

**Richard Montgomery High School**  
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On January 1, 2012, students and parents were able to start filing their FAFSA for the 2012-2013 school year! Please be sure you go to [WWW.FAFSA.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.GOV) as this is the official website. There is a fafsa.com and they charge \$90 to complete the FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid). If you are on a website and they ask for your credit card number, you are on the wrong site! Also, please be sure you select the correct school year (2012-2013). The State of Maryland requires the FAFSA to be filed by March 1. However, if you are applying to UMCP, your FAFSA needs to be filed by February 15. It's best to check with the schools to which you are applying to see if they have a specific filing date for the FAFSA. Remember, [WWW.FAFSA.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.GOV) will never ask for your credit card number!

Did you miss our Financial Aid Night and you have questions regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid? You can still get your questions answered if you attend College Goal Maryland on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College. This free event is designed to help students and their families complete the FAFSA. What should you bring? Please visit [www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org](http://www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org) to view the list of forms and financial records you should bring to the event. If you are planning on attending this event please register while you are visiting the website. The program will be held at Montgomery College, Charlene R. Nunley Student Center, 7625 Fenton Street, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Please call 1-877-632-4709 for more information. (SNOW DATE - 2/19/12)

**DATES & DEADLINES:**

- 1/1 START FILING FAFSA FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR AT [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- 1/13 Registration deadline for the 2/11/2012 ACT
- 1/13 Late registration deadline for the 1/28/2012 SAT
- 1/20 Late registration deadline for the 2/11/2012 ACT
- 1/28 SAT
- 2/12 College Goal Maryland @ MC Takoma Park, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., register at [www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org](http://www.CollegeGoalSundayMD.org)

**OPEN HOUSES & INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

- 1/16 **The College of Idaho** will host Winter Discovery Day. If you are interested in attending this event on campus, register ASAP online at [https://www.collegeofidaho.edu/media/secure/Discovery\\_Days.asp](https://www.collegeofidaho.edu/media/secure/Discovery_Days.asp).
- 1/22 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 2/1 **Morgan State University** will host Fall 2012 Decision Day from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the University Student Center, Ballroom. If you are interested in attending MSU in the fall and you haven't submitted your application yet, this is your opportunity to do so! Special features include on-the-spot decisions, financial aid information and housing information. For instant application decisions, students must complete the following: apply online and pay the \$35 application fee at [www.morgan.edu/Admissions.html](http://www.morgan.edu/Admissions.html), bring an official high school transcript (must be in a sealed envelope), and bring your score report from SAT and/or ACT. Only 300 spaces are available. All participants must register online by January 30<sup>th</sup> at <http://morganstateadmissions.com/decisiondayform.html>
- 2/11 **Virginia Wesleyan College** will host an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Application fee is waived during open house. RSVP by calling 800-737-8684 or online at [www.vwc.edu/visit](http://www.vwc.edu/visit).

- 2/11 **Bridgewater College** will host an open house. Register online at [www.bridgewater.edu/admissions](http://www.bridgewater.edu/admissions).
- 2/18 **Bennett College** will host an open house. For more information please visit [www.bennett.edu](http://www.bennett.edu).
- 2/19 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 2/25 **WIE Dream Conference at the University of Maryland, College Park**, will host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual WIE Dream Conference which is open to all high school students. This conference provides a forum to reach out to students and share the wonderful innovations, applications and opportunities engineering has to offer. There will a series of workshops, forums, demonstrations and discussions that will truly ignite interest in engineering. As an added bonus, young women who attend the conference and subsequently the Clark School are eligible to apply for DREAM scholarships valued at up to \$2,500. Registration is now open at <http://www.wie.umd.edu/dream/>.
- 2/25 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 3/3 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at [www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm)
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- 3/4 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 3/24 **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** will host an open house from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call the admissions office at 800-689-0379. Application fee waived during open house. Register online at [www.pcad.edu/openhouse](http://www.pcad.edu/openhouse)
- 3/24 **Shippensburg University** will host an open house. For more information visit [www.ship.edu/admissions](http://www.ship.edu/admissions)
- 3/31 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at [www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm)
- 3/31 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 4/14 **Shippensburg University** will host an open house. For more information visit [www.ship.edu/admissions](http://www.ship.edu/admissions)
- 4/14 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at [www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm)
- 4/21 **Frostburg State University** will host an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at [www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm](http://www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/admiss/tour.htm)
- 4/22 **Longwood University** will host weekend information sessions and tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Register at [www.whylongwood.com](http://www.whylongwood.com) or call 800-281-4677.
- 4/29 **Hofstra University** will host a High School Juniors Spring Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [www.hofstra.edu/admissionevent](http://www.hofstra.edu/admissionevent) or call 1-800-HOFSTRA.

