

# Winters Mill High School

## Scholarship, Awards, & Opportunities Newsletter

### 2011-2012



#### Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is available to high school seniors. Interested students must be U.S. citizens and will be judged on academics, leadership, and financial need. The application deadline is **December 2, 2011** and can be accessed at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). 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 1<sup>st</sup> place award of \$18,000. For more information, please see Ms. Hobson in the counseling office or go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). The contest is scheduled for January 19, 2012 and the deadline to enter is **January 9, 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 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 an application and 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.**

### **DEADLINES IN OCTOBER**

#### Black College Expo (BCE) Scholarship

To qualify for this scholarship, interested students have to submit an essay answering the topic "Why is a College Education Important to Me" in 500 words or less. All entries must be double-spaced and include mailing address, phone number, e-mail, HS, and counselor's name and phone number. The deadline for the essay is **October 24, 2011** and should be e-mailed to [scholarship@thecollegeexpo.org](mailto:scholarship@thecollegeexpo.org). Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information (including a rubric on how the essay will be scored).

#### The Horatio Alger Association

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans creates the 'heroes' of the future by awarding need based scholarships. The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- enrollment full time as a high school senior and taking classes during Spring 2012, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2012, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- a strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor's degree at an accredited public or private institution in the United States (students may start

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their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution).

- critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher, an explanation must be provided);
- involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- United States citizenship.

The deadline for this scholarship is **October 30, 2011**

### **DEADLINES IN NOVEMBER**

#### **The 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

This award honors volunteers (grades 5-12) with exemplary community service. Register and complete the application online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> and turn it in to the principal by **November 1, 2011**.

#### **U.S. Service Academies**

Junior Year: The Service Academy preliminary application is available on the website (spring of Junior year the process begins). SAT/ACT tests are important to the application process and should be taken during the spring of junior year or as an upcoming senior in the summer or early fall.

Senior Year: During the summer and fall of senior year, the preliminary application will be reviewed to see if the student is eligible for admission. If the student is a candidate, a formal application will be sent. Senior Year (summer and fall): Nominations have to be made by an authorized source (U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, or the Vice President of the United States). Each authorized source may vary on deadlines, interview dates, and the nomination process, so visit the websites of your U.S. Senators ([www.mikulski.senate.gov](http://www.mikulski.senate.gov), [www.cardin.senate.gov](http://www.cardin.senate.gov)), your U.S. Representative, and VP of the United States.

*\*"Students able to offer documentation verifying that they are a member in good standing of ROTC or JROTC, member of the armed forces or the child of a military retiree, deceased or disabled veteran, prisoner of war service member missing in action, or Medal of Honor winner can also seek a nomination through the academy." (Information taken directly from the Service Academy Admissions Process document)*

The nomination application packet must be received by **November 4, 2011 (by 5:00pm)** and the application can be downloaded from [www.cardin.senate.gov](http://www.cardin.senate.gov). Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

#### **Davidson College's John Montgomery Belk Scholarship**

This is a school specific scholarship by nomination which recognizes students who demonstrate superior intellectual, personal achievement, and significant leadership ability.

See the Counseling office if you plan on applying to Davidson College. The deadline is **November 10, 2011**.

#### **Davidson College's Bryan Scholarships**

This is a school specific athletic scholarship with a deadline of **November 10, 2011**. More information can be found at [www.davidson.edu/Bryan](http://www.davidson.edu/Bryan).

### **DEADLINES IN DECEMBER**

#### **Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition**

This is school specific scholarship for Boston University. If you are applying to Boston University, please apply online at [bu.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://bu.edu/admissions/scholarships) by the deadline, **December 1, 2011**. This scholarship covers full tuition!!!

#### **Central Maryland Chapter-Education Foundation**

The AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) is offering \$10,000 scholarships to seniors (\$2500 over four years). To qualify for this award, the candidates have to be well-rounded students pursuing education in the field of science or engineering supportive of national defense (some examples: computer science, math). The student also has to stay in this field of study, of national defense, through their graduation. Generally, students have a GPA of 3.5 (at least) and a combined verbal and math SAT of 1200. Application packets must contain a completed application, an essay expressing academic areas of interest/career goals and how these areas support national defense, official transcript, and two letters of recommendations. The application must be postmarked by **December 10, 2011** and can be downloaded from [www.afceacmd.org](http://www.afceacmd.org). Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.

### **DEADLINES IN JANUARY**

#### **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](http://www.gmsp.org). Please stop by the School Counseling Department for further information.