

# Winters Mill High School

## Scholarship, Awards, & Opportunities Newsletter

### 2011-2012



#### 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 question, *What impact will the Natural Disasters of 2010 have on the global economy? How should these events affect future political, business, and personal decisions?* The essay must be e-mailed to [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com) by **October 7, 2011**.

#### 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 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**

#### 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.

#### 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.

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#### **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.

#### **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**.