## **College Fairs:**

**Gap Year Fair** - Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway, Rockville, MD, will host a GAP Year Fair on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Admission is free!

**Gap Year Fair** - Sidwell Friends School, 3825 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, will host a GAP Year Fair on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free!

**Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Fair** will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring, MD. The fair is open to all MCPS students in grades 9 to 12, scholarships will be offered, and on-site admission interviews and application fees will be waived. For on-site admission interviews for each college you interview with, you must bring an official transcript, two recommendation letters, completed application

with essays, and your SAT/ACT scores. For more information and to register to attend the HBCU Fair, please visit <http://hbcucf.mbhs.edu>.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Kids' Chance of Maryland, Inc.** provides scholarships to help the college aged children of catastrophically injured or deceased workers achieve their educational goals. Kids' Chance is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic years. There is no specific deadline related to this application. Applications are available in the career center and online at [www.kidschance-md.org](http://www.kidschance-md.org).

**ACT High School Poster Contest** - Are you creative? Think you can design an interesting poster for ACT to use to advertise their exam? If your poster is selected as the winner, you will be awarded \$5,000 for college! Entries must be postmarked by January 28, 2012. To see complete official rules and an entry form, please visit [www.actstudent.org/postercontest](http://www.actstudent.org/postercontest).

**Notre Dame of Maryland University 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Scholarship Competition** - This scholarship competition is sponsored by NDMU's Art Department and open to young women who are juniors and seniors in high school. Prize winners will receive tuition scholarships to Notre Dame that are renewable for up to four years. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2012. For more information and to apply online, please visit <https://artndm.slideroom.com>

**Annual American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) DNA Day Essay Contest** - This contest, which is open to students in 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades, aims to challenge students to examine, question, and reflect on the important concepts of genetics. Essays are expected to contain substantive, well-reasoned arguments indicative of a depth of understanding of the concepts related to the essay questions. Information is available in the career center and online at [www.ashg.org/education/dnaday.shtml](http://www.ashg.org/education/dnaday.shtml). **Your completed essay must be submitted by March 12, 2012.**

**Novotni College Scholarship Fund** offers scholarships for students who have been diagnosed with AD/HD by a licensed physician or mental health professional. Applicants must be accepted or attending an approved college or university as an undergraduate student and have been diagnosed with AD/HD. Applications are available in the career center and online at [www.add.org](http://www.add.org), **Your completed application must be submitted prior to March 15, 2012.**

**ADHD College Scholarship Program** is sponsored by Shire US, Inc. and applications for the 2012-2013 school year are available online at [www.shireadhdsscholarship.com](http://www.shireadhdsscholarship.com) and in the career center. This scholarship is for US citizens accepted or attending an approved college, university, vocational, or technical school as an undergraduate student that has been diagnosed with ADHD and is under the care of a licensed health care professional for ADHD. Each recipient receives a \$2,000 award and one year of ADHD coaching services. **Your completed application must be postmarked by March 30, 2012.**

**Legacy of Life Scholarship** - The Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) is pleased to once again announce the Legacy of Life Scholarship to be awarded to high school seniors. The first place award of \$5,000 and second place award of \$3,000 remain the same from last year. There will be six honorable mention awards of \$1,000 each. Applicants must write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the theme "Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade someone to give the gift of a lifetime." Information

is available in the career center and online at [www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org) and your essay must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

**Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship** – The Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship awarded annually to one high school senior with a certified language-related learning difference who is entering a formal degree program (certificate programs do not qualify). It is potentially renewable for up to three additional, consecutive years. This scholarship focuses on students with language-related learning differences. Applications are available online at [www.MossFoundaton.org](http://www.MossFoundaton.org) and in the career center. *Your completed application must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2012.*

