepping Stones to Financial Aid

