

A Northwest High School College Career Information Center Publication

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Questions?

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How to Request a Scholarship Transcript ...

Complete the Scholarship Transcript Request Form: A link to this [Google Form](#) includes the Release of Records & Early Decision Acknowledgement Form link.

JAGS Financial Aid & Scholarship Organizer - Organize all your financial aid and scholarship pursuits in one Google sheet.

Make a copy of the sheet and Make it Yours!

financial aid

LAUNCHING SOON FOR THE CLASS OF 2024...
The NEW Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
FINANCIAL AID WEBINAR
10.04.23 @ 6:30 PM
HOSTED BY ROB MADDOX, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MD
Learn about the FAFSA changes, the types of financial aid, how & when to apply!
FAFSA®
Federal Student Aid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WEBINAR LINK WILL POST ON SCHOOL WEBSITES OR CONTACT THE COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION CENTER
CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL - DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL
- NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATION

COMING IN OCTOBER... NORTHWEST FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR for the Class of 2024. Learn when to apply for financial aid, how to apply for financial aid and what's new with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Virtual.

RESOURCE: [TRiO Educational Opportunity Center \(EOC\)](#) Financial assistance available. EOC can also provide financial aid award package(s) review. To schedule an appointment or sign up for a workshop:

- Complete an [intake form](#)
- Contact the office by phone 240-567-5644
- Email us at mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu

RESOURCE: 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) visit:

<https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES> **OR** The

[Maryland State Financial Aid Application \(MSFAA\)](#)

RESOURCE: [CSS PROFILE:](#)

CSS Profile

- @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ekz8WCzqDU> (2:20 min. run time)
- @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_QX1LmyyHE (30 min. run time)

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid. This financial aid application is completed in addition to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

RESOURCE: MyinTuition Cost Calculation. A college cost estimator for specific colleges and universities. @ <https://myintuition.org/quick-college-cost-estimator/>. Posted 14 August 2023 |

RESOURCE: From BOLD.org [The Best LGBTQ+ Scholarships](#). | Posted 6 June 2023 |

RESOURCE: Maryland Scholarship Directory, a list of 100+ vetted scholarships for students across the state, broken down by month. Here is the link: <https://standoutcollegeprep.com/washington-dc-and-maryland-scholarships/> from standoutcollegeprep.com.

RESOURCE: Find out about How First Gen Students Can Navigate Paying for College: A resource sponsored by Citizens Bank @ <https://www.citizensbank.com/learning/first-gen-students-preparing-for-college.aspx>.

RESOURCE: From the Historically Black Colleges & Universities seminar event: UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND SCHOLARSHIP presentation. Click [HERE](#).

RESOURCE: From the Maryland Higher Education Commission: The WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP is designed to provide financial assistance to students enrolling in an approved non-credited certificate program leading to apprenticeships, employment, licensure, or job skill enhancement only at a participating Maryland Community College. Application and eligibility can be found at the Maryland Community College Office of Student Financial Aid. General information can be found on the MHEC website [HERE](#).

RESOURCE: C. D. Motes, Jr. Incentive Awards Program (IAP) with the University of Maryland College Park and MCPS UMD Accepted Students. If you are applying to UMD College Park and demonstrate qualities like leadership, being service oriented, committed to striving to be best and perseverance, you may want to learn more about IAP. *Applicants must apply to UMD by November 1 and be accepted. The FAFSA must also be completed by January 1 and the applicant must be eligible for the Pell Grant. The IAP application is completed between February 1 and March 1.* The program offers a summer bridge program, full tuition, room and board along with guaranteed housing and a study abroad component. Learn more on the [IAP website](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about Becoming A Scholar

RESOURCE: The [Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship](#) is available each academic year to students who enroll at a Maryland community college. Eligible students may receive up to \$5,000 to cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fee expenses after Federal or State financial aid has been applied. All interested applicants must submit either the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) OR [Maryland State Financial Aid Application](#) (MSFAA) by March 1 each year.

