

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: AAA announces the **AAA Travel High School Challenge** which offers more than \$100,000 worth of college scholarships. Students will have the opportunity to put their geography knowledge to the test for a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship. Students will take a web-based exam at www.aaa.com/travelchallenge. Students are encouraged to register online ahead of time and take the practice test before the testing period begins **January 9-17, 2007**.

Juniors Only: **Discover Card** is accepting applications for the **Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program**. Up to ten \$25,000 national scholarships and up to 300 \$2500 scholarships in each state will be awarded. Juniors with a minimum of 2.75, who are multi-talented, take the lead, have experienced a significant obstacle(s) and who are giving back to their communities are eligible to apply. For an application, log on to www.aasa.org/discover.htm. The application deadline is **January 31, 2007**.

Juniors and Seniors: **The College of Notre Dame of Maryland** announces its **28th Annual Art Competition** for young women. First prize winners will receive a \$3000 tuition scholarship per year. Second and third prize will win \$2500 per year. Entry forms are available in the career center. The deadline is **January 26, 2007**.

NBC is hosting the **Friday Night Lights Sweepstakes** valued at \$5000. Please visit www.bebo.com/ad/fnl/index.html for more information. The deadline is **December 15, 2006**. You will not be able to access this website from school.

The **Frederick Douglass Memorial & Historical Association, Inc. Scholarship** is valued at \$3000 for high school seniors. Students must write a 5-7 page essay on "What Frederick Douglass would say about your responsibility as a citizen to vote." Essays must be mailed to Mrs. Vivian Smith, 3523 Carpenter St., SE, Washington, DC. Essays must be submitted by **December 15, 2006**.

Ithaca College is accepting nominations for the Park Scholars Program. Students must be interested in majoring in communications or journalism. Students must submit an admissions application by December 15, 2006 and submit the Park Scholar Award by January 15, 2007. If interested, please see Mrs. Collins-Swain.

The **U.S. Coast Guard Academy** in Connecticut is America's smallest and most distinctive federal service academy. It is ranked among the most prestigious undergraduate engineering colleges. There is **no annual tuition**. The majors consist of engineering, government, management, marine and environmental sciences, and operations research and computer analysis. Admission is national, highly selective and based on merit. For more information visit the website at www.uscga.edu.

The **17th Annual Pigskin Jamboree** is being held on **December 8, 2006** from 8am-until at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Fort Washington, MD. High school football players, parents, and guardians are encouraged to come and meet with university/college football recruiters to discuss possible football scholarships and financial aid. Admission is free. For more information visit www.pigskinjamboreeworkshop.org.

Susquehanna U. gives scholarships to students recognized for outstanding academic achievement, personal accomplishments and/or musical talents regardless of financial need. Scholarships are renewable

annually and range from \$4000 to \$64,000 over four years. For more information, visit www.susqu.edu/admissions/.

The Prince George's County Delta Alumnae Foundation, Inc. is offering several scholarships to male and female residents of the county. Students must have at least a 2.5 to 3.0 or higher GPA to apply. Applications are available online at www.pgcacdst.org and must be submitted by **January 3, 2007**.

Juniata College announces its Juniata College Nomination Scholarships awarded to eight outstanding students who make a difference through involvement in their schools, communities, and beyond. Students must submit a nomination essay of no more than two pages to discuss why the student should be considered for the award. Applications for admission and nomination forms and essays must be postmarked by **January 5, 2007**. Information is available online at www.juniata.edu.

The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is offering the **Pogue Scholarship**, a premier merit-based award that covers the cost of tuition, fees, room, and board. Students who are first generation to go to college are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients value diversity and inclusion and show academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to their local communities. To be considered, please submit an application by **January 5, 2007** and submit an admissions application by **January 15, 2007**. Applications are available online at <http://studentaid.unc.edu/pdf/misc/pogueapp.pdf>.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. announces several scholarships valued at \$1000 for students who have at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. More information is available online at www.walmartfoundation.org. Applications are available at <https://www.scholarshipadministrators.net>. Applications must be completed by **January 12, 2007**.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is accepting applications from minority students who have at least a 3.3 GPA and have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular activities, or other activities and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. Nomination forms are available at www.gmsp.org and must be submitted by **January 12, 2007**.

The Elks National Foundation is sponsoring the **2007 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition** based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications are available in the career center as well as on the web at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm and must be submitted to your local Elks lodge by **January 12, 2007**. Other scholarships are available at this website as well.

The **Dale Fridell Memorial Scholarship** valued at \$1000 is open to seniors who write an essay explaining why he/she deserves the award based upon an exceptional work ethic and a demonstrated commitment to excellence. For more information and to submit your essay, visit www.straightforwardmedia.com/fridell/. Essays must be submitted by **January 14, 2007**.

The **USDA** offers the **USDA/1890 National Scholars Program** to students interested in pursuing a career in agriculture and other majors. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, at least a 1500 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT, and attend one of the eighteen Historically Black Land Grant Colleges. For more information, go to <http://1890scholars.program.USDA.gov/prog.html>. Applications must be submitted by **January 15, 2007**.

