

Winters Mill High School Scholarship, Awards, & Opportunities Newsletter

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Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant

The Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant is open to high school seniors (must be a resident of Maryland) with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above. Students must also demonstrate financial need and complete a college prep program. Interested students are encouraged to apply by **March 1, 2012** (applications after March 1st will be considered as long as funds remain) and can also be completed online at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must also be completed and filed. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

2011 First Financial FCU Scholarship Program

This \$3,000 award is available to graduating HS seniors. To qualify for this award, candidates must be a member of First Financial Federal Credit Union and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Any specific questions regarding the scholarship can be directed to the Marketing Department of First Financial at (410) 321-6060. The completed scholarship application and packet is due back to the School Counseling Department by **March 1, 2012**. In addition to a completed application, students must also submit an essay of 250 words or less on the topic of *Describe a meaningful achievement and how it relates to your place in the community and your future goals*, one academic reference, one character reference, a list describing school and community activities (including leadership roles and responsibilities), and an official transcript. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship

The Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship is open to high school seniors pursuing a career in business or education who will attend a college or university in Maryland or Washington DC. Criteria and eligibility for this \$1,000 award is based upon: scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA or higher), financial need, acceptance as a full-time student, resident of Maryland or Washington DC one year preceding the date of the award, SAT or ACT scores, and quality of extra-curricular achievements. In addition to a completed application, students must also submit the following: HS transcript, current income tax returns, college acceptance letter, a 500-word typed essay explaining why he/she is uniquely qualified to receive the Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship (more specific information in the School Counseling Department), and SAT or ACT results. Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2012** and

can be downloaded at <http://www.asbo.org>. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information and a copy of the application.

District 5 Senatorial Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is open to students who are residents of District 5 and will pursue higher education within the state of Maryland (exceptions can be made for students who attend out of state schools with a "Unique Major"). Interested students must submit a complete application packet including a personal statement about why you are interested in the Senatorial Scholarship, up-to-date transcript, and Student Aid Report. The application packet must be postmarked by **April 2, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

The Kamryn Lambert Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is available to graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing the nursing or other medical field. This scholarship was established by family and friends of Kamryn Lambert as a way to keep Kamryn's memory alive and honor the medical staff who cared for her during her three year battle with cancer. In addition to the application, students must write an essay on an adversity/obstacle they have had to overcome and the information has to be given to the School Counseling Department. The completed application packet is due to the School Counseling Department by **April 13, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

The Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton School, INC.: The George M. Crawford Scholarship- Award Amount \$3,000/ The Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton High School Scholarship- Award Amount \$2,000

These scholarships are available to CCPS seniors who plan to pursue post-secondary education after graduation. Two scholarships will be awarded to two black graduates of Carroll County Public High Schools. Students must submit information about their career interests, high school GPA, and the reason(s) why they should be considered for the scholarship. In addition, HS transcript, letter of acceptance from the college or school of higher education, and a letter of recommendation from an instructor, counselor, or administrator is also required. The deadline to submit information is **April 30, 2012** and must be submitted to Mrs. Sally Dotson Greene, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

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Westminster Soccer Association

This \$500 scholarship opportunity is open to graduating seniors (from WMHS or WHS) who played and volunteered for the Westminster Soccer Association. In addition, students must submit two letters of recommendation (from adults involved with or were involved with the Westminster Soccer Association) and a brief letter about how you benefited from this experience and why you are deserving of the scholarship. The application deadline is **May 5, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

DEADLINES IN FEBRUARY

Best Buy Scholarship Program

These \$1,000 scholarships are available to students in grades 9-12 who plan on attending post-secondary education after HS graduation. Students must be a resident of the United States or Puerto Rico, have solid grades, and be involved with community service or work experience. The application deadline is **February 15, 2012** and must be submitted online. The application can be accessed by visiting the website at www.at15.com or www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

York Technology Institute Director's Scholarship

The Director's Scholarship is for high school seniors interested in a YTI degree program (Business Administration - Accounting; Business Administration - Management; Computer Systems Specialist; Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Electronics Engineering Technology; Golf Course Management; and Medical Assistant). There are 4 scholarships available (three one-quarter (1/4) and one one-half (1/2) scholarship) to those high school seniors in their academic year and must start their program within six month of HS graduation. Those interested would need to take the CPat test, and the top 8 scorers would need to submit an essay and an interview by a panel of at least 3 Advisory Board members. To qualify, students will need to take the CPat test. Test dates have been scheduled*:

- **Saturday February 25, at 10:00 AM**

To register contact Erin Swartz at 717-757-8259 or Erin.Swartz@yti.edu.

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

This scholarship opportunity is available to students who will be enrolled, full-time, at a four-year university or college, have a major in: Technology, Engineering, Business or Design, and have a career interest in automotive or related industries (using the areas previously mentioned).