**My Sister's Keeper Organization** was founded in 2005 by women who believe it is their responsibility and destiny to make a difference in their communities. These women come from many different backgrounds and have many different life experiences that help to make the mission and vision of My Sister's Keeper diverse and far reaching. The organization is now accepting applications for the 2012 scholarship award. Applicants must be a graduating senior female, have a GPA of at least 3.0, show proof of community service activities, and provide two letters of recommendation. *Applications are available in the career center and your completed application must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2012.*

**Abbott & Fenner** is committed to continuing their efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on: What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty? The essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words. Your submission must be made via email to [scholarships@abbottandfenner.com](mailto:scholarships@abbottandfenner.com). More details are available online at [www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm). *The deadline for submitting your essay online is June 15, 2012.*

**Maryland Farm Bureau 2012 Scholarship** – The Maryland Farm Bureau will offer ten \$2,000 scholarships. Applicants must be high school seniors starting college in the fall of 2012 at any community college or four-year institution. Seven of the scholarships will be offered to agricultural curriculum majors and three scholarships will be offered to non-agricultural curriculum majors. Applications are available in the career center. Your completed application and essay must be submitted to the Maryland Farm Bureau office by February 1, 2012.

**American Society of Military Comptrollers (Washington Chapter) 2012 Student Award Program** – Each year the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) awards several gifts to graduating high school seniors recognized as outstanding students. The award is to be used in attaining educational goals. There is no limit to the number of applications received from any one high school. Applicants must have outstanding grades and planning to enter the field of study related to financial operations: e.g., business administration, economics, public administration, operations research, accounting, finance or other related field. Applications are available in the career center. *Your completed application must be postmarked by February 10, 2012.*

**Best Buy** is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year. Students in grades 9 thru 12 living in the US and Puerto Rico are eligible to apply. Students need solid grades plus

community service or work experience. Apply online at [www.at15.com](http://www.at15.com) The deadline to apply online is February 15, 2012.

**Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, Northern Virginia Chapter (AFCEA NOVA)** annually awards merit-based scholarships totaling over \$150,000 to qualified students who are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in technical fields such as: information technology/computer science; engineering; mathematics; natural/physical sciences; and other technology-related fields supportive of our National Security. Information is available in the career center and online at <http://www.afceanova.org/committee/scholarship-committee>. Applications must be completed by February 29, 2012.

**Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Baltimore-Washington Section** is proud to announce the 2012 Scholarship Program. Last year SWE-BWS awarded a total of \$8,500 to female engineering students in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. Their mission is to encourage young women in their pursuit of academics in the fields of math, science, and engineering. Additional information about SWE-BWS and the local scholarship program can be found on the web at <http://www.baltwashswe.org/>. Another great opportunity open to high school seniors is the national SWE Scholarship Program. This program allows SWE to provide additional funds for some well deserving students at a national level. Applications are available on the national website at <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/>. *The deadline to apply for the local SWE-BWS scholarship is March 1, 2012.*

**SEIU Scholarship Program 2012-2013** - SEIU's scholarships are open to SEIU members or their children. If one of your parents is a member of SEIU, you may qualify to apply for one of the scholarships offered. Brochures with weblinks are available in the career center. *Applications must be postmarked or filed online by midnight March 1, 2012.*

**Incight Scholarship 2012-2013** - Each year Incight awards 100 scholarships to students with disabilities who have demonstrated outstanding merit in giving back to the community and overcoming obstacles in order to pursue higher education. In addition to providing financial support, Incight remains a valuable resource for Incight scholars throughout their college years, during the transition from high school to college, while seeking accommodations, and preparing students for post-graduate life entering the employment sector. Applications are available on at line [www.incighteducation.org](http://www.incighteducation.org) and in the career center. *Your completed application must be postmarked by March 2, 2012.*

**Sherry Hintz Scholarship Fund** - The Sherry S. Hintz Scholarship Fund was created by an anonymous Montgomery County resident in memory of several women in her family who lost their lives to breast cancer. The Fund provides college scholarship awards to students who have lost a parent/guardian to breast or ovarian cancer. Awardees of the Sherry S. Hintz Scholarship Fund may receive up to \$20,000 for as many as four years of undergraduate education. Applicants must be a high school junior or senior, have a GPA of at least a 3.0 and are involved in a school, community or athletic activity. Applications are available in the career center. *Your completed application must be postmarked prior to March 5, 2012.*

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS:**

**Scholarships for students who will be attending an HBCU** - Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, DC is offering four scholarships for students who will be attending an HBCU in the Fall. Information and

applications are available in the career center. *The deadline for submitting your applications is January 31, 2012.*

