



Highland Park CCRC Happenings

Jan. 12th – 25th, 2024

Announcements!

SENIORS Complete Your FAFSA/ MN DREAM Act!

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UPCOMING FAFSA/ DREAM ACT EVENTS

- **FAFSA/ MN Dream Act Workshop Night**

Join Highland Park counselors, college access staff and financial aid representatives for the Highland Park FAFSA/ MN Dream Act Workshop night!

When: Tuesday, Jan. 23rd 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Highland Park High School Library

For what: To complete your FAFSA or MN Dream Act! Any senior who plans on using the federal and state financial aid **MUST** complete the FAFSA/MN Dream Act!

- **FAFSA/ MN Dream Act Completion Raffle**

- Starting on Wednesday, January 17th, Mr. Carlson & Ms. Baheriy will begin raffling off **\$50 VISA Gift Cards** to students who have completed the FAFSA or MN Dream Act
- In order to enter the raffle, students must show proof that they've completed the FAFSA or MN Dream Act to Mr. Carlson or Ms. Baheriy
- **Every Wednesday from January 17th – March 6th**, we will draw a random name and that student will receive a \$50 VISA Gift Card!

ACT Test Prep with Xello

FREE ACT Prep programming is offered to all Saint Paul Public School 11th graders through the Methodize ACT Prep program on Xello.

Methodize is a self-paced online ACT prep program that offers full length practice tests, vocabulary builders and evaluation tests. These resources allow students to better understand what areas they may need more practice with when taking the ACT.

Using Methodize can improve your ACT score and build your testing confidence. We highly encourage all students who are planning to take the ACT to do ACT prep through Methodize or other out of district programming. [Click here](#) to view Ms. Baheriy's ACT test prep and Methodize presentation.

MN Bilingual Seals and Certificate Testing

If you can read, write, speak and understand another language, you may be eligible to earn up to 20 free college credits at any MN State College or University! Be recognized for your language ability and start your college career off right. Take a Seals of Bilingualism Assessment!

This test is open to 10th, 11th & 12th graders. Testing will occur at Highland from February 13th - 16th 2024.

Assessments are available in: Amharic, Arabic, ASL, Bulgarian, Czech, Dakota, Dari, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lakota, Mandarin Chinese, Ojibwe, Oromo, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tamil, Ukrainian, Vietnamese

Interested in signing up or learning more?! [CLICK HERE](#).

Deadline to sign up is January 31st!

Ready, Set, FAFSA

Join the MN Office of Higher Ed this January for a series of financial aid webinars created specifically for students and families to help them prepare for the financial aid process. All sessions will be approximately one hour long with a short presentation from financial aid experts followed by time for questions from the audience.

All sessions will have simultaneous interpretation available in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. **Participants who attend at least one session will be eligible to win a \$1000 scholarship.**

[Click here to learn more and to register for one or more of the events!](#)

HBCU College Tour 2024

If you're interested in learning about and visiting HBCUs around the country, sign up to attend the Progressive Baptist Church HBCU Tour! This is a great opportunity to explore HBCUs in person!

Tour is open to students currently in grades 7-11. **SPACE IS LIMITED AND SPOTS FILL QUICKLY!** If interested in participating **application opens on 1/21/24**

[Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

Bank of America Student Leaders Program- PAID Internship!

As a Student Leader, you will participate in an eight-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where you will learn first-hand about the needs of your community and the critical role nonprofits play. In addition, you will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. Each Student Leader will attend the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. where you will learn how government, business and the nonprofit sector work together to address critical community needs. [Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

ProCSI Summer Camp at UW- Madison

ProCSI (Promoting the Computational Science Initiative, pronounced "proxy"), is an annual, week-long program that is offered, free of charge, at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. The camp is open to all students, however, first-generation and/ or minority high school students going into their 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with an interest in engineering are encouraged to apply. ProCSI participants attend lectures on a range of engineering-related topics, go on tours of campus, and experience campus life during this fun-filled week. Students will be provided with meals at a university dining hall and reside in the dorms, both at no cost.