Ithaca College's Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar Program is accepting applications from academically exceptional students from underrepresented populations who demonstrate strong character and leadership through service and community involvement. For more information visit www.ithaca.edu/mlk. Applications must be submitted by **January 15, 2007**.

Virginia Military Institute is offering several full and partial scholarships to students who have at least a 1200 on the SAT or 28 on the ACT, have a 3.6 GPA and rank in the top ten percent of the class. Students must complete an application for VMI, a scholarship application form, submit a resume and two short essays. All materials must be submitted by **January 15, 2007**. Please see Mrs. Collins-Swain for an application.

The Alvey Scholars Program at the **University of Mary Washington** will award one outstanding senior a full out-of-state tuition, fees, room and board scholarship. Students must be accepted into the Honors College at UMW, show promise for providing service and leadership to the University community through extracurricular activities. Students should apply by **January 15, 2007**. For more information contact the office of admissions at 800-468-5614.

Mensa is sponsoring the **American Mensa's Annual Scholarship Essay** contest for students accepted into a post-secondary institution for the 2007-2008 school year. Students must submit a 550 words or less essay on your career, vocational, and academic goals. For more information and an application, visit www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships. Applications must be postmarked by **January 16, 2007**.

The **U.S. JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program** will award \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Students must submit their application package by **January 20, 2007**. Applications are available in the career center.

DuPont is sponsoring the **DuPont Challenge 2007 Science Essay Awards Program**. Students can win up to \$5000 by submitting a 700-1000 word essay discussing a scientific or technological development, event, or theory that has captured their attention and interest. Entries must be submitted by **January 25, 2007**. For more information, log on to www.glcomm.com/dupont.

The **2007 Education is Freedom Scholarship Program** is offering \$2000 scholarship awards to seniors. Students must have at least a 3.0-3.5 GPA, have financial need, work history, and extracurricular activities and leadership. Applications are available online at www.educationisfreedom.org and must be submitted by **January 31, 2007**.

The **Dozoretz National Institute for Mathematics and Applied Sciences at Norfolk State U.** is seeking applicants for the entering freshman class. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, a 1000 on the SAT, and be interested in science. Students will be offered a full four-year academic scholarship, which includes tuition and fees, room and board, textbook allowance, internships, and research experience. Applications are available at www.nsu.edu/schools/sciencetech/dnimas/. Students must also apply to Norfolk State U. to be eligible. The application deadline is **January 31, 2007**.

The Simon Youth Community Scholarship Program is accepting applications from any high school senior that plans to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1200. Applications are available online at <http://syf.simon.com>. Applications must be submitted by **January 31, 2007**.

Best Buy Children's Foundation is proud to award \$500 to \$2500 scholarships to four graduating seniors in each U.S. Congressional District. Students should have solid grades, and exemplary community service. For more information visit <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/scholarships.asp>. Applications are available **January 1, 2007**.

Randolph Macon College is pleased to offer the **Presidential Scholars Program** for students who have earned distinction by demonstrating the highest level of academic achievement. Scholars typically receive from \$7500-\$15,000 in scholarships. Most recipients have combined SAT scores of 1650 or above on the new scale and be in the top 25% of their high school classes. To be considered, students must apply for admission by **February 1, 2007**.

The **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund** offers scholarships to students who have at least a 3.0 GPA, have a combined score of 1100 on the SAT, and who have been accepted to a participating college or university. To be considered for a scholarship, students must contact the participating school's scholarship coordinator and submit an application to them. More information is available on the web at www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org.

Frostburg State University is offering the **J.B. Joint III Memorial Scholarship** to an incoming freshman who is graduating from Laurel High School. Students must submit a recommendation and be involved in extracurricular activities. To apply, log on to www.frostburg.edu/ungrad/faid. Applications are due by **March 1, 2007**.

Open Houses/College Tours

Coppin State U. is hosting a Fall Open House on December 8, 2006 from 9-2pm at the J.W. Johnson Auditorium. Students can register online at www.coppin.edu/openhouse or call 410-951-3600. Students should bring transcripts and test scores for instant decisions.

Announcements/Job Opportunities

DE-DC-MD ASFAA, Inc. hosts the Annual College Goal Sunday January and February 2007. Get help applying for college financial aid. Students and Parents must bring proof of 2006 income and benefits information to the workshop. On February 11, 2006 from 2-4pm, College Goal Sunday will be at Prince George's Community College, Anne Arundel Community College, and Wheaton High School to name a few. For more information call 866-GO-2-GOAL or visit www.go2goal.org.

The PGCPS Scholarship and Financial Aid Center is hosting a student/parent workshop on December 16, 2006 entitled Maryland State Scholarship Opportunities at Crossland High School Career Center from 9:30-12noon.

The PGCPS Scholarship and Financial Aid Center at Largo H.S. is hosting a workshop: FAFSA: The Path to Financial Aid at 10am. All are encouraged to attend.

The Washington, D.C. Joint Steamfitting Apprenticeship Committee in Landover, MD will accept applications on the following days in January: January 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12 from 8-11am. Any student interested in Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Process piping, and Environmental systems trades should plan to attend.