

# Monthly Scholarship Newsletter

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## January Scholarship Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly scholarship newsletter. Here you will find our most up to date listing of available scholarships with eligibility requirements and links to apply. Scholarships that are listed in **red** are guaranteed to be awarded to Manchester Valley High School Students. Remember to request any needed letters of recommendation at least three weeks in advance. All transcript requests must go through Naviance. Reach out to your school counselor with any questions. Remember to complete your FAFSA application and create an MDCAPS account if you want to be considered for Maryland State Aid.

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New: 2025 Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Scholarship Due March 1

**Description:** The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) encourages, engages, and empowers our community to understand, responsibly use and promote the natural world. MAEOE is pleased to offer **(3) \$1500** scholarships for current high school seniors planning to pursue a college, university, or technical degree in a field related to the environment. The scholarship can be used to cover tuition, housing, books, or any education-related expenses.

**Eligibility:** Maryland resident high school seniors enrolled in, accepted by, or currently applying to a college, university, or technical school for an undergraduate or associate degree. Students must pursue or plan to pursue a degree related to the environment.

New: Hampstead Lions/Lioness Club Due April 14

4 (\$1500) scholarships will be awarded to MVHS students based on scholastic achievement, financial need and community service. Students must fill out the application and include a copy of all college acceptance letters, high school transcripts, test scores (if applicable) and copies of 2023 Federal Income Tax Form for parents and students (if applicable). Completed applications should be returned to Mrs. Reese in the School Counseling office by 2pm on April 14, 2025.

New: National Naval Officers Association Scholarship Due Feb 21

Each year, the Washington, DC Chapter of the NNOA (DCNNOA) awards scholarships starting at \$1,000 to minority youth from the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area based on academic achievement, positive community involvement, commitment, and financial need. Scholarship recipients select their major and attend the college or university of their choice without any obligation to join or affiliate with the military.

Students must submit a COMPLETE application package verified by their counselor by February 21, 2025 in order to be considered for a scholarship. Submit your application online @ <https://nnoa.org/chapter-dcnnoa/>. After submitting your online application, you will receive an email confirmation. Forward your email confirmation to your counselor for verification. Please e-mail both [stephen.b.williams10.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:stephen.b.williams10.civ@us.navy.mil) and [rab94usa@gmail.com](mailto:rab94usa@gmail.com) with any questions or issues.

New: Jeannie Bird Scholarship Due April 11

The mission of the Jeannie Bird Scholarship Fund is to sustain the legacy of Jeannie Vogel by providing financial support for students who share her creativity and passionate spirit in pursuit of culinary or medical studies. Focus on academic achievements as well as community service. Students are required to complete the application, essay, official transcript, college acceptance letter, two recommendation letters and parent/guardian signatures.

**Eligibility:** Maryland resident, currently enrolled as a senior at a Carroll County MD high school, planning to enter the culinary, medical or medical-related field, 3.0 GPA or higher, completed at least 200 community service hours.

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## New: Zaching Against Cancer due March 15

The Zaching Against Cancer Foundation (ZACF) is proud to present eight **Spirit Award Scholarships** to Maryland students who have excelled in high school while overcoming personal hardships relating to cancer. Hardships include being a cancer survivor, a caregiver for someone with cancer, or a relative of a person with cancer. For 2025 ZACF will provide eight \$2,500 scholarships to Maryland high school students in public or private schools who are planning to attend a two- or four-year college or trade school. The application deadline is March 15, 2025, and ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

## AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter - STEM Scholarship Award due January 15

Who: This scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who want to pursue a STEM education followed by a career in Defense, Intelligence Community, or Homeland Security. What: Each scholarship is an award of \$3,000 for each year of a four-year academic education totaling \$12,000. This scholarship can be used to achieve education goals at the accredited school of their choice (except for military institutions) anywhere in the nation. All Merit Scholarships are STEM based. This is for a full-time student attending an accredited four-year institution. Multiple STEM scholarships are available. Note: AFCEA CMD expects any student recipient of an AFCEA scholarship who also receives a full-ride scholarship to the school of their choice to let AFCEA know and to return their AFCEA scholarship for another applicant.