For all applicant [eligibility requirements](#), including how to sign up for a [MDCAPS account](#) can be found on the MHEC website. If you have questions, call the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 410-767-3300 and follow the prompt to press #1. You can also meet [virtually with a financial aid specialist](#) to talk more about your options when applying for financial aid to achieve your higher education goals.

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Current Scholarship Listing



Look for this symbol to indicate **first time in publication; posted by deadline date:**

Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART (Dellums SMART Scholarship) Scholarship-for-Service Program Information: The Dellums SMART Scholarship opportunity is offered to rising college freshmen who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in one of the 24 SMART STEM disciplines. High school seniors are eligible to apply. Find out more about the scholarship opportunities [HERE](#). | Post 15 September 2023 |

Application deadline dates for September 2023 ...

SCHOLARSHIP: The [BOOK LOVERS SCHOLARSHIP](#). \$500. Open to ALL students with a passion for reading. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: SEPTEMBER 30** | Post 8 June 2023 |

Application deadline dates for October 2023 & beyond ...

SCHOLARSHIP: [AES Scholarship](#). Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 8** | Post 15 September 2023 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [Meyerhoff Scholars Program](#) (Apply to UMBC Early Action) - Nomination Opens July 1, 2023. **SENIORS applying to UMBC.** The Meyerhoff Scholars Program is open to all high-achieving high school seniors who have an interest in pursuing doctoral study in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics and who are interested in the advancement of minorities in the sciences and related fields. Students can be nominated for the program and are most typically nominated by their high school administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers. **\$5,000 to \$15,000 award per academic year.** Northwest High School seniors must request a nomination using this [form](#). Once your request is received and your counselor is in support of your nomination, your request will be processed, and you will receive an email to your personal and mcpsmd.net accounts. **DEADLINE TO REQUEST NOMINATION: OCTOBER 10** | Post 6 July 2023 |



NEW SCHOLARSHIP: The **Jefferson Scholars Foundation** offers **Jefferson Scholarships** for undergraduate study at the **University of Virginia**. The goal of the Foundation is to attract the most outstanding students in the nation and the world to the University, students who are extraordinary leaders, scholars, and citizens. Individual merit in these three areas is the sole criterion for selection. Financial need, which the University meets through other resources, is not a consideration in making nominations, recommendations, or selections. Jefferson Scholarships provide the entire cost of attendance at the University of Virginia and many supplemental enrichment experiences. Students must be nominated by their high school to complete. **If selected as the Northwest nominee, you will be asked to complete the online Jefferson Scholar application, provide a recommendation and upload a photo.** The **General Regulations** can be found [HERE](#). **More information** on the program can be found [HERE](#). **Submit this [Google Form](#) no later than October 10.** The one nominee will be selected by the end of October and will have until Monday, November 13 to complete the UVA Jefferson Scholars application. | Post 21 September 2023 | **DEADLINE TO REQUEST NOMINATION: OCTOBER 10** | Post 21 September 2023 |

Financial Aid Resources:

Official website for the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** @ studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa

Find out if your college requires the **CSS Profile** for financial aid consideration @ <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>.

finaid.org: A “free, comprehensive, independent & objective guide to financial aid.” Also includes a free “Financial Aid Estimation Form”.

Financial Aid on YouTube @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid>

State of MD, MCPS & College Board Resources:

Maryland Aid & Scholarships @ mhec.maryland.gov

Tips & Tools for Applying & Accepting Financial Aid in the State of Maryland • [FAQ's](#) • The Maryland College Aid Processing System (MD CAPS) accounts for accepting financial aid. Set up the MD CAPS account using this [link](#). Complete the FAFSA by March 1 (check individual college deadlines for priority date due). Check your MD CAPS account on a regular basis after filing the FAFSA. Complete all items on the checklist. Links and forms for documents required will be available to download in your MD CAPS account.

Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) for students ineligible to file the FAFSA. See the [FAQ's](#) @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/MSFAA-FAQS.aspx>. The application is available through the Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS).

