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Montgomery County SMOB



Applications from qualified sophomores and juniors interested in serving as the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2012.

The SMOB provides an informed student viewpoint on educational issues. The SMOB may author legislation, participate in discussions on all topics and has voting rights on certain issues. The SMOB position is unpaid, but the student member will earn social studies credit, a minimum of 250 hours of Student Service Learning Hours (SSL), and receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center (Room 114), 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The current student member, as well as former SMOBs, will be available to offer insights and answer questions.

To be eligible to run for the position, students must live in Montgomery County and be enrolled as a sophomore or junior at an MCPS high school. Current and former student members of the Board of Education will be available to offer insights and answer questions at an informational meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2012, from 5:00-6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria at Carver Educational Services Center. E-mail Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org, coordinator of the Student Affairs Office, with questions.

SMOB Nominating Convention: Heads-Up!

The Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) Nominating Convention is scheduled from 12:30-4:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2012 (with a snow date of Monday, March 5)). The day of the convention, student representatives from our middle and high schools will gather at Poolesville High School to hear speeches, ask questions, and vote to narrow the field of SMOB candidates to the final two. The SMOB is a public official, and as such, there are strict protocols in the election process. Detailed information will be sent electronically to advisors and SGA presidents and will be posted on the Student Affairs web site <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob/nomconv.shtm>

The bus request deadline is 3:00 p.m., February 10, 2012, and the number of delegates attending is due by 3:00 p.m., February 23, 2012. Start recruiting students from your school now to serve as voting delegates to the 35th Student Member of the Board of Education Nominating Convention. Remember, this is NOT just for SGA students!

If you have any questions, email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.



Youth Leadership Montgomery (YLM) is a unique program for Montgomery County public and independent high school student entering grades 9-12 to empower them with the skills necessary to achieve success in life. A partnership between Youth Leadership Montgomery (YLM) and

Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW) provides a program that is designed to develop leadership skills and community awareness. There are other youth programs available for high school students, but there is no comprehensive program that has as profound an impact. YLM empowers students with the skills necessary to achieve success in all facets of their lives, and inspires them to exercise their leadership to enhance their schools and communities. Up to 25 students will be selected on a competitive basis. Participants need to complete both parts in order to graduate. No school credit will be provided for participation; however, those who complete the program will be presented a certificate of graduation. Students will also be provided letters of recommendation from program leaders. See application for attendance policy and dates.

Go to <http://leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/youth.asp> for full details and applications.

January Events

- 4 MCJC ExBd Mtg 5:30-8:30pm (CESC Cafeteria)
- 5 SMOB Informational Meeting 5:00pm CESC Cafe
- 5 MCR ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm CESC Cafeteria)
- 6 MASC LegSes Registration Opens
- 10 Board of Education Day Business Mtg (CESC)
- 20 Deadline: MASC LegSes Registration closes
- 24 Deadline: MCR/MCJC GA Bus RSVP for Feb. 9
- 24 SMOB Council 7:00pm (CESC)
- 26 Deadline: 4:00 p.m. SMOB Candidate Apps
- 27 Special Olympics: Frigid Friday Polar Bear Plunge
- Deadline: MASC Principal/Advisor Awards to MCR and MCJC (must be a MASC member)

Sneak Preview: February 2012



- 1 SMOB Candidates' Required meeting 4:00-6:00pm, CESC Cafeteria
- MCR ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafe.)
- 2 MCJC ExBd Mtg 7:00-8:30pm (CESC Cafe.)
- 4 MASC Legislative Session
- 6 Deadline: MCR/MCJC attend Feb. 9 GA
- 9 MCR/MCJC GA: Dr. Starr Guest
- 10 Deadline: Part I SMOB Nom. Conv. Bus

January Special Events

- National Mentoring Month
www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebrated
- 23-27 No Name-Calling Week
www.nonamecallingweek.org
- 26 Thank Your Mentor Day

- *Bizarre and Unique Holidays
- National Bath Safety Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- National Braille Literacy Month
- National Hobby Month
- Hot Tea Month
- National Oatmeal Month
- National Soup Month

*For specific unusual events each day, go to <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/january.htm>





Special Olympics

Got nerves of steel, a tolerance for frigid water, and a desire to help support the Special Olympics of Maryland? Cool Schools across MCPS are invited to form a "Cool Schools" team to take part in the 3rd annual "Frigid Friday Polar Bear Plunge" on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at Sandy Point State Park on the Chesapeake Bay.