## Penguin Random House due January 15

Applicants to the **Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards Program in Partnership with We Need Diverse Books** must:

- Be current high school seniors at a public high school in the United States graduating Spring of 2025
- Be 21 years of age and under
- Plan to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or approved vocational-technical school Fall 2025
- Submit one original literary composition in English in one of the following genres of poetry, spoken word, fiction, personal essay/memoir, or book bans prompt.
  - All submissions must be typed, double-spaced with a minimum 12 point font size and no longer than 10 pages.
  - All submissions with multiple pages must be numbered with a page number and total number of pages (Ex. 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).
  - A four-page minimum is recommended for the fiction genre.
  - Spoken word entries must upload a typed entry along with an emailed audio format file.
  - Only one entry per student may be submitted and considered.
  - Freedom of Expression entries must write about the provided topic.
- Book bans are on the rise in America, driven by new laws and regulations limiting the kinds of books young people can access—and books by and/or about LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities are disproportionately targeted. Penguin Random House and We Need Diverse Books believe books change lives, and that everyone deserves to see themselves in a book.
- **Freedom of Expression Prompt:** In the face of these book bans and attacks on free expression, we are celebrating the power of books and stories. Tell us about one banned book that changed your life and why.

***Only the first 1000 applications will be accepted.***

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### Daughters of the American Revolution MD due January 15

The Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution will award a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating Maryland High School Senior who is a US citizen. Applicants pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree are eligible. Scholarships are renewable for up to an additional 3 years upon annual review and approval of an official college transcript by the state chairman. It is expected that students maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.



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### DEWALT Trades Scholarship due January 16

Stanley Black & Decker has established the DEWALT Trades Scholarship to assist individuals attending a two-year college or vocational-technical school who are pursuing a trade degree/certificate in an industry aligned with the Stanley Black & Decker Trade Goals – including but are not limited to Construction, Industrial, Motor/Power Sector, Mechanics, and Technology.

This program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarships and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Eligibility for individual programs is determined at the sole discretion of the sponsor, and eligible applications are reviewed by Scholarship America's evaluation team.

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## United States JCI Foundation Scholarship Due January 17

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 an accredited post-secondary college or university. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited vocational or industrial school. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice.

## Daughters of the American Revolution National due January 31

Applicants must be citizens of the United States to apply for one of the national scholarships offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee. Applicants must also attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required, however, applicants may want to reach out to a DAR chapter in their area for help with their applications.

### **Important Information**

- Applicants should submit their scholarship applications using the DAR's online process from November 1 through January 31 at 11:59 pm (Hawaii Time).
- To access the DAR Scholarship Committee's online scholarship application portal, [click here](#).
- The scholarship application portal is not to be used when applying for the the DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contests or state or chapter level scholarships.
- [DAR Scholarship Information and Application Checklist](#)
- [Scholarship FAQs](#)

## National Eagle Scout Association due January 31

- Eagle Scouts must be a member of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) to apply.
- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or by the halfway point of their associate degree program or skilled trade program.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited educational institution as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to an academic degree (including associate degrees) or a skilled trade program.
- Cooke four-year scholarship awardees must be enrolled in an accredited four year college or university as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to a bachelors degree.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESA scholarships are not available to graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree.

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## First Financial Federal Credit Union due February 1

We are proud to offer a scholarship opportunity through our annual Scholarship Program. Typically, a \$3,000 college scholarship is made available to each high school within our field of membership. Additional scholarships are available to existing student members who attend schools outside of our field of membership.

Students must have a minimum 2.5 unweighted GPA to qualify.

Scholarship funds can be used for post-secondary institutions (including college, technical, and trade schools); and are for related expenses during the student's first year of study. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.

Students must have their own Savings Account with First Financial FCU (Custodial, Health Savings, and special IRA accounts not eligible). Length of membership does not factor into the scholarship decision. If you're eligible for membership, join now and apply for the scholarship right away.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Must be a First Financial Federal Credit Union of Maryland member
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024
- Have a GPA of 2.5 (unweighted) or higher
- Attend a high school in a community that FFFCU serves
- School counselor's email address to request copy of transcript
- List of school and community activities
- Two email addresses for letters of recommendation
  - Academic Recommendation
  - Character/Personal Recommendation
- Essay 300 words or less - What do you expect to gain from your post-secondary education?

