

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NEWSLETTER - 18 NOV 2011

Maryland Mensa 2011-2012 Scholarship Essay Contest – Deadline: January 15, 2012. Awards: \$300 to \$1,000. Eligibility: Student must reside within one of the following zip code ranges: 20600 – 20699 or 21000 – 21999 and must be intending to enroll in an accredited U.S. institution for the 2012-2013 academic year. Student does not have to be a member of Mensa. There are 11 additional national/regional scholarship awards with specific eligibility criteria that you may apply for on page 2 of this application. Application is available in the Counseling Center and online at www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships - click on “U.S. Process” than “Application”. Student will have to enter their zip code before the application opens.

BK Scholars – Have it Your Way Scholarship – Deadline: January 10, 2012. Eligibility: Must be a graduating senior with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher and plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Application is available online at www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html. Application information is available in the Counseling Center. Please remember to have your transcript sent to the address identified.

Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Baltimore-Washington Section (BWS) 2012 Scholarship Program – Deadline: March 1, 2012. Eligibility: Female seniors with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better and who plan to major in engineering at college. Application is available in the Counseling Center and online at www.baltwashswe.org/scholarships.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship – Deadline: June 15, 2012. Eligibility: All high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution. To apply for this scholarship, students will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words and must be sent via email to: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com. “What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of this difficulty?” Information is available online at: www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm.

Elks National Foundation – Most Valuable Student Scholarship 2012 – Deadline: December 2, 2011. Eligibility: Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. Each year the Elks award 500 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per year for 4 years. Application must be submitted to the Elks Lodge nearest your home. Visit www.elks.org/enf/FindALodge.cfm to find the Lodge closest to you. For zip codes ending in 21757 or 21771, the Westminster Elks Lodge address is: Westminster MD No. 2277, 538 Gorsuch Road, Westminster MD 21157. For zip code 21758, the Frederick Elks Lodge address is: Frederick MD No. 684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick MD 21702-3998. Application is available in the Counseling Center and online at www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm.

ACT High School Poster Contest – Deadline: January 28, 2012. Award: 1st Place: \$5,000 scholarship, 2nd Place: \$2,500 scholarship, and 3rd Place \$1,000 scholarship. Eligibility: High school 11th and 12th graders who are residents of the U.S. and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college in the next 2 years. Design a poster (including visuals and tag line) that from your perspective encourages students to attend college and to take the ACT test as their college entrance exam. Official rules and entry form are available in the Counseling Center and online at www.actstudent.org/postercontest. Email questions to: ACTPosterContest@act.org.

2012 AFSA National High School Essay Contest – Deadline: April 15, 2012. Award: \$2,500, a trip to Washington DC to meet the Secretary of State, and a full scholarship for an educational voyage courtesy of Semester at Sea. Eligibility: The contest is open to all U.S. citizen high school students whose parents are NOT in the Foreign Service. A major objective of this contest is to help young Americans better understand how the men and women of the Foreign Service serve and defend our critical national interests around the globe. Essay contest topic: In 1,000 -1,250 words, discuss the following topic: “You are a Foreign Service employee posted to one of the nations/organizations listed below. Explain what you would do as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service to improve the relations between the U.S. and your country/organization of choice, and how the major foreign policy differences between them might best be handled in our national interest. The nations/organizations on which you

may choose to focus are: Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, Japan, Pakistan, South Sudan, The United Nations, or Venezuela.” Visit www.afsa.org/essaycontest for more information and the entry forms. Please contact Perri Green at essaycontest@afsa.org or 202-719-9700 with questions.

Rider University – Scholarships for Entering Freshmen – Application Deadline: January 15, 2012. Students who meet the criteria and qualifications for admission to Rider University will automatically be eligible to receive an award; no additional scholarship application is required. Visit www.rider.edu/admissions for more information.

Scholarship Amount/year	Cumulative GPA	SAT (reading + math)	ACT (Composite)
\$19,000-\$21,000	3.50	1250	28
\$16,000-\$17,000	3.25	1150	25
\$13,000-\$14,000	3.00	1050	23
\$ 7,000-\$ 9,000	3.00	1000	21

Washington and Lee University – Johnson Scholarship Program – Application Deadline: December 1, 2011. This is a merit-based award that has been presented to approximately 10% of each entering class. Finalists for this scholarship will be selected on the basis of academic achievement and demonstrated leadership. Writing samples, teacher recommendations, and records of leadership, citizenship, and involvement in non-academic activities will be weighed. The Washington and Lee University application, in addition to the Johnson Scholarship application, is available online at www.wlu.edu/Johnson.

The Ohio State University – Merit Scholarship Awards – Scholarships are awarded competitively to students who meet the minimum criteria for each scholarship. Deadline: To be considered for the full range of merit scholarships, apply for admission by December 1, 2011. For information, visit www.go.osu.edu/awards12nr.

(1) **National Buckeye Scholarship for nonresidents:** \$10,000/year – Criteria: Top 40% of graduating class and ACT composite score of 28 minimum or combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1260 minimum.

(2) **Maximus Scholarship:** \$3,500/year – Criteria: Top 3% of graduating class and ACT composite score of 32 minimum or SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1420 minimum.

(3) **Provost Scholarship:** \$3,000/year – Criteria: Top 10% of graduating class and ACT composite score of 29 minimum or SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1300 minimum.

(4) **Trustees Scholarship.** \$1,800/year – Criteria: Top 20% of graduating class and ACT composite score of 28 minimum or SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1260 minimum.

Lafayette College – Academic & Athletic Scholarships – Marquis Scholarship recognizes its most outstanding applicants with an annual minimum award of \$20,000. No special application is required to be considered other than an application for admission to Lafayette College. Various athletic scholarships are available to students eligible for men’s and women’s basketball, men’s soccer, and women’s field hockey. Recipients are selected based on athletic talent as well as the ability to meet Lafayette’s rigorous academic standards. Visit www.lafayette.edu for additional information.

Environmental Awareness Awards – Nomination Deadline: March 1, 2012. The purpose of the awards program is to promote awareness of the environment and acknowledge exemplary accomplishments in the protection, conservation, and improvement of our environmental resources. Criteria: Student must be a Carroll County resident and nominees must exemplify extraordinary dedication to preserving and improving the environment and better managing the environmental resources of Carroll County. See your SCHS counselor if you are interested in being nominated for this award. Additional information is available in the Counseling Center and online at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/eac>.