Participating teams must commit to raise funds for Special Olympics, even if individual members opt not to take the "Plunge." To participate in the "Plunge," team members must raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges. Students under 18 must obtain parental consent to participate.



Some schools already have teams, so check at your school. Complete information, forms, and "cool schools" tool kits can be found on the web at <http://www.plungemd.com>

Learn more about MCPS corollary sports

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/specialed/parents/services/video-corollary.aspx>

Student User-Friendly: "A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities"

MCPS is looking to possibly re-write/edit "A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities" to be more "student user friendly." We need your input, suggestions, and help. Please email your suggestions to Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org

MCR Hosts Needed

MCR still need hosts for their semester 2 general assemblies. Most importantly, we need a host for the February 9, 2012, MCR/MCJC combined general assembly where Dr. Joshua Starr is our special guest. This GA will allow students a great opportunity to bring up issues and concerns to our new Superintendent and MCR/MCJC is honored that he is able to afford the time to meet with student leaders.

Hosting information is on the web:

MCR: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/ga.shtm#hosting>

Support Student Leadership - Join MCR/MCJC and MASC!!

Please support MCJC and MCR by becoming a member. Membership allows students to vote on legislative matters at general assemblies and makes your school eligible for the various awards available to recognize your principal, advisor, special projects, etc.

Membership dues are based on school population size.

Membership application links are below (no user ID needed)

MCR: <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcr.membership.tp3>

MCJC: <http://tpilot.mcps.k12.md.us/tpilot/schools/sga/mcjc.membership.tp3>

Used Inkjet Cartridges Needed!

The Student Affairs Office (SAO) needs your used inkjet printer cartridges. The office receives \$1.00 for every used inkjet printer cartridge it turns in. This is the only way that we can put money into the SAO purchasing card - the money is used to buy refreshments for advisor meetings and supplement MCR/MCJC items which can be purchased at local stores or online. Thanks so much to several of the schools who have already sent in some used inkjet cartridges this year. Please PONY your used inkjet cartridges to the Student Affairs Office, Lakelands Park MS. Questions? Email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.



MASC Legislative Session



The MASC Legislative Session conference is Saturday, February 4, 2012. This conference offers opportunities for students to elect two nominees for the position of student member on the State Board of Education, learn about the legislative process, including lobbying, debating and taking positions on bills before the state legislature. The event is hosted by the Harford County at Edgewood High School. Conference materials may be downloaded from the MASC website (www.mdstudentcouncils.com). Registration opens January 6th and closes January 20th. MASC requires the SGA advisor or other adult from the school to chaperone the students. Note: Only advisors may complete the MASC on-line registration process. The MASC registration fee is \$25. Schools wishing to send delegates who cannot find a staff member or parent from their school to chaperone should email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org BEFORE registering. If able to find a chaperone, then a school can be registered and they can list/pay for the chaperone. MCR/MCJC is working on having a bus from central office for a cost of about \$5.00

Awards!



Want to honor your principal, advisor, or student government association (SGA) for their dedication and commitment to student leadership? Nominate them for MCR or MCJC awards. All awards (open to MCR or MCJC member schools) have strict deadlines for submissions - the deadline for principal and advisor nominations is January 27, 2012. (MASC member schools will automatically be considered for MASC advisor/principal of the year)

HS Awards:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcr/awards.shtm>

MS Awards:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sga/mcjc/awards.shtm>

Note: The county level student government is allowed to submit one middle and high school advisor and principal of the year award to MASC. The county selection committee meets immediately after the application deadline to make its selection. Schools must be a member of MASC to have an application considered for the state award. Schools must submit their application to MCR or MCJC as those organizations may only forward one application. Need additional information? Email Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org.

The Felix Simon Award (SGA organization) application from MASC member schools, is due to MASC by Saturday, February 4th. Schools may hand carry it to the Legislative Session.