First Financial employees, volunteers and their family members are ineligible to apply.





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### Horatio Alger Scholarships due March 1

While most other scholarships focus exclusively on academic achievement or leadership potential, Horatio Alger Scholarships are also intended for promising students who have critical financial need, demonstrate integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and are determined to succeed.

Horatio Alger offers both undergraduate and career and technical scholarships. See the website for more information.

### Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund due March 13

Since 1986, FEEA has given over 11,000 merit-based scholarships to federal public servants, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. An additional nearly 200 scholarships to surviving children whose federal employee parents died or were severely injured in the line of duty during terrorist attacks, such as those on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Pentagon on 9-11, and the US Embassies and Consulates in Kenya, Tanzania, and Libya.

Collectively, our scholarship program to date totals over \$14 million. FEEA champions the pursuit of higher education and each year supports over 200 students with merit-based scholarships.



### HOPE Jeanette Cartwright Memorial Scholarship Due March 15

Each spring, in memory of its co-founder, Jeanette Cartwright, H.O.P.E. awards academic scholarships to deserving high school seniors. The award is based on financial need and a history of cancer in the student's immediate family. For those interested in applying, please download [2025 Jeanette Cartwright Scholarship](#).

The successful candidate must have someone within his or her immediate household with cancer, must demonstrate a financial need, and be accepted into a college or trade school. Scholarship winners must then prove completion of one year of the college or trade school of their choice. Since 1995, H.O.P.E. has awarded over \$80,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors pursuing a post- secondary education. Candidates not only demonstrate exemplary academic and extracurricular talent, but continue to do so through the lingering effects of their families' cancer journey.

### Kimmy Duong Foundation due March 29

1. Write a 1-2 page **resume** summarizing your academic and personal achievements (as a PDF file).
2. Obtain an **official transcript** of your current academic work from your current and past academic institutions in PDF form.
3. Write a **1-2 page essay** in PDF form that describes your Vietnamese/American/Others heritage and how it has shaped you into the person you are today. Please include your experience in community service activities. Also, comment on any hardships that you have overcome to pursue higher education.
4. Contact **3** individuals who would be able to prepare 1-page **letters of recommendation** in PDF form. These individuals should identify their relationship to you and comment about your leadership skills and your character. Each letter should identify the name, title, and institution of the person writing the letter. They also can email their recommendation letter to [thekimmyduongfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thekimmyduongfoundation@gmail.com) with "**your full name and your full home address**". That should be the same as your application/resume.
5. Provide your current financial situation and the reasons why you need financial aid.

After you have collected all the items above, please fill out and submit the forms. You will receive an email acknowledgment after your submission is complete.





### We Are Carroll due April 15

#### **The Community Foundation of Carroll County supports more than 75 scholarships.**

These scholarships vary in the amounts they award and cover a wide variety of student interests. Qualifiers range from academic achievements, sports played, and community service performed, to 4-H and FFA involvement. While the majority are for graduating Carroll County high school seniors, there are several for students in college or technical school, and even opportunities for students attending private primary school.

### Point Breeze Credit Union Scholarship Due April 30

Point Breeze Credit Union will award twenty (20) \$2,000 scholarships to eligible members currently in their senior year of high school and planning to attend a full-time accredited two- or four-year college or an accredited technical school of their choice in 2025. All applications will be judged by our Scholarship Committee. Personal information will be redacted prior to review by the Scholarship Committee. Awards will be made during the month of June 2025. Checks will be made payable jointly to the recipient and the school of their choice. All decisions are final.

#### Eligibility:

- Graduating high school in 2025
- Current owner, joint owner or named on a custodial account in good standing with Point Breeze Credit Union.
- Letter of acceptance from the school of your choice.
- Two references, one personal and one academic.
- Typed application, essay and questionnaire responses must be complete and will be judged on ideas, originality and writing conventions.
- Applications must be signed and dated. All applicants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature.