

Guidance Newsletter

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Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship applications are available in the scholarship file cabinet in the career center unless otherwise indicated. Please make sure you are eligible to apply for the scholarship before taking an application. Only take **one** application. **Do not take the last application.** See Mrs. Collins-Swain for additional copies.

All Students: Laurel High School can nominate one student for **The Carson Scholars Fund** valued at \$1000. Students who earn the highest level of academic achievement, and also display strong humanitarian qualities should see Mrs. Collins-Swain to pick up a nomination form. Applicants must have a 3.75 GPA in order to apply. Applications must be postmarked by **January 25, 2008.**

All Students: **ScholarshipExperts.com** is offering five \$1000 scholarships for the **Top Ten List Scholarship** for students who are 13 year or older. Students must respond in 250 words or less to the following: "Create a Top Ten List of the ten reasons you should get this scholarship." Students can apply online at www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm by **January 31, 2008.**

All Students: **Princeton U.** is sponsoring an awards program for high school students: **The Princeton Prize in Race Relations.** Students can win up to \$1000 in prizes. If you are a student who is helping to improve race relations, please apply. For more information visit the website www.princeton.edu/princetonprize/intro/. Applications must be postmarked by **January 31, 2008.**

All Students: **Guardian Life Insurance** is sponsoring the **Girls Going Places 8th Annual Entrepreneurship Award Program.** First place is worth \$10,000. Students must submit a 250 word personal statement about thoughts on entrepreneurship, business leadership, financial independence or giving back to the community. More information is available at www.girlsgoingplaces.com. Entries must be submitted by **February 16, 2008.**

All students: **The Washington Capitals and Southwest Airlines** are hosting an essay contest for students in grades 7-12. Students must submit a 500-word essay on "Why diversity is important." Students can register and write their essays online at www.washingtoncaps.com or fax entries to the Community Relations office at 202-266-2360 or email to essaycontest@washcaps.com. Entries must be submitted by **February 18, 2008.** Winners will receive two airline tickets.

All Students: **B'Nai B'rith International** is sponsoring the "**Diverse Minds Writing Challenge**" scholarship competition for students in grades 9-12. Students must write and illustrate a children's book that teaches lessons about tolerance and/or diversity to children ages 5-10. For more detailed information, visit the website at www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds. Entries must be submitted by **February 28, 2008.**

Mount St. Mary's University Founder's Scholarship essay competition for outstanding senior will be held on **January 19, 2008 and January 26, 2008.** The Founders Scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship valued at over \$100,000. Students must have a combined SAT score of at least 1200 on the critical reading and math or a 27 on the ACT and a cumulative GPA of 3.25. For more information call the Admissions Office at 800-448-4347.

Nacel Open Door is accepting applications for the **2008-2009 Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Scholarship Program.** The program invites graduating seniors to spend a year in Germany and experience an internship with a German company. Applications must be received by **January 31, 2008** and can be obtained from www.nacelopendoor.org (click on travel abroad tab, scroll down, click on scholarships button).

Towson University is offering the **Principal's Scholarship** valued at \$2000 per year renewable for four years to students from Laurel High School who have been accepted to Towson U. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and display evidence of leadership qualities and community involvement. To be considered for nomination, please see Mrs. Collins-Swain by **January 31, 2008**.

The School of Visual Arts invites applications to the **Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship Program**, a scholarship competition for freshman. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications must be postmarked by **February 1, 2008**. For more information go online to

Virginia Tech College of Engineering has scholarships available to incoming freshman. Davenport leaders are awarded the equivalent of in-state tuition and fees and Dean's Scholars are awarded \$5000 annually. For additional information and applications materials, visit www.eng.vt.edu/ddscholars. Applications must be submitted by **February 1, 2008**.