Souper Bowl of Caring

More than 49.1 million Americans, including 16.7 million children, suffer from hunger because they live in food insecure households. That's why "Souper Bowl of Caring" mobilizes young people each year to collect dollars and cans of food during Super Bowl weekend, then donate 100% of their collection to hunger-relief charities in their own communities.

For information on how your organization can join the national movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving visit <http://www.souperbowl.org>.

Send your questions, comments, and concerns to

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MLW helps students reach their leadership potential

Looking to help your students get the most out of their leadership abilities? Let MLW help! Maryland Leadership Workshops, Inc. is a not-for-profit educational organization that has been providing leadership training programs to Maryland middle school and high school students for over 50 years. We offer an array of services that can fit your needs.

During the summer

Help your students get the school year started on the right foot by encouraging them to attend one of our **summer programs!** Students will identify their leadership abilities, strengths and weaknesses in a supportive and fun environment. Our weeklong, residential programs help students develop skills in problem solving, conflict resolution, communication and project management. Choose from among the following:

■ Middle School Experience in Leadership (MSEL)

July 37 through July 43, 2012 *Fee: \$575**

For students entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2012.

■ Senior High Workshop (SHW)

July 22 through July 28, 2012 *Fee: \$575**

For students entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2012.

■ Advanced Leadership Workshop (ALS)

July 15 through July 21, 2012 *Fee: \$625***

For students who have attended the Senior High Workshop or have equivalent leadership experience.

Throughout the year

MLW's **Community Outreach Programs** are an excellent opportunity to bring the magic of our summer programs to your school during the academic year. We work closely with our clients to craft workshops that fit their organizational needs.

Our dynamic facilitators will travel to you for one day or overnight programs. Using creative teaching techniques, our workshops are designed to engage, entertain and educate students. Popular topics include group dynamics and decision-making. For more information on Community Outreach Programs, you can e-mail us at outreach@mlw.org.

Want to know more?

MLW would be glad to **send a representative** out to your school/region's meeting to talk about any one of our programs.

If you have any additional questions or would like to talk to a representative, please contact us by phone at **(301) 527-8222**, or by e-mail at info@mlw.org.

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*This fee represents an early discount for applicants who register prior to May 1, 2012. For applicants after May 1, 2012, a fee of \$675 will be charged for MSEL and SHW. MLW is able to offer its summer programs at relatively reduced fees because

MLW is funded as a State-Aided Educational Institution in the Maryland State Department of Education's budget.

** A late fee might apply



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure



Maryland

MASC 2011-2012 State Charity

At their August executive board meeting, MASC selected the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) as their 2011-2012 state charity. CBF works to help restore and save the Chesapeake Bay. CBF is a great organization that does a lot of different work throughout our state.

The CBF was excited to be selected as the charity and wrote a response to MASC on October 7, 2011.

“On behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, we would like to convey our heartfelt and sincere appreciation to MASC for selecting our organization as your State Charity of the Year. Your selection affirms that Maryland students recognize the importance of environmental education, and we welcome MASC joining our efforts to protect the right to a clean and healthy Chesapeake.”

While investigating what it means to be the Charity of the Year, we discovered that there is considerable overlap between CBF’s mission and MASC’s goals. Both organizations share a deep commitment for recognizing and encouraging leadership potential in Maryland students. Also, considering MASC’s well organized state-wide membership, as well as CBF’s tradition and expertise with educating student leaders, we can see the opportunity for a wonderfully paired relationship.

Therefore, we present you with a package of student leadership trainings facilitated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s education department. The package is the Institute for Chesapeake Leadership, a student leadership training program that CBF is excited to launch with MASC starting in fall 2011. The document attached to this letter outlines the components of this program. We propose to initiate the program this year with the expectation and intention of creating a sustained program in future years.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication to environmental leadership development.

Sincerely,

*Allyson Ladley Gibson
Education Outreach Coordinator*

*Jeff Rogge
MD/DC/PA Field Senior Manager”*

NOVEMBER TIP: Conserve water. Take shorter showers. Turn off the water while you’re brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or doing dishes in the sink. By reducing your use of water, you help wastewater treatment plants function more effectively by reducing the volume they process.

Mission and Vision

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s (CBF) mission is to Save the Bay, and keep it saved, as defined by reaching a 70 on CBF’s Health Index.

