

Winters Mill High School Scholarship, Awards, & Opportunities Newsletter

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This just in...

Jewish Community Services Scholarships (JCS)

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.

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

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 JANUARY

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

These \$1,000 grants are available to high school seniors who are going to continue their education at the college, university, or vocational level. Applications must be typed or printed and supporting documents must all be sent together. The application must be postmarked by **January 6, 2012** and can be downloaded from www.usjcisenate.org. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

American Legion Oratory Contest

The American Legion Oratory contest is open to all students under the age of 20. Awards start at \$1,500 with 1st place award of \$18,000. For more information, please see Ms. Hobson in the counseling office or go to www.legion.org. The contest is scheduled for January 19, 2012 and the deadline to enter is **January 9, 2012**.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program has started taking applications for 2012. Students eligible for this scholarship include: Students who have a GPA of 3.3 or earned a GED, students who are leaders in and outside of school, students who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, or Hispanic Americans, students who are a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States, students who will enroll at an accredited United States college or university as a full-time student (fall of 2012), and students who meet the Federal Pell Grant criteria. The complete application packet must be received by **January 11, 2012** and can be accessed from www.gmsp.org. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

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Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Scholar Award

This is a school specific scholarship for Fairleigh Dickinson University. If you are applying to Fairleigh Dickinson University and would like to apply for this scholarship, please see Ms. Hobson in the WMHS Counseling office for more information. The deadline for this is **January 15, 2012**.

DEADLINES IN FEBRUARY

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.

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.baltwashswe.org/scholarships or stop by the School Counseling Department.

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

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.

DEADLINES IN APRIL

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 stop by the School Counseling Department for 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

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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.

studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php

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 extra-curricular activities, and a college acceptance letter. Please stop by the School Counseling Department for and application and further information.

DEADLINES LATER IN 2012

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@bigsunathletics.com by **June 22, 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. **2011 Graduates have until 12/31/11 to apply while 2012 graduates can apply from 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2012.**

Great reference websites for scholarships available to WMHS students are:

scholarships.com

fastweb.com