The application deadline is **February 29, 2012** and can be accessed at www.buickachievers.com. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

DEADLINES IN MARCH

Baltimore Ravens Scholarship

The Baltimore Ravens Scholarship is open to graduating Carroll County high school seniors with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above, demonstrates financial need, plans on pursuing higher education, and has participated in community service. Five (5) \$5,000 scholarships will be offered and can be renewed. The application deadline is **March 1, 2012** and must be completed online at <http://scholarships.mycbf.net/STARS>. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

Society of Women Engineers (Baltimore-Washington Section)

This award is available to female seniors who intend to major in engineering. To qualify for this award candidates must have applied to an ABET/CSAB accredited engineering program, have an overall GPA of 3.0/4.0 or equivalent, and must be a US citizen or permanent US resident. Application material must ALL be postmarked by **March 1, 2012** or received by March 1, 2012 if sending via e-mail. For more information and application, please visit the website at www.baltwashwe.org/scholarships or stop by the School Counseling Department.

*Additional scholarship opportunities are available at <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org>.

Jewish Community Services Scholarships (ICS)

Two different scholarships from Jewish Community Services will be awarded. The first scholarship will be awarded to Jewish students coming from a single-parent home. The second scholarship offered, the Newhoff Scholarship, is for Jewish students with a Diagnosed Learning Disability. For both of these scholarships, the recipients are chosen based on academics, financial need, involvement in school and the community, and letters of recommendation. The application packet must be received on or before **March 15, 2012** and must be complete (incomplete applications will not be considered). A copy of the application can be downloaded at www.jcsbaltimore.org/. Along with the completed application, candidates must submit an official HS transcript, college entrance exam scores, three letters of recommendation (one from his/her school counselor, one from a past or present teacher, and one from a non-family member), an essay, and tax returns. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information and an application.

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Masonic Charities of Maryland Annual Educational Grant

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to seniors, graduating from a Maryland public High School, who plan on pursuing higher education (attending a two or four-year College or vocational school). Interested students must live in Maryland and be a U.S. Citizen. Students are evaluated on their resume, academic achievements, service to the community, involvement with extracurricular activities, financial need, and evaluation from principal or counselor.

The scholarship deadline to hand in to WMHS Counseling Department is March 15, 2012

Greater Carroll Lions Club Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a graduating senior who will attend Carroll Community College. The application deadline is **March 26, 2012** and must include the completed application, official HS transcript, FAFSA Student Aid Report, two Letters of Recommendation, and a Personal Letter of Interest for the Scholarship. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

Carroll County Association of Realtors, Inc.: Fair Housing Essay Contest

This scholarship opportunity is open to Carroll County high school seniors who plan on attending college or a trade school. Interested students must submit an essay on the topic, **"Fair Housing Lives in Maryland"** and students are encouraged to utilize a variety of references to gather information on the topic of fair housing (please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information on these references). The application deadline is **March 28, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for specific information pertaining to this scholarship.

The Tommy Dell Scholarship

The Tommy Dell Scholarship (minimum \$1000) is available to a graduating high school senior wrestler, planning to pursue higher education at a two, or four year institution. Qualifications include previously wrestling for the Manchester Wrestling Program, maintaining an overall high school GPA of 2.5 or higher, consistently demonstrating good sportsmanship/leadership, and showing good standing in their school/community. Information about the process and criteria can be found on the above attached scholarship application.

-Candidates must submit a completed application, high school transcripts, two Letters of Recommendation, and a maximum 500 word essay on how the sport of wrestling has played a role in their life. The deadline for application packages is **March 31, 2012**.

-For more information, please contact Brad Day at brad.day87@gmail.com.

DEADLINES IN APRIL

Central Scholarship Bureau Scholarships

In 2012-2013, Central Scholarship will provide over \$1 million in funding for undergraduate and graduate study as well as for career training. We will begin accepting online applications for scholarships and interest-free loans at midnight on January 1, 2012. The applications will be available at www.centrlsb.org. The final deadline to submit the online application is **April 1, 2012**. Semi-finalists will be contacted by e-mail in May to request supporting documentation. Award decisions will be announced in early July.

Each scholarship has slightly different eligibility requirements, but they all follow these basic guidelines . The sole exception is the Stulman Endowed Scholars Program , which does not require students to be permanent Maryland residents. Specific details for each program can be found in the drop-down menus on our website. Our loans are completely interest-free through the life of the loan--you pay back exactly the amount you borrow. Here's a savings breakdown vs. a typical private loan. Please also note that due to limited funding, loan awards are competitive.

-A student may receive up to \$10,000 per year in any combination of scholarships and loans.