Create the MDCAPS account and get ready to apply and accept Maryland aid and scholarships by visiting the Maryland Higher Education Commission [website](#). Look for the MD CAPS badge:



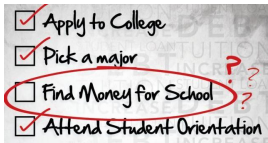
From the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) on the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship. The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is a **last dollar award**, available to students who plan to enroll in credit-bearing coursework leading to a vocational certificate, certificate, or an associate degree. For scholarship consideration students must complete the FAFSA or MSSFA by March 1. mhec.maryland.gov.

Update from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) on the Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance Grant & Guaranteed Access Grant Program. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will identify students that potentially meet grant eligibility based on information obtained on the student's FAFSA. Priority consideration requires that the FAFSA be filed by March 1. For more information, visit mhec.maryland.gov.

MD Legislative Senatorial & Delegate Scholarships and Financial Assistance Programs available to graduating high school seniors @ mhec.maryland.gov. To determine your legislative district visit mdelect.net. Select Students/Parents → Select Financial Aid Resources → Select Types of State and Financial Assistance Scholarship & Grant Programs. FAFSA completion by March 1 required. Check with your Legislative Senators & Delegates for their specific FAFSA requirement.

A list of scholarship opportunities, including and in addition to, opportunities made available through the Northwest College Career Information Center. Listing includes links to scholarship applications and several comprehensive online databases.

Internet Resources for Scholarships & Financial Aid:



AffordableCollege.com: LGBTQ students financial aid resource @ affordablecolleges.com/resources/lgbtq-college-resources

ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION [here](#)

AYN RAND NOVELS ESSAY CONTESTS: awards range from \$30 to \$10,000; essay choices based on 3 Ayn Rand novels and will be judged on both style and contest, with an emphasis on writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized; current novel options include **Anthem** for grades 9 & 10; **The Fountainhead** for grades 11 & 12 and **Atlas Shrugged** for grade 12 only; **DEADLINES VARY BASED ON NOVEL:** aynrandnovels.com

Bold.org: Scholarships for Black Students @
<https://bold.org/scholarships/blog/scholarships-for-black-students/>

Bold.org: Scholarships for Maryland Residents @
<https://bold.org/scholarships/by-state/maryland-scholarships/>

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) @ chci.org- Internship resource for Latino students

FallenPatriots.org: Fallen Patriots provides college scholarships to military children who lost a parent in the line of duty. No competitive application process or essay. Fallen Patriots does not operate on deadlines. Scholarships are provided on a continual basis throughout the year. Complete the Enrollment Form online as the first step. Questions can be directed by email to the Enrollment Coordinator @ [enrollments @ enrollments @ fallenpatriots.org](mailto:enrollments@fallenpatriots.org) or by phone to 866.917.2373 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Guide to Scholarships for New Americans and Minorities. Google guide by name for the latest publication.

HBCU CONNECT was founded in 1999 by Hampton University graduate William Roger Moss III, who connected with fellow HBCU graduate and entrepreneur E. Shawn Starks to create the first African American targeted social network launched as "hbcu-central.com". This link is a resource for scholarships specifically targeted to students planning to attend a Historically Black College or University.

Imagine America High School Scholarship Program for high school students planning to attend a career school participating in the Imagine America High School Scholarship Program – For a list of participating schools and to apply, visit <https://www.imagine-america.org/students/>. Questions? Contact Imagine America @ 571.267.3010 or email studentservices@imagine-america.org

McDaniel College Educator's Legacy Scholarship...