[Click here to apply and learn more!](#) **Deadline to apply is March 29th.**

Wallin Scholarship

The Wallin Scholarship program supports students throughout their college experience by providing them with the following:

- An advisor to help students navigate college
- Mentors and internships to connect students to career paths
- Donor connections so students get to know the people who've invested in their scholarship
- Up to \$16,000 in scholarship funding for four years.

To be eligible to apply you must meet all of the following criteria: minimum 3.0 GPA, attend a private/public non-profit four year college in MN, IA, SD, ND or WI or any HBCU immediately after high school (no gap year) and [demonstrate financial need.](#)

[Click here to learn more!](#) **Deadline to apply for scholarship is February 1st!**

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BEFORE completing the FAFSA students and families **MUST** sign up to have an FSA ID. The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access Federal Student Aid websites. [Click here to create an FSA ID!](#)

Xello College App Transcript and Letter of Recommendation Directions

Seniors! When applying to colleges you may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation and/or an official transcript. To request either of these you will use Xello! [Click here to see directions and videos on how to submit these requests!](#)

Job/Internships & Other Career Opportunities!

Urban Boatbuilders' Apprenticeship Program

Job opportunity for youth ages 16-21 to build boats, paddles, cutting boards, participate in career building workshops, and get exposure to the trades

- Pay is \$15/hour
- Work starts on February 5th, 2024 and will be 9 hours/week. Work hours are from 3:15 – 6:15 PM

Students can learn more and fill out an application [HERE](#).

Application deadline is January 19th

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current jobs/internships & other career opportunities! This list will be updated throughout the year, so check back frequently

Note Employers and organizations reach out to counselors to share job and volunteer opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Highland does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Highland does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

Testing Information!

ACT 2023-2024 Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
February 10 th	January 5 th	January 19 th
March 12 th (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 th	March 8 th	March 22 nd
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 17 th
July 13 th	June 7 th	June 21 st

ACT Update: I strongly encourage all students research their prospective colleges' guidelines/requirements regarding the ACT. At the start of COVID many colleges changed their ACT requirements due to testing limitations. Many colleges have announced they will continue being test-optional (will not require the ACT test) for the class of 2024 and some have eliminated the requirement indefinitely.

Register to Test

Register for the ACT at actstudent.org. Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12th test. Registration for this test will happen on paper and in school.

Free Online ACT Prep Resources

Check out these FREE ACT preparation resources:

- FREE Virtual Practice Tests
- ACT Academy
- ACT Study Guide
- The Princeton Review Free Practice Tests

Scholarships!

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest- Essay contest open to students in grades 9-12.

Applicants must submit an essay that describes and analyzes an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. Awards range from \$100-\$10,000. *(Deadline 1/12/24)*

WCF Scholarship- The annual National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship awards students completing twelfth grade (or final high school year) in 2023 who are planning careers in government service. Scholarship applicants must be citizens of the United States. The Trustees and Members of the Foundation, mindful of the significance of the important event in our nation's history that occurred at Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, believe that if our country is to continue to progress, we must have thoroughly trained, dedicated young people to carry on our government's work in future years. *(Deadline 1/15/24)*

Children and Families Impact Scholarship- The purpose of this scholarship is to support BIPOC students who are pursuing careers offering preventive services to children and families in Minnesota. Preventive services include, but are not limited to, mental health, behavioral health, and youth work. *(Deadline 1/15/24)*

MSAA Diversity Scholarship- We believe that supporting efforts to increase diversity within the health and human service profession is one important step to the reduction of disparities within this system and our diversity scholarships are intended to work toward this effort. *(Deadline 1/15/24)*