**Thursday Network-I Empower Scholarship** – This \$2,000 award is sponsored by the Greater Washington Urban League. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall. Applications are available in the career center for this scholarship. Applicants must have a minimum CGPA of 2.8, plan to attend a four-year school in the fall, and be a permanent resident and/or attend high school in Montgomery County. *Your completed application and supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2012.*

**J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association 2012 Oratorical Contest** – ALL 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in this Black History Month observance event of discussing the topic of "Describe the effects of 'social networking' on your generation. What role is this phenomenon playing in your educational and/or career advancement?" The contest will be held on Saturday, February 25 in the main auditorium of the PG County Council main Hearing Room, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, upper Marlboro, MD 20772, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. First prize is a \$1,000 college scholarship, second prize is a \$500 college scholarship, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a \$250 college scholarship. Admission is free! Detailed information on the competition is available in the career center. If you want to participate in this contest, you must submit an official entry form (available in the career center) by February 10, 2012.

**Jackie Robinson Foundation** is accepting online applications for the 2012 scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating, minority high school senior; plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution within the U.S.; show leadership potential; demonstrate a dedication to community service; present evidence of financial need; be a U.S. citizen; and have a minimum SAT score of 1000 (CR & M) or a composite ACT score of 22. Information is available in the career center and online at [www.jackierobinson.org/apply/application.php](http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/application.php). *Your completed online application is due by March 30, 2012.*

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority** is offering three scholarships for African American students: **Golden Soror Scholarship** is for students who plan to attend a Historically Black College or University. The **Ola Carter Berry Scholarship** is a need-based scholarship and can be used at any college or university. The **Bernadine M. Pindell Scholarship** is for students who plan to major in mathematics and can be used at any college or university. Applications can be downloaded at [www.xisigmaomega.com](http://www.xisigmaomega.com) or picked up in the career center. *Applications are due by February 24, 2012.*

**Marriott Scholars Program** – Did you know that Marriott offers scholarships to African American and Latino students who are planning on pursuing a degree within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary, or food beverage field? The scholarship is valued at up to \$9,000. For more information, please visit <http://unconf.org> (click on Students, then scholarships, then Marriott Scholars) or [www.hispanicfund.org/programs/college/scholarships/marriott-scholars-program](http://www.hispanicfund.org/programs/college/scholarships/marriott-scholars-program). The deadline to submit your application is March 1, 2012.

**MC CORNER:**

**MC Application Fee Waiver** – If you are applying to MC for admission in the fall, you can have the \$25 application fee waived if you turn in your completed MC application to the career center no later than February 28, 2012. Applications are available on MC's website and in the career center.

**SAT Prep Classes start** soon on all three campuses to prepare students for the March SAT. Classes are also being offered to prepare students for the ACT. Costs vary depending on the class you enroll in. For more information, please visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/satprep.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/satprep.html).

#### **OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:**

**Keeping It SAFE** invites youth to participate in a public service announcement contest to create a 30 second video (DVD) addressing under 21 alcohol use prevention. The contest is open to teams composed of 2 or more youth. Application packets are available online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/kis) The contest is open to high school age youth teams. Entries are due January 23 through January 27, 2012 by 4:00 p.m.

**3rd Annual JJMCMC Spelling Bee, Benjamin E. Mays Oratorical Competition and Poetry Competition** will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Georgetown Preparatory School, The Figge Theatre, 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. This event is open to Montgomery County residents, only, in grades 1 through 12.

Registration forms can be downloaded at <http://www.jackandjill-mcmc.org/spellingbee> and are due by January 31, 2012.

**2012 Montgomery County Young Professional Conference** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County Young Professionals Conference will be held on March 22, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville, MD. This conference will bring together MCPS 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are enrolled in a MCPS Career Pathway Program (CPP), business leaders, and secondary and postsecondary educators to provide a real-world professional conference experience for participants including breakout sessions and networking opportunities. Eight \$500 college scholarships will be awarded at the conference. Application forms, scholarship criteria, and information to register online are available at <http://mcbre.org/programs-students-conferences.shtml>. Registration to attend is \$10 and lunch will be provided for all participants. The deadline to register and to apply to win one of the scholarships is February 17, 2012. Space is limited. If you are interested in attending, register today!