MCDANIEL COLLEGE EDUCATOR'S LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP: offered to high school graduating SENIORS with application to McDaniel College; application available to children of MCPS K-12 school employees; \$25,000 award renewable over 4 years; 2.5 minimum GPA; acceptance to McDaniel College required for scholarship

consideration visit mcdaniel.edu/undergraduate/admissions/apply/educators-legacy-scholarship for more information on how to apply; **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED ON A ROLLING BASIS**

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE Foundation website @ montgomerycollege.academicworks.com (MCID required)

Scholarships for MONTGOMERY COLLEGE → Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Transfer Students. Intended to help meet the needs of those seeking to complete a BA degree after attending a 2-year college. Visit shadygrove.umd.edu/admissions/financial-aid.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE → (USG) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES in the fields of health care. Start your health career in Mental Health, Public Health or Nursing and transfer to complete the bachelor's degree in Social Work, Public Health Science or Nursing. Visit montgomerycollege.academicworks.com.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MCPS) COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION CENTER WEBSITE & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES FOR STUDENTS @ montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter.

NCAA.ORG: Sports scholarships, internships and college eligibility requirements for students can be researched @ ncaa.org

NextStepU is a scholarship search engine that connects with thousands of ways to pay for college.

Information about college **ROTC programs** and scholarships can be found @ bestcolleges.com

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIP is available to high school seniors applying to North Carolina A&T. Financial need is not a consideration. Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent resident with a minimum 4.0 GPA. 1280 SAT or 28 ACT score requirement. Applicants must show exceptional qualities of character and leadership and be significantly involved in extracurricular activities. Strong commitment to community service. Visit ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white for more information.

raise.me

What if you could earn \$1,000 for college every time you got an "A" in class? What if you could earn \$600 for college every time you got a "B" in class? How about earning \$250 for participating in an after-school club or sport? Starting today, you can earn scholarships to college each time you achieve one of these goals. Find out how and visit raise.me.

The RON BROWN Scholarship Program for African American high school seniors who are US citizens or permanent residents. RBSP competitively awards 45 – 50 four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship – the four pillars of the late Ronald H. Brown's mission to uplift people of all races, cultures and ethnicities – especially our disadvantaged youth. **Early January deadline.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS @ scholarshipsandgrants.us

Scholarship opportunities for Latino students who may have immigration related concerns can be researched @ maldef.org.

ScholarshipGuidance.com

Scholarships.com

Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarships @ artandwriting.org

Search for scholarships by categories @ scholarships4students.com

StudentScholarships.org

Scholarship opportunities are published in their current newsletter. Opportunities have deadlines to apply thru the end of the school year. Visit studentscholarships.org/newsletter to download the newsletter.

THE HERB BLOCK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP does not have a required GPA or age to apply. This is a 'last dollar' scholarship (meaning that the calculation of a student's need considers all other financial aid awards the student receives). The award covers not only tuition, but also fees, books and transportation. For more information, including eligibility, visit <https://www.herblockfoundation.org/scholarships>. **TIMELINE: MARCH – JUNE**

THE HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND – hsf.net/scholarship ® select “Scholarships” from the navigation bar. Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. Applicants must be Hispanic Heritage with a high school GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale). The Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s (HSF) mission is to strengthen America by advancing the college education of Hispanic Americans. We deliver a range of programs to Hispanic families and students through community outreach and education, affordability via scholarships, college retention and career opportunities. **TIMELINE: DECEMBER – APRIL**

THURGOOD MARSHALL COLLEGE FUND (TMCF) PROGRAM @ <https://www.tmcf.org/our-scholarships>. TMCF offers four types of unique scholarships that are merit, plus need-based designed to address the financial needs of students attending TMCF member-schools. The awards process is highly competitive and the awards are given to outstanding and qualified students who plan to earn a baccalaureate, graduate or law degree from an accredited college or university. Occasionally, we may offer scholarships to students not attending one of our member-schools. Since its inception, hundreds of companies and foundations have funded a TMCF scholarship. Our scholarship partners allow TMCF to award scholarships that are designed to complement the financial aid students receive from other sources for tuition and other education expenses, such as books and housing. As a result of our efforts, an increasing number of students are able to attend and complete college at an affordable cost.

Walmart Scholarship Programs – The Wal-Mart Foundation offers scholarship programs to Wal-Mart associates and dependents. To learn more about these programs or to apply, visit giving.walmart.com/foundation and Select “Associate Scholarships”.

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