3M Skilled Trade Program Scholarship- 3M, in partnership with Minnesota State, announces the availability of two scholarships for students interested in the skilled trades. Each scholarship will be for up to \$15,000 over two years at any of the Minnesota State colleges and universities, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year *(Deadline 1/15/24)*

Mondale- Quie Essay Contest- The contest is open to Minnesota high school students in grades 11 and 12 who attend a public or private school (including charter and alternative-learning programs) or who are home schooled in Minnesota. *(Deadline 1/16/24)*

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship - Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. *(Deadline 1/19/24)*

C-Span Student Cam Documentary Competition- StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities

and our nation. This year we are celebrating our 20th anniversary of the competition and for 2024, we are asking students in grades 6-12 to create a short (5-6 minute) video documentary on a topic that relates to the competition theme, "Looking Forward while Considering the Past." (*Deadline 1/19/24*)

Public Housing Authority Scholarship- In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award one scholarship one for \$7,000 and two for \$5,000 to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency. (*Deadline 1/26/24*)

Union Plus Scholarship- The Union Plus Scholarship awards are presented annually to union members or members of their families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. (*Deadline 1/31/24*)

SSA Native American Scholarship- The Native American Scholarships Fund is an endowment established to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. Scholarships are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in the Americas, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous Pacific Islanders. (*Deadline 1/31/24*)

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarships- Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. (*Deadline 1/31/24*)

DAR American Indian Scholarship- A one-time \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to Native American college and technical students of any age, any tribe and in any state who have financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.25 based on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scaled used by the applicable educational institution. Applicants must be Native Americans and must be able to prove membership in a tribe that is recognized at a state and/or federal level. These awards are available for vocational training or college/university undergraduate or graduate students. Preference is given to undergraduate applicants. (*Deadline 1/31/24*)

Wallin 4 Year Scholarship- Minimum eligibility requirements are: minimum 3.0 GPA, attend a private/public non-profit four year college in MN, IA, SD, ND or WI or any HBCU immediately after high school (no gap year) and [demonstrate financial need](#). Wallin winners receive \$4,000 a year for four years, get access to a professional advisor, get college to career programming and donor partner connections. (*Deadline 2/1/24*)

EngineerGirl Writing Contest- Open to students in grades 9-12. Applicants are required to write an essay on the given topic. First place winner will receive \$500. (*Deadline 2/1/24*)

Expedition Foundation's 2024 Scholarship- The \$1000 student award is for graduating high school seniors. You must be a member of Expedition Credit Union (formerly United Educators Credit Union), or the child, grandchild, or dependent of a member to be eligible for the award. You must be planning to attend a university, college, or community college in the fall of 2024. It is not necessary to demonstrate a financial need for the award. (*Deadline 2/2/24*)

Emmy Student Scholarship- We offer \$1,500 scholarship grants to students planning to major in journalism, broadcasting or electronic media at an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarships are open to high school seniors and college/university sophomores & juniors or graduate students living or attending school in the five-state area served by the Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. (*Deadline 2/2/24*)

The AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship- The American Meteorological Society is pleased to announce the AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship program, open to all high school students and

designed to encourage study in the atmospheric and related sciences. Serving as a unique example of various sectors of our field joining together to support young, talented minds, the scholarships are being sponsored by partners in industry, as well as through named scholarships either established by an AMS member or in memory of someone. The sponsors of these scholarships have all recognized the importance in encouraging young people to enter into the atmospheric and related sciences and thus have made generous contributions in support of the AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program. *(Deadline 2/3/24)*

Legacy Awards- Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Children and grandchildren will compete separately against other children and grandchildren in their state. *(Deadline 2/5/24)*

Point Foundation Community College Scholarship- The Point Community College Scholarship empowers LGBTQ community college students to fulfill their ambitions in college. Whether you are eager to earn an associate degree and join the workforce or you intend to transfer to a four-year college or university, Point can provide financial aid and mentoring to help you achieve your educational goals. *(Deadline 2/8/24)*

Hon. Jeff Morris Scholarship- Be an undergraduate or graduate student studying renewable energy (in any sense, including economics, law, public policy, energy storage, demand response, grid-interactive efficient buildings and load flexibility, advanced grid modernization, greening of the grid, etc.) at any college or university in Oregon or Washington; or, be studying outside of Oregon and Washington, but be from one of those states, and intend to return to the Pacific Northwest after studies are complete; or, be a Native American or Alaskan Native student. *(Deadline 2/15/24)*

Groth Music Scholarship- The purpose of this fund is to award annual post-secondary scholarships for qualified students desiring to matriculate and pursue careers in music performance, music education, or music therapy. *(Deadline 2/22/24)*

AMS Scholarship for Underserved Communities- The AMS Scholarship for Underserved Communities will award funding to students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students. Funding for the scholarships is provided through donations made to the AMS Annual Giving Program. The \$6,000 two-year scholarship is for \$3000 per year during freshman and sophomore years *(Deadline 2/23/24)*

Indian Health Services Scholarships- The Indian Health Service (IHS) offers three scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native students in order to educate and train health professionals to staff Indian health programs. We strive to develop our next generation of leaders, as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian and Alaska Native students. *(Deadline 2/28/24)*

TheDream.us National Scholarship- Applications are open to undocumented immigrant students with or without DACA or TPS who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before Nov. 1, 2018. The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees at one of our Partner Colleges up to a maximum of \$33,000 for a bachelor's degree. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

Distinguished Raven FAC Memorial Scholarships- This scholarship program is meant to provide educational assistance to the descendants of those the Ravens supported in their fight for the defense of their country. This assistance is intended to encourage the individuals to further their education and to reward the qualities that the Ravens and Laotian/Hmong forces admire. The funds are provided directly to the recipient to assist with tuition, lab fees, books, and other direct educational expenses. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

MARvelous Education Fund- If you are planning to pursue higher education and are looking for ways to cover the cost, the Jewish Community Center's (JCC) MARvelous Education Fund can help. The fund will

award a \$5,000 scholarship to one recipient and is open to all Minnesota JCC members and staff. Preference is given to JCC involvement, academic achievement and financial need. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

Horatio Alger State Scholarship- As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need. *(Deadline 3/15/24)*

Heartland Business Systems Scholarship- Up to four recipients will be eligible to receive the Heartland Scholarship. Recipients will each receive \$2,500 to put towards continuing education. Students must have a 3.5 minimum GPA and intend to continue education at an accredited two – or four- year university or technical school, with an intended major in an Information Technology field. *(Deadline 3/30/24)*

Nari Cares MN Scholarship- NARI Cares Minnesota is pleased to announce that \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to three 2024 graduates from area MN High Schools. The scholarships will be awarded in \$500 increments renewable for two semesters. Student must be pursuing a post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational or vocational institution relating to the field of construction or related trades in the Summer or Fall of 2024. *(Deadline 3/30/24)*

Starbase Scholarship- STARBASE Minnesota, located on the 133rd Airlift Wing in St. Paul, MN, and the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, has helped inspire and educate more than 80,000 Twin Cities' youth in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) since 1993 in five-day programs. Former STARBASE Minnesota students who attended during the school year and who are enrolled in post-secondary education are encouraged to apply throughout the year. STARBASE Minnesota scholarships are one-time \$1,000 awards, and will be presented directly to the recipient. SPPS Elementary Schools that participated in STARBASE: American Indian Magnet, Battle Creek, Cherokee Heights, Como Park, Crossroads, Eastern Heights, Farnsworth, Four Seasons, Frost Lake, Hamline, Hazel Park, Highwood Hills, Jie Ming, Randolph *(Rolling Deadline)*

More Scholarships

- Your college's scholarships- search your college's financial aid website for scholarships your college offers!
- [Big Future College Board](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Scholarship.com](#)
- [Fastweb](#)