-Questions? Don't hesitate to e-mail us at contact@centrlsb.org

The Timothy J. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 award sponsored by the ARC of Carroll County open to Carroll County residents, who will be full-time students at an accredited college or university, interested in entering a field that will assist or advocate for people with disabilities. Interested students must submit their high school transcript, a letter of recommendation from an administrator, teacher, or volunteer coordinator, and an essay explaining why you are interested in entering this field. The application packet deadline is **April 1, 2012**. Download the application through the ARC at www.arccarroll.com under "Publications and Resources" or stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF)

The Baltimore Community Foundation is offering scholarships for graduating seniors. The common application can be used to apply for any of the scholarships for which students are eligible. Scholarships through the foundation range from \$500 up to \$12,500. The application and all materials must be postmarked by **April 2, 2012** and can be downloaded from www.bcf.org. Please

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stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, Architects and Engineers

These \$500 scholarships are available to graduating seniors. The Thomas S. George Memorial Award is for students pursuing a degree in architecture. The George K. Miles Memorial Award is for students pursuing a degree in civil engineering. The scholarship application and packet must be received by **April 13, 2012**. In addition to a completed application, students must also submit a description of achievement/honors/activities they are involved in, community and civic activities, two reference letters, a transcript, and an outline (approx. 500 words) of why you desire this award (must also include your goals for future employment). Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application packet and further information.

Gram's Promise Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Gram's Promise is looking forward to awarding the Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Frist Memorial Scholarship to deserving seniors in 2012. Maryland high school seniors who are tobacco-free and have demonstrated a commitment to anti-smoking advocacy are encouraged to apply. Last year, Gram's Promise awarded scholarships to students from six different schools. I would appreciate once again your help in making available the application. More information can be found in the counseling office. The deadline for this award is **April 27, 2012**. The application is also available at our website:

www.gramspromisefoundation.org.

Carroll Post 31 American Legion Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is available to seniors who plan to pursue higher education (two or four year institution). Selection for this scholarship will be based upon character, Americanism, leadership, scholarship, and financial need. The application deadline is **April 30, 2012** and along with a completed application, students must also submit: HS transcript, two letters of recommendation, an essay explaining why you have chosen your particular career path and how the scholarship will help you, a list of extracurricular activities, and a college acceptance letter. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for and application and further information.

DEADLINES IN MAY

GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster Scholarship

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster is proud to offer a \$500 scholarship to a student who is graduating from WMHS in June 2012 and has been

accepted into an accredited college for the fall term, 2012. Applicants must be residents of Carroll County and will be chosen with no regard to race, sex, age, religion, or national origin. Student will be selected based on the following criteria: Volunteer activities, academic standing, extracurricular activities, and a 100 word, or less, essay of your plans for the future and where you see yourself in 10 years. Also, explain your financial need for this scholarship in the essay. Please stop in to the counseling department to obtain an application and submit it to The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Westminster no later than **May 2, 2012**.

Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League Scholarship

These three-\$1,000 scholarships are open to graduating Carroll County high school seniors who have been accepted to a college or university (preference will go to students who are planning on a career in the government or public service field). Interested students must live within one of the eight municipalities in Carroll County (and have the form signed by a municipal official/representative), be in good academic standing, and demonstrate commitment to public service. The completed application packet is due by **May 4, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for an application and further information.

DEADLINES IN JUNE

BigSun Scholarship

This \$500 award is available to any high school senior who is involved in a sport. To qualify for this award, candidates meeting the criteria must also submit an essay answering the question, *How has your education contributed to who you are today? Why do you want to earn a college education?* The short essay must be e-mailed to athleticawards@bigsumathletics.com by **June 22, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

Great reference websites for scholarships available to WMHS students are:

scholarships.com

fastweb.com

studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php

DEADLINES LATER IN 2012

AES Engineering Solutions Scholarship

scholarships@aesengineers.com by **October 5, 2012**.

Imagine America

<http://www.imagine-america.org> by **December 31, 2012**

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AES Engineering Solutions Scholarship

AES is offering a scholarship based on character. This \$500 award is available to any high school senior pursuing post-secondary education (to qualify, students do not need to take Engineering courses). Interested students must submit an essay answering the following questions, *What are your dreams for your future? When you look back on your life in thirty years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful?*

The essay must be e-mailed to scholarships@aesengineers.com by **October 5, 2012**. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

Imagine America

The Imagine America award opportunity is available to high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education. To qualify for consideration for this \$1,000 award, applicant's must be a graduating high school senior with a high likelihood of completing postsecondary education, have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher, demonstrate financial need, and have volunteered throughout their senior year.

Interested applicants should stop by the School Counseling Department and speak with Mrs. Hobson (names are submitted by the High School). Applications can be downloaded from <http://www.imagine-america.org>. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information. **2012 graduates can apply from 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2012.**