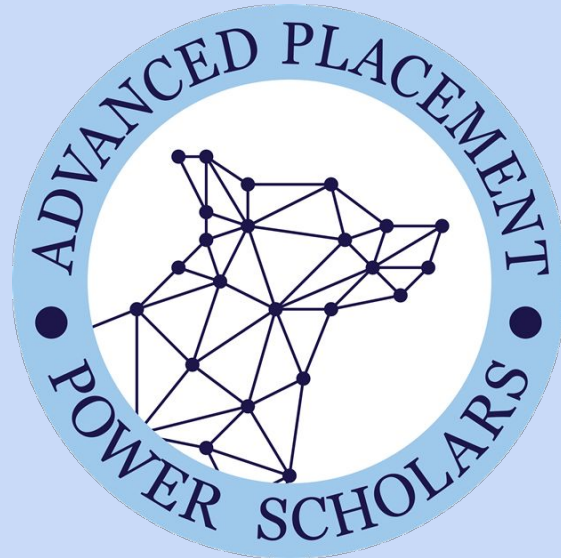
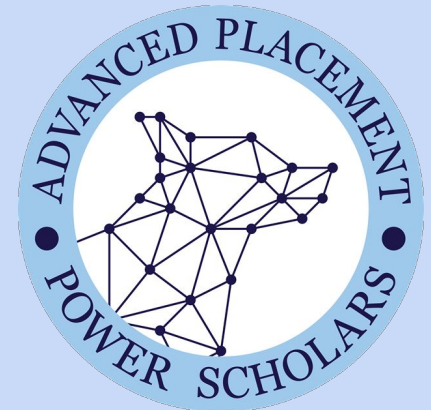


# Advanced Placement Power Scholars Program (APPS)



# Program Requirements

1. Take six AP courses & corresponding exams
2. Maintain a 3.0 GPA in AP courses
3. Attend extension opportunities at least once per semester (ex: guest speakers, field trips)
4. Complete senior year with an overall unweighted GPA of 3.5
5. Complete an AP Showcase presentation during senior year

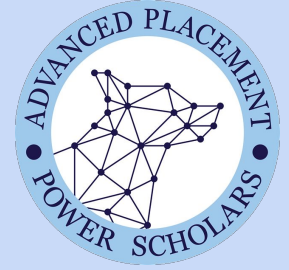


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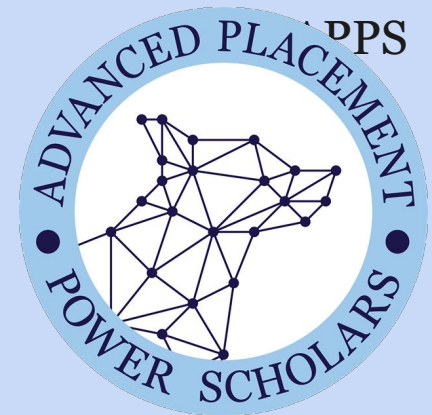
In order to apply Clarksburg High School must be the student's home school.

As this is a 4 year program, students generally apply in 8th grade to be accepted for all 4 years of high school.

Some students choose to apply in 9th grade and are able to complete the requirements in three years.

# Benefits enjoyed by APPS Scholars

- Cohort of APPS students in English, and Social Studies for 9th and 10th grade
- Support for successful completion of Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> course work.
- Specialized opportunities for extended, cross disciplinary learning experiences.
- Potential for formal recognition by the College Board in the AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar Program.
- An accelerated program especially designed for highly gifted, able, motivated learners.
- Opportunity for focused learning in a field of your choice via Showcase



# Information About Showcase

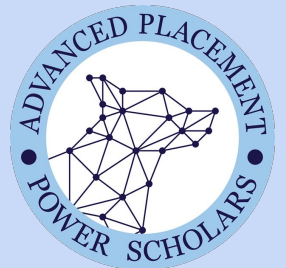
Purpose: To allow students to pursue a project of their passion.

We hope the showcase is inspired by class experiences, guest speakers, field trips, and seminars.

We will have a guest speaker about once a month to talk about their field of study and the educational and career path that they pursued in order to follow their passion.

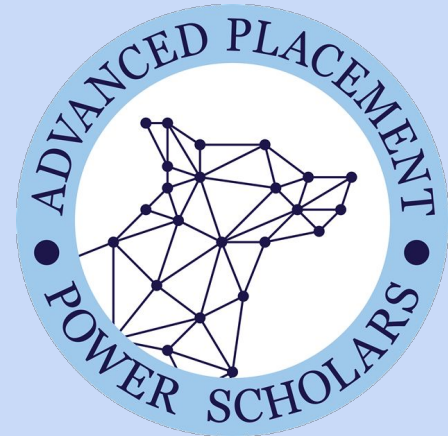
Examples of previous guest speakers;

- A biochemist who works on vaccines
- A physician's assistant who researches antibiotic resistance
- An urban planner who works on making public transport more accessible
- A sign language interpreter



# Information about Showcase

- ❖ Students will choose a project idea for their showcase
- ❖ This idea can come from something experienced in class, a guest speaker, a field trip, or wherever they find an interest.
- ❖ The showcase will be presented in the spring of the students senior year
- ❖ Students should spend 15-30 hours total on their showcase
  - Idea creation
  - Research
  - Work of the project
- ❖ Students must work with a mentor in order to develop and implement their idea
  - This mentor could be...
    - A family friend
    - A teacher



# Some Examples of Previous Showcases

# Arpan Barua

- ❖ Worked with Y&G to promote youth programs in Congress.
- ❖ Planned and executed a “Meet the Candidates Night” for Maryland’s 6th Congressional District



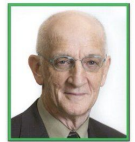


Arpan with Jamie Raskin  
Representative for MD 8th district



**Meet Your Candidates Night!**

Maryland's 6th Congressional District


Arnie Hoerber      Kevin Caldwell      George Gluck

Come join us on **October 15th** from **7 pm to 8:30**  
at the Clarksburg High School auditorium  
22500 Wims Rd, Clarksburg, MD 20871

Free and open to all. First come first serve!

Hosted and moderated by  
Clarksburg High School  
Youth & Government

Want to submit a question?  
Scan the QR code:



# Aamna Siddiqui

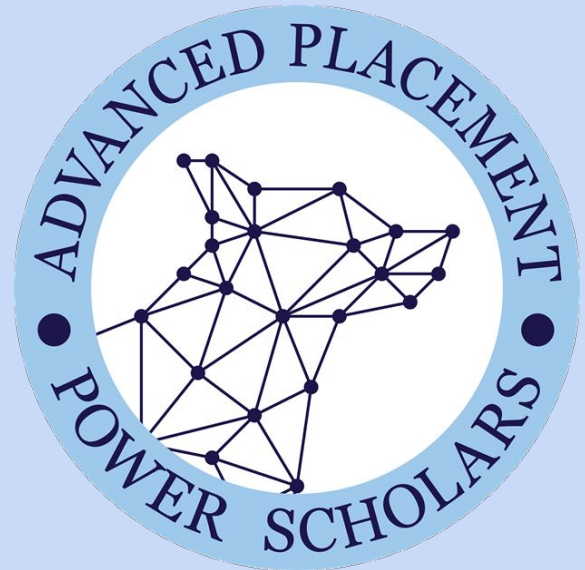
- Worked with Girl Scouts to write a grant for a vegetable garden
- Planned and planted the garden to provide self-sustaining food for a Muslim women's shelter



# Application Information

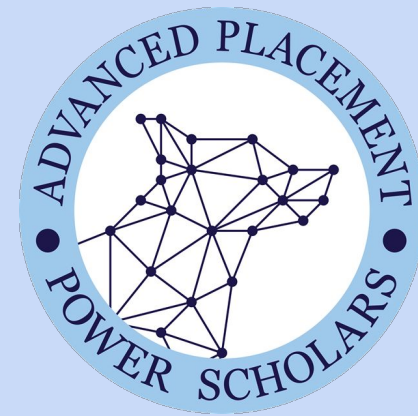
The Application is completely digital and consists of 3 different google forms

1. Student Information Google Form
  - a. Including the essay component submission
2. Teacher Recommendation Google Form
3. Counselor Verification Google Form



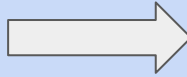
# Application Information

- ❖ Application window is open October 1st- November 6th
- ❖ No limit to the number of students selected
- ❖ Application is digital has three different google forms for each component listed below.
- ❖ Applicants are considered based on
  - Student essay
  - Teacher recommendations
  - GPA and MAP-R RIT score
- ❖ Teachers and counselor forms are due December 11th
- ❖ Students are responsible for communicating with teachers/counselors about recommendations and verification forms



# Where can I find the application?

The application is on Clarksburg High School's Website



**SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Application Based Programs - 4 year programs

- APPS (Advanced Placement Power Scholars - Gr. 9 - 12)
- P-TECH (Pathways in Network and Information Technology Program ; Gr. 9 - 12/14, con



## Advanced Placement Power Scholars (APPS) Application Information and Instructions

The APPS application will consist of

1. Student information
2. Student essay response
3. Teacher Recommendations
4. Counselor Documentation (MAP-R RIT Score & Cumulative GPA)

Students are responsible for completing the information component and essay component of the application. They are also responsible for communicating with teachers in order to organize recommendations and communicating with their counselor to request testing and GPA information.

### **Step One: Student Essay**

Draft a response to **one** of the two prompts on the next page.

### **Step Two: Student Information**

Complete the [Student Information and Essay Application Form](#). Copy and paste the essay you completed during step one of the application in the appropriate section of the google form. Be prepared to include the names of the three teachers you will ask for recommendations.

### **Step Three: Teacher Recommendation**

Contact three teachers asking them to complete a recommendation to the program on your behalf. Once they have accepted, send them the link for the [Teacher Recommendation Form](#).



## APPS Application 2020-21

Please be prepared to submit this entire application in one sitting. If you are unable to do that, press submit and the system will save your most recent submission.

Items you will need for this component include basic demographic data about yourself and a typed response to the written component of the application. You may have typed your response on a separate document and can copy and paste it in the correct section of this application.

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email

Next



## Teacher Recommendation Form for the APPS program

Dear Teacher,

Your recommendation is an important component in the decision making process for admission to the APPS program. Please complete the recommendation with reference to demands of a college level program and the full spectrum of students in general. Your comments are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

\* Required

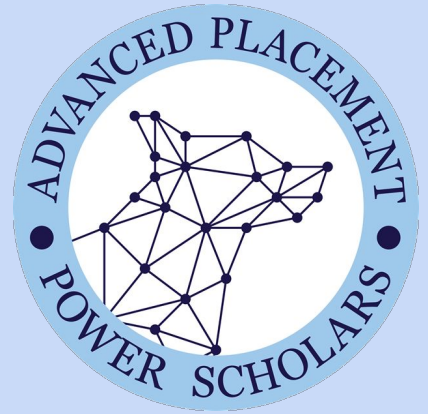
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Your email

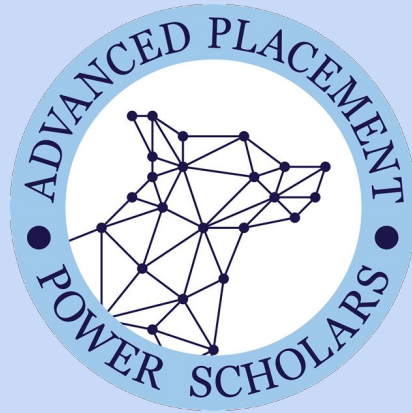
Student First Name \*

Your answer

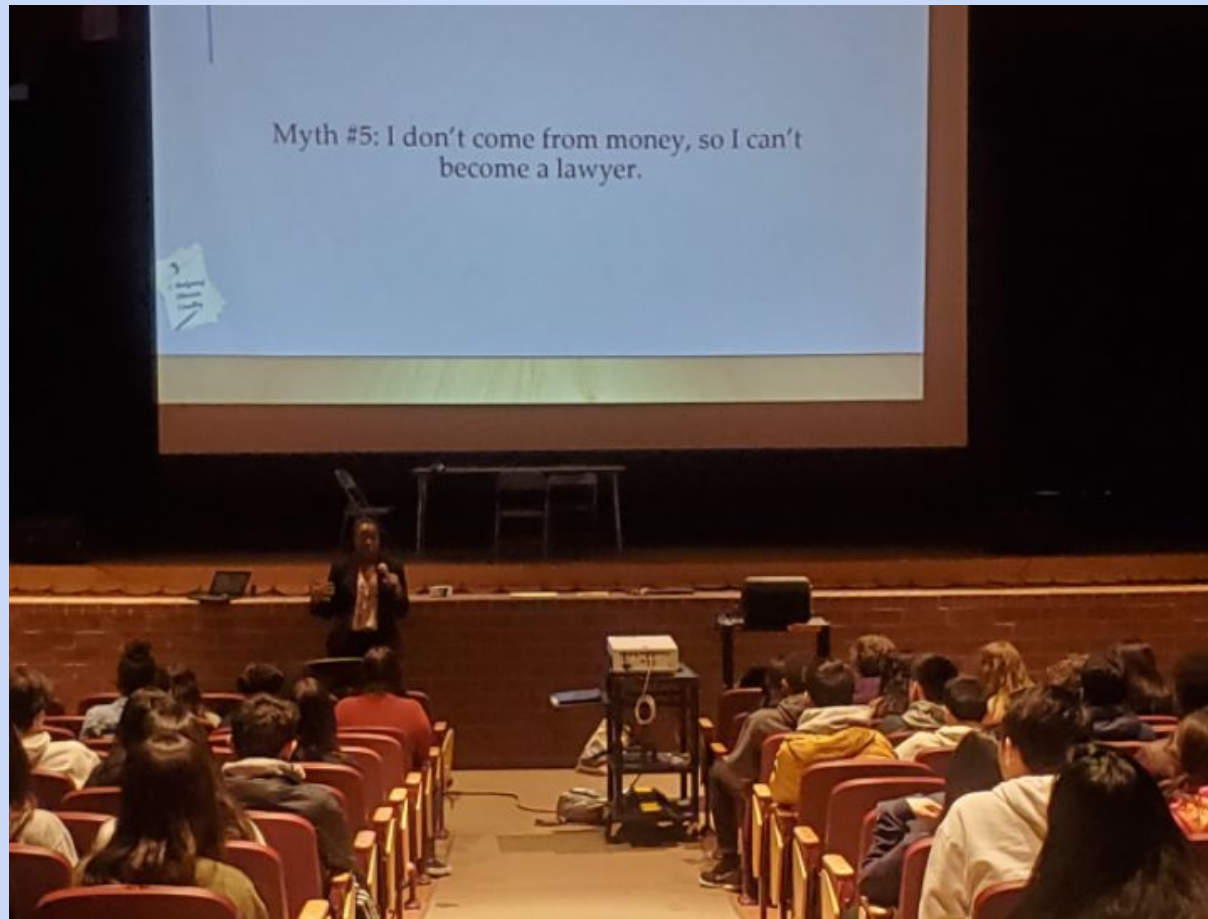
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# What we do in APPS!



Former CHS  
student and alumni  
of Princeton and  
Harvard law  
speaking to APPS  
students.



Interacting with  
materials brought  
by a guest speaker  
who works for the  
Department of  
Transportation



APPS field trip to the Newseum.



Biochemist guest speaker for APPS students.



## APPS Program Course of Study

The following are course suggestions. The APPS program is unique in that it allows students to pursue courses of their interests with a cohort of students. Students in the APPS program are required to take a minimum of six AP courses and their corresponding exams.

### 9th Grade

AP Government*	Physical Education
APPS Biology	Technology Course
APPS English 9*	World Language
Required Math	

### 10th Grade

AP US History	Health
APPS Chemistry	World Language
APPS English 10*	Elective Choice
Required Math	

### 11th Grade

AP World History	Elective Choice
AP Biology	Elective Choice
AP English Language	Elective of Choice
Required Math	

### 12th Grade

AP Science	Elective Choice
AP Social Studies	Elective Choice
AP English Literature	Elective Choice
Required Math	

\* indicates APPS cohort class      Students are expected to take the AP exam for each course

## Available AP Courses

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### STEM Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1: Algebra
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science Programming
- AP Environmental Science

### English Courses

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition

### Fine Art and Language Courses

- Studio Art 3D Ceramics
- Studio Art 2D Digital Art
- AP Drawing
- Studio Art 2D Photography
- Music Theory
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature

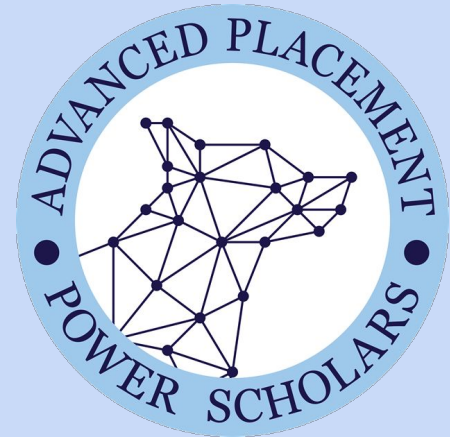
### Social Studies Courses

- AP United States History
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP Comparative Government
- AP World History
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics

# APPS and P-TECH

Students **CAN** be in both programs.