Phi Delta Kappa International awards scholarships to prospective educators. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$5000 over four years. Students are selected based on academic standing, written essay, recommendations, and leadership activities. Applications are available online at www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_edu.htm and must be submitted by **February 1, 2008**.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring the **National Education Foundation Scholarship**. Scholarships will be awarded to students who have been accepted to a college or university. Amounts will vary between \$500-\$1000. Applications are available online at www.ZphiB1920.org and must be submitted by **February 1, 2008**.

The American Physical Society Committee on Minorities in Physics has created a scholarship program for minority undergraduate physics majors. Each scholarship consists of \$2000 for tuition, room, board or educational materials. Applications are available online at www.aps.org and must be submitted by **February 1, 2008**.

The Society of Exploration Geophysics has scholarships for students who plan to pursue a career in applied geophysics, physics, geology, or earth and environmental sciences. Applications are available online at <http://foundation.seg.org/scholarships/application/index.shtml> and must be submitted by **February 1, 2008**.

The **Washington Post** is sponsoring the **8th Annual High School Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program** for students with an interest in a print journalism career. Two scholarships of \$2500 will be awarded. Applications are available on the web at www.washpost.com/yjdp and must be postmarked by **February 8, 2008**.

The Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund grants scholarship funds valued up to \$20,000 to students who have a sincere interest in aviation, aerospace technology or research. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are available at www.tuskegeeairmen.org and must be submitted by **February 9, 2008**.

The Greater Washington Urban League has partnered with **Safeway and Western Union** to award six \$3000 scholarships to students. Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have a family income of less than \$35,000 per year. Students must submit a 500-word essay on "As Mayor or Governor, I would..." Applications are available in the guidance office and must be submitted by **February 12, 2008**.

The Burger King Scholars Program awards \$1000 scholarships to students who work at least an average of 15 hours per week, are actively involved in community service hours, demonstrate financial need, and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Students can apply online at www.bk.com/scholars. Applications must be completed by **February 12, 2008**. You do not have to be employed by Burger King to be eligible.

The National FFA Organization on Agricultural Education has several scholarships available to high school seniors. To find out more information about these scholarships go to www.ffa.org. Applications are due by **February 15, 2008**.

Best Buy is sponsoring the **Best Buy Scholarship** for seniors. More than 1700 seniors will receive scholarships valued from \$1500-\$10,000. Students must have at least a 2.5 and will be selected based on community service and academic achievement. To apply, visit www.bestbuy.com/scholarships. Applications must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

The **National Commission for Cooperative Education** is sponsoring its **5th Annual National Co-op Scholarship Program**. The commission will award 185 \$6000 merit scholarships to students planning to participate in college cooperative education. Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA and apply to one of the ten colleges participating in the CO-OP program. Applications are available online at www.co-op.edu and must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**.

The **Maryland Farm Bureau** will offer ten \$1000 scholarships to seniors starting college in the fall. Seven scholarships will be offered to agricultural curriculum majors and three to non-agricultural curriculum majors. Applications are available in the career center and must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

Ronald McDonald House Charities is offering the **RMHC National Scholarship Program** worth a minimum of \$1000. Eligible students must submit a completed application by **February 15, 2008**. Applications are available online at www.rmhc.org. Click on Programs.

The **2007 KFC Colonel's Scholarship Program** is accepting applications for their \$20,000 scholarship. Students must have at least a 2.75 GPA. Applications are available online at www.kfcscholars.org and must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

USA Funds is offering a \$1500 scholarship to seniors with annual incomes of less than \$35,000. Priority consideration will be given to students who are members of an ethnic minority group or have a documented physical disability. Students can apply online at www.usafunds.org/scholarship or www.usafunds.org/beca for Spanish speaking students. Applications must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

Monsanto is accepting applications for the **Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program**. Over 100 \$1500 scholarships will be awarded to students who come from a farm family, have at least an above average GPA and plan on pursuing a career in agriculture. Applications are available online at www.nafb.com and must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**.

