

Jag Scholarships Bulletin

... with financial aid resources

APPLY NOW



A Northwest High School College Career Information Center Publication

Publication updated based on opportunities | **Week Ending May 17** → 2023-2024 school year!

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!

Additional FAFSA and financial aid resources on the web @ [FAFSA Completion Resources & Video Tutorials](#)

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 or email us at mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu

FAFSA Resource courtesy of the Maryland Higher Education Commission: FAFSA Simplification. A PDF document that may answer many of the questions students & parents may have.

[UnderstandingFAFSA.org](#) – Understanding FAFSA & Financial Aid Guide (available in 10 languages)
[Federal Student Aid – How to Correct or Update Your FAFSA Form](#)

| Post 7 May 2024 |

Maryland Legislative Scholarships



REMINDER: Students are reminded to check with their Maryland legislators for their residing district for scholarship opportunities! Use this mdelect.net link to determine who your legislators are.

FAFSA HELP!
Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Resources

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion deadline is fast approaching!! Resources are available to help!

College Career Financial Aid & Scholarships on the web @ <https://bit.ly/495kDIT>

FAFSA @ StudentAid.gov

MD CAPS One App @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>
(Use this application if you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA & attending a Maryland college or university)

FAFSA Tool Kit @ <https://www2.ed.gov/finaid/info/apply/fafsa-toolkit-students-families.pdf>

[Pro Tips](#)

[FAFSA Video](#)

[FAFSA Boot Camp](#)

[MCPS College Career Information Center site](#)

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Scholarships



[MCPS Shared Scholarship Resource](#)

Please note: This document is updated and reviewed on a regular basis.

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



ONGOING SCHOLARSHIP: [AMERICAN INDUSTRIES VET TECH SCHOLARSHIP](#). This scholarship was created to empower current and former foster youth **pursuing a college degree in veterinary studies** by providing up to \$24,000 to help recipients cover their educational expenses, making the path to a successful career in veterinary studies more accessible. Applicants must have resided in either public or private foster care in the United States for a continuous 12-month period leading up to and including their 18th birthday or have experienced orphanhood for a minimum of one year by the time of their 18th birthday. Applicants must be a US citizen. Find out more by clicking on the link provided.

Application deadline dates for May 2024:

SCHOLARSHIP: [KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER ALPHA PI CHI NATIONAL SORORITY INC. SCHOLARSHIP:](#) SENIORS. African American Female. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Scholarship application includes official high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, verification of community service, 500 word essay and recent photograph. \$1,000. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 20** | Post 24 April 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [Jewish Social Service Agency \(JSSA\) Education Scholarships](#). SENIORS. Multiple scholarships available with varying criteria. A few select scholarships are available only to members of the Jewish community. Awards based on financial need. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 20** | Post 11 April 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [B. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP](#). Available to JUNIORS & SENIORS. \$1,000. To apply for this scholarship write an essay of less than 1000 words on the topic below. Send submissions to awards@studentawardsearch.com. **DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSION: MAY 24** | Post 4 October 2023 |

Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual.

SCHOLARSHIP: [Miss Utility of Maryland/D.C. College Scholarship](#). Available to high school SENIORS on track for graduation. \$1,008.11 single-year scholarship. High school transcript (unofficial accepted) and essay required. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school beginning in fall 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 2024. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 24** | Post 31 January 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: Washington DC Chapter of the [NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION \(DCNNOA\) SCHOLARSHIP](#) PROGRAM. Opportunities to high school minority SENIORS from the DC metropolitan area (Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern VA). We are a non-profit 501(C3) organization. Awards start at \$1,000 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. An applicant needs to submit only one application package and he or she will be considered for any of our scholarships for which they meet the requirements.

An online application form to apply for our scholarships is available here: <https://nnoa.org/chapter-dcnnoa/>. If this hyperlink is blocked by your exchange server, please copy the secure (https) link information into your web browser. As a measure to accommodate continued challenging times, "unofficial" transcripts are acceptable. Applications should be completed to the student's best ability and certified by a school counselor or staff for accuracy of grades and extracurricular activities. Students must submit a COMPLETE application package that is verified by his or her school by May 24, 2024 in order to be considered for a scholarship. Further instructions and requirements for completing our 2023 application are also posted on our website.

NOTE: Students selected to receive a DCNNOA scholarship will be notified directly via telephone call. Please ensure an active telephone number is listed on the application form. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 24** | Post 3 May 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: Leslie A. Ebert Legacy of Life Scholarship. SENIORS. Essay and Video Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Write a persuasive essay and/or produce a video that educates, then motivates, an audience to become registered organ, eye and tissue donors. | [DEADLINE FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS: MAY 31](#) | Post 22 March 2024 |

Application deadline dates for June 2024 & beyond ...

SCHOLARSHIP: [American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program](#). Available to high school students in **ALL GRADES**. \$1,000. **DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSION: JUNE 1** | Post 24 April 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [ABBOTT & FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#). Available to **HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS**. \$1,000 award. To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com

Topic:

Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.

DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSION: JUNE 7 | Post 10 January 2024 |



SCHOLARSHIP: The [POSSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS](#) offered to **JUNIORS**. (link to Posse's Partner Colleges & Universities - [DC](#)). Full-tuition scholarships to Posse DC partner schools (see website for details); **school nomination required**; applicants should be able to demonstrate extraordinary leadership and must also excel academically (no GPA and/or SAT/ACT requirement). **DEADLINE TO REQUEST NOMINATION: JUNE 7** | Post 15 May 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA ROCKVILLE CHAPTER Thomas W. Fisher Conservation & Environmental Studies Scholarship. IWLAR is offering six \$2000 scholarships to qualified Montgomery County MD **SENIORS**. The Chapter's Thomas W. Fisher Conservation Scholarships are awarded to young people studying conservation or environmentally related disciplines. Application includes a 500-word essay and two personal letters of recommendation. An unofficial transcript is also required. Visit the IWLAR website for the application and more information @ iwlar.org/scholarships-and-service-learning/. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: JUNE 18** | Post 1 May 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [BigSun](#). \$500. Available to all **SENIOR** student athletes, regardless of which sport they are participating in or what their capacity in that sport is. The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: JUNE 19** | Post 19 October 2023 |

SCHOLARSHIP: [Delegate Acevero Scholarship](#) for high school graduates residing in Maryland District 39. **SENIORS**. Applicants should complete the FAFSA. Online application includes a short essay of 250 words or less (topic specific). Scholarships are reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee beginning April 10. Funds will begin disbursement by Mary 1. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 1 2024** | Post 18 April 2024 |

Financial Aid:



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:

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RESOURCE: 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) visit: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES> OR The [Maryland State Financial Aid Application \(MSFAA\)](#)

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

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

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

State of MD, MCPS & College Board:



RESOURCE: [Maryland Aid & Scholarships @ mhec.maryland.gov](https://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 (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.

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.

RESOURCE: The [Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship](#) is available each academic year to students who enroll at a Maryland community college. 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. All interested applicants must submit either the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or the MHEC One-App each year.

RESOURCE: 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. For more information, visit mhec.maryland.gov.

RESOURCE: **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.

RESOURCE UPDATE: **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.

UPDATE 1/31/2024: *Due to the late changes to the FAFSA, the UMD priority deadline has been extended until March 1. This later deadline directly impacts us as we rely on FAFSA information (for fall admitted students only) to know who to invite to apply to IAP. We are concerned that many students will wait to submit the FAFSA and create an even narrower window in which to review applications and interview students. We are already working with a compressed timeline!*

*To get a jump start on the process, we invite your students to apply to the Incentive Awards Program **now!** Candidates who have already submitted the FAFSA should know whether or not they are Pell eligible. These students should definitely be directed to the application. It is "live" and can be accessed [here](#) using the password Cohort24, which is case sensitive.*

In order for students to move through the application, they must first enter the name and contact information of their recommender. For this year only, we will allow recommenders to use the same letter they submitted to UMD for admission. Please know that we would prefer a letter tailored to IAP as they are a key part of the application.

We will still formally invite students to apply as FAFSA information is shared with the Office of Student Financial Aid. There will be rolling due dates according to when they are invited. Interviews will take place in mid-late March and may overlap with your district's spring break. Award notifications will be made on April 1. Learn more on the [IAP website](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about Becoming A Scholar.

RESOURCE: Maryland Scholarship Directory, a list of 100+ vetted scholarships for students across the state, broken down by month. Here is the link:

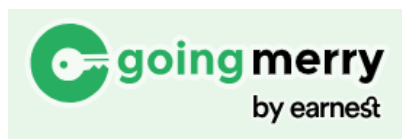
<https://standoutcollegeprep.com/washington-dc-and-maryland-scholarships/> from standoutcollegeprep.com.

RESOURCE: Bold.org: Scholarships for Maryland Residents @

<https://bold.org/scholarships/by-state/maryland-scholarships/>

<p>Maryland's Largest School District MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS <i>Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>MCPS College Career Information website Scholarship Updates for Students @ montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter</p>
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Internet for Scholarships:



NEW Scholarship RESOURCE: [GoingMerry.com](https://www.goingmerry.com). Scholarships. FAFSA Info. College Cost Comparison and more. A FREE account may be required to access information. | Post 22 January 2024 |

Scholarships and grants are helpful ways to fund your college education. They provide you with free money that can go towards tuition or other educational expenses.

To find and apply for scholarships, [sign up for Going Merry](#) -- it's free! Going Merry has thousands of national, regional, and local scholarships. There are also opportunities for every grade level, from freshmen to seniors.

To sign up, click here: [Sign up for Going Merry!](#) You can also download the Going Merry mobile app (and sign up that way) on [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

RESOURCE: [AffordableCollege.com](https://affordablecolleges.com/resources/lgbtq-college-resources): LGBTQ students financial aid resource @ affordablecolleges.com/resources/lgbtq-college-resources

RESOURCE: ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION [here](#)

RESOURCE: 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

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

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

RESOURCE: **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@fallenpatriots.org or by phone to 866.917.2373 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

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

RESOURCE: **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.

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

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

RESOURCE: **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

RESOURCE: **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**

RESOURCE: **MONTGOMERY COLLEGE** [Institutional Scholarships & Grants](#) (MC application required)

RESOURCE: **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.

RESOURCE: **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.

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

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

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

RESOURCE: 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.

RESOURCE: 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.**

RESOURCE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS @ scholarshipsandgrants.us

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

RESOURCE: ScholarshipGuidance.com

RESOURCE: Scholarships.com

RESOURCE: Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarships @ artandwriting.org

RESOURCE: Search for scholarships by categories @ scholarships4students.com

RESOURCE: 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.

RESOURCE: 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.herbblockfoundation.org/scholarships>. **TIMELINE: MARCH – JUNE**

RESOURCE: 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

RESOURCE: 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.

RESOURCE: 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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