Students who choose to do both will be required to complete 3 AP classes instead of 6. Three of their dual enrollment classes will count towards this requirement.



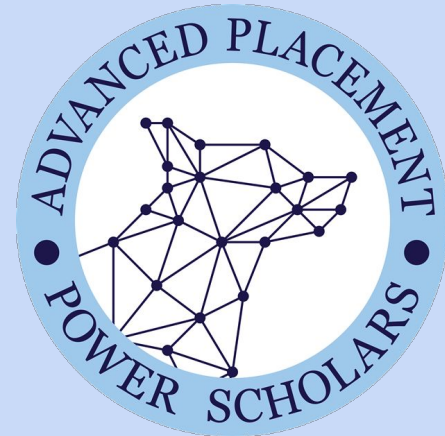
# Timeline of Application

October 1st- Application opens and is available on CHS website

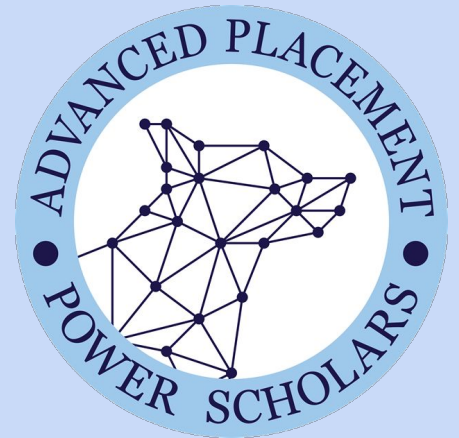
November 6th- Student application window closes

December 11th- Deadline for teacher and counselor information

January 29th- Decisions communicated to families electronically



# Frequently Asked Questions



# Can I be in the APPS program and a pathway program?

Yes, most pathways work quite well with the flexibility of the APPS program. The one exception would be that students in the P-TECH program will have slightly different requirements of 3 AP classes and 3 dual enrollment classes with MC.

# What GPA do I need?

In order to graduate in the APPS program students need to maintain a 3.5 unweighted GPA overall and a 3.0 in their AP classes.

There is no GPA requirement to apply.

# Will I be kicked out of APPS if my GPA falls below a certain level?

No. We may provide information about your GPA throughout your time at CHS and notify you if it falls below a 3.5.

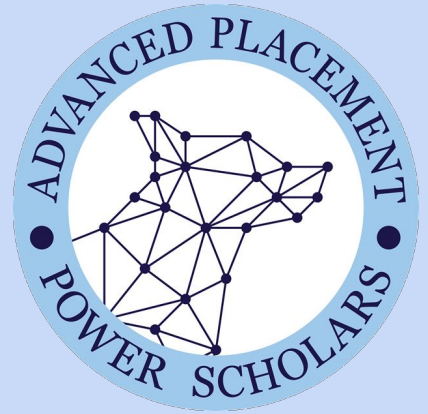
The APPS program works with your teachers to provide support to you.

If at the end of your senior year your GPA is still not a 3.5 you will not receive the APPS recognition as a graduate.

Is there a limit to the number of students allowed in the program every year?

No, students are accepted based on the criteria in the application. There is no set number of students selected every year.

Any questions in  
the chat we can  
answer right now?



# Still have questions?

1. Contact Rachel Clements with questions.

[rachel\\_l\\_clements@mcpsmd.org](mailto:rachel_l_clements@mcpsmd.org)

2. Attend an **APPS Chat** follow up zoom meeting
  - a. October 5th from 7-7:45 pm
  - b. October 7th from 9-9:45 am
  - c. October 8th from 4-4:45 pm

Zoom links to all APPS Chats will be posted on CHS website.

You must log in with your child's MCPS account in order to access the Zoom