Our vision is that the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers, broadly recognized as a national treasure, will be highly productive and in good health as measured by established water quality standards. The result will be clear water, free of impacts from toxic contaminants, and with healthy oxygen levels. Natural filters on both the land and in the water will provide resilience to the entire Chesapeake Bay system and serve as valuable habitat for both terrestrial and aquatic life.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is the largest conservation organization dedicated solely to saving the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams. We work to reduce pollution and restore natural resources while creating a broad, knowledgeable, and active constituency.

For more than 40 years, CBF’s award-winning environmental education program has been one of the cornerstones of our effort to reverse the Bay’s decline and is the largest of its kind in the country. Teacher professional development initiatives, student field experiences, principals’ leadership retreats, and classroom curricula are all designed to support state standards.

16 million people live on the land that drains into the Chesapeake Bay, and the actions that we take in our daily lives have a big impact on our environment.

You can make a difference in the health of this national treasure. Think about the choices you make in your home, in your yard, and at your table. Consider making changes to help lessen pollution in our waterways.



Great impact statement: Please consider showing this very short PSA on your morning announcements as your SGA begins to advocate and fundraise for our State Charity! (Produced by CBF)

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/o7kB7-UN7m4>

Take a step. Make our Bay a little better. Join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Just as the simple act of planting a tree can filter pollutants and prevent erosion, joining the Chesapeake Bay Foundation can make a real difference. Your special educator membership rate of \$15 is enough to help CBF plant underwater grasses on one square meter of the Bay’s bottom. That’s enough to shelter dozens of baby blue crabs! A \$25 membership is enough to plant two four-foot native trees as a streamside buffer. A gift of \$50 can grow and plant 1,000 oysters on sanctuary oyster reefs.

Promote recycling throughout your school!

Educate your school through morning announcements, posters as to why it is important to Save the Bay!

Raise money for bay restoration!

Join our more than 200,000 dedicated members and partners online at cbf.org or by calling CBF toll-free at 888/SAVEBAY (888/728-3229). CBF’s environmental education, restoration, and protection programs are not possible without the support of members. Join CBF and make great things happen!

Come to an informational meeting and talk with former SMOBS and your current SMOB!



Are you interested in running for the 35th Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB)? Learn more about this position by talking with the current and former SMOBs.

Questions???
Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org



SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

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JANUARY

2012

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Carver Educational

Services Center

(CESC)

Cafeteria



Strictly Enforced Application Deadline:
4:00 p.m. Jan. 26, 2012
Questions? Email
Karen_L_Crawford@mcpsmd.org

**Interested? This is your chance to express yourself!
Become the 35th Student Member of the Board of Education!
Are you:**

- 1 • Currently a Sophomore or Junior ?**
- 2 • A Montgomery County resident ?**
- 3 • Regularly enrolled in a Montgomery County Public School?**

**If you answered "yes" to these three questions,
then you are qualified to file your application. See your SGA Advisor
or SGA President - or download an application at
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/smob**



SMOB

FILING PERIOD JANUARY 3 - 26, 2012



Leadership Montgomery: 2012 Youth Community Leadership Award Application

<http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/awards/ycls1a.asp> (details and download the application)

2012 YOUTH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2012, at 5 p.m.

The Leadership Montgomery Youth Community Leadership Awards are sponsored and funded by the law firm Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy and Ecker, P.A., of Potomac.

Leadership Montgomery created the Youth Community Leadership Awards in 1997 to identify, reward and promote outstanding community service efforts and demonstrations of leadership by high school students in Montgomery County, Maryland.

About the Awards

A total of five (5) \$1,000 scholarships are available to students attending a public or independent school located in Montgomery County, Maryland, who are currently enrolled in the 12th grade and has completed a minimum of 260 hours of community service learning activities by the end of the last semester of their junior year. Verification is required.

How to Apply

If you are eligible to apply for the scholarship, download the application and follow the instructions for the application process.

Applications must be ***received in Leadership Montgomery's office on or before 5 p.m., Friday, March, 2, 2012.***

Selection Process

Award recipients are chosen by a selection committee. Selection is based on community service activities performed, leadership in community service described in the essay, and two letters of recommendation. Grades are not a factor in the selection process.