The **Howard U. Alumni Club of P.G. County** is accepting applications for their \$500 scholarship. Students must be able to confirm their acceptance to Howard U. by April 2008. Applications are available online at www.huaaonline.org and must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

The **Baltimore Community Foundation** offers scholarships to study art, music, and more. Each scholarship has its own unique criteria. For more information visit www.bcf.org. Applications must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**.

The **Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.** is awarding scholarships to students based on achievement and individual motivation for the merit scholarship and academic achievement, financial need, and individual motivation for the need scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**.

The **AXA Achievement Community Scholarship Program** offers \$2000 college scholarships to seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in activities in school, community, or the workplace. Applications are available online at www.axaonline.com and must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**.

The **University of Maryland College Park** announces **Dance Scholarships** for gifted and talented freshman majors. Applications are due on **February 17, 2008**. Applications can be requested via email at dancedept@umd.edu or at 301-405-3180.

The Prince George's County Scholarship Fund provides various scholarships to seniors with an overall 2.5 GPA or better. Applicants are selected based on scholarship, character, goals, and financial need. Applications are available in the career center and must be submitted by **February 22, 2008**.

The **U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce** is accepting applications for several scholarships valued up to \$5000. Students must have at least a 3.3 GPA, demonstrate leadership skills, be involved in extracurricular activities, and have financial need. Applications are available online at www.uspaacc.com and must be submitted by **February 22, 2008**.

Applications are being accepted for the **Cynthia E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship** valued at \$1000 for a senior who is a first-generation college student and will attend a Maryland college with a major in a medical-related field. For more information or to apply for the scholarship, go to www.cemsfund.com. Applications must be submitted by **February 25, 2008**.

The Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) Educational Foundation will award \$1000 **Gerald Jeffein Scholarships** to students who participate in extracurricular activities and are in pursuit of a degree in marketing or other business major. Applications are available in the career center and must be submitted by **February 28, 2008**.

Chairscholars, Inc. is accepting applications for their National scholarship for students who are physically challenged and may be "chair-confined" but does not have to be, has serious financial difficulties and has at least a "B" average. Scholarships in the amount of up to \$20,000 will be awarded. Applications are available online at www.chairscholars.org and must be submitted by **February 28, 2008**.

The **Race for Education** is accepting applications for two scholarships:

- **Horsemen's Scholarship:** available to children of racetrack or horse farm employees;
- **Thoroughbred Scholarship:** available to any students who wish to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, agriculture science, racetrack management, or equine business management.

To be eligible for either scholarship, students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have an annual income or less than \$60,000. Applications are available online at www.racingscholarships.com and must be postmarked by **February 28, 2008**.

The Art Institutes is sponsoring **Best Teen Chef Culinary Scholarship Competition** on April 12, 2007. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA. Entry forms must be submitted by **February 29, 2008**. For more information, visit www.artinstitutes.edu/btc.

The Baltimore Regional Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-BRC) announces the **Barbara Balter Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship Program**. Two female seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial talents are eligible for the \$1000 scholarship. Applications are available at www.nawbomaryland.org/wh_scholarship.phtml and must be postmarked by **February 29, 2008**.

The Attrus C. Fleming Music Scholarship Fund invites students who plan to pursue music in college to apply for a \$1000 scholarship. Students will be judged on jazz brass instruments, woodwind instruments, and guitar only. Applications are available online at www.flemingmusicscholarship.org and must be submitted by **February 29, 2008**.

Applications for the **Guaranteed Access Grant** are available online and in guidance. Students must have at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA and plan to enroll at a Maryland College or university full-time during fall of 2008. You must also meet family income requirements. Applications must be submitted by **March 1, 2008**. More information is available at www.mhec.state.md.us. You will also find more information on State scholarships at this website.

Announcements/Job Opportunities

The National Harbor located in Ft. Washington, MD is now hiring for a variety of positions. Current openings can be found at www.nationalharbor.com. A job fair will also be held on January 30-February 2, 2008 from 9am-7pm. On February 2, 2008 the job fair will be held from 9am-2pm. The job fair will be held at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20754.