COUNSELORS NEWS:
ARE YOU COLLEGE & CAREER READY??????

December 2017

SAT TEST DATES
School Code: 210005

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**Fee waivers are available to students who qualify for free/reduced lunches – See Mrs. Shirko/Mrs. Foote**

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, December 7th – Potomac State College visit during enrichment- Sign up in the Counseling Center.

COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS B CHRISTMAS!
APPLY FOR THE FAFSA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
CONTINUE FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS!

Things to be doing during the month:
- Complete the FAFSA online NOW and no later than March 1st. www.fafsa.gov
- Check with the Financial Aid Offices of your colleges to see if they have scholarships you may be interested in applying for.
- Register for March SAT and/or February ACT.
- CHECK Deadlines and apply apply apply for scholarships!

Scholarships to apply for during the month:

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
Form that is required by most colleges and post-secondary schools in order to determine eligibility for federal and state financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant and the Guaranteed Access Grant. Complete and submit electronically ASAP after October 1 - no later than March 1 for Maryland state scholarships.
● www.fafsa.gov

WACE-Advancing Cooperative & Work-Integrated Education
- The best of Co-op scholarship program
- Several scholarships available for different colleges
- Stop in Counseling Center to check out the book and see if your college is listed!

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM
Seeks to identify African American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society.
● Must demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need
● Must be planning to attend a four-year college or university
● Application may also be downloaded at www.ronbrown.org
● AWARD: $10,000 (10 awarded)
Deadline: November (for Ron Brown Program AND forwarded to select other scholarship providers) OR January (Ron Brown Scholar Program only)

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is sponsored by the AXA Foundation and U.S. News & World Reports. One student from each state will receive a $10,000 scholarship and ten students selected from across the nation will receive an additional $15,000.00 each. Criteria for selection includes:
● Demonstrated achievement - at a job, sport or extracurricular activity
● Ability to achieve in a college environment
● Commitment to succeed
● Respect for self, family and community
● Ambition, drive and dedication
To apply, students need to go online to www.axa-achievement.com.
Deadline: The 2018 program will be accepting applications until 10,000 applications are submitted or 11:59 pm on December 15, 2017, whichever comes first.

EASTON/NFAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
● Must be applying to be a full time student at a two or four year college/university or a technical college.
Apply online at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12654/easton_nfaa_scholarship_program_scholarship.php
DEADLINE: December 31st

ACT STUDENT CHAMPION AWARD
● Student who has overcome challenges and can articulate education and career actions
● Composite ACT score of a 22 on a single test date or a 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale
● Preference is given to first generation college students
Apply online at www.act.org/readinesschampions
DEADLINE: December 31st
**ELKS LEGACY AWARDS**
500 scholarships are awarded nationwide to children, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren of members in good standing of the Elks. Criteria includes:
- Be a graduating high school senior
- SAT/ACT scores
- High school transcript
- Application
- Biographical questionnaire
- Must apply through related member’s lodge.
- AWARD: $1,000

**Deadline:** Early January

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**
The NWTF-funded scholarship program for seniors is administered by the National FFA Organization.
- Candidates must be supportive of and actively involved in wildlife conservation, the preservation of the nation’s hunting heritage or other activities that support the NWTF Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt initiative.
- Apply online at www.nwtf.org/resource-library/detail/jakes-scholarship-application. There are also applications in the Counseling Center.

**DEADLINE:** January 1

**REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship honors the legacy of late President Ronald Reagan.
- Demonstrate the attributes of Leadership, Drive, Integrity, Citizenship
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Financial Need
- U.S. Citizen
- High School Senior on track to graduate
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study towards a bachelor’s degree at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for entire upcoming academic year
- Be nominated by school official. Please see school scholarship coordinator.
- Apply online at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships
- AWARD - $10,000 (renewable each year for four years)

**DEADLINE:** January 4th

**MARYLAND JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIP**
Designed to provide financial assistance to deserving graduating high school seniors for post-secondary education/training.
Applicants must:
- Must be planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college, university or trade/technical school
- Must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study
- Financial contribution of the applicant toward his/her own education
- AWARD: $1,000 (National level), $500 (State level)

Applications are available in the Counseling Center.

**Deadline:** Must be postmarked no later than January 5th

**MARYLAND MENSA SCHOLARSHIP**
Scholarship essay contest that is open to the public, including people of all ages who are pursuing post secondary education

- Requires essay of not more than 550 words that describes applicant’s career, vocational or academic goals
- Application and detailed essay information including scoring analysis is available online at:
  [http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships)
- AWARD: $300 - $1,000

**Deadline:** On or before January 15th
WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION
National scholarship program designed for students planning to pursue careers in government services
- Open to graduating high school seniors who are planning careers of service in local, state or federal government
- Application consists of an applicant prepared cover sheet, one-page essay, letter of recommendation from high school principal or guidance counselor, transcript and SAT or ACT scores
- Full, detailed application information is available in the Counseling Center or online at: www.gwcf.org
- AWARD: $500 - $5,000
Deadline: January 15th

THE COOLIDGE-A SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICA
Full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university.
- Academic excellence
- Interested in public policy
Apply online at www.coolidgescholars.org
DEADLINE: 5:00PM January 24th

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Undesignated and university-sponsored scholarships for those students pursuing a degree in engineering.
- Must be a high school senior
- Must meet minimum requirements with regards to grade point average and SAT/ACT scores as outlined in individual requirements of each scholarship (90th percentile in both critical reading and math is advised)
- Award amounts vary
- May apply on-line at: http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm
Deadline: December – March

VARSITY TUTORS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST
Varsity Tutors holds a monthly $1,000 college scholarship contest where students write an essay in response to a monthly prompt. Visitors to the Varsity Tutors scholarship webpage are able to vote via social media for submitted entries. The top five entries with the most votes are reviewed by Varsity Tutors at the end of the month and one winner is subsequently chosen to receive the $1,000 college scholarship. Interested students can enter the contest here:
Apply online: http://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship

FFA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Provides scholarships, ranging from $550 to $10,000 to students who enroll in a two-year or four-year college. Booklet listing various scholarships must be reviewed in the guidance office.
- Available to FFA members in their senior of high school
- FFA members who are high school graduates preparing to enroll in their first year of education beyond high school
- FFA members who are currently enrolled in college
- Application available on the website ffa.org or by calling the FFA Headquarters at 1-800-772-0939. Look for scholarship link under the “Participate” tab on website.
Deadline: February 1st
**GARRETT COUNTY/MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS**
The Maryland Farm Bureau will offer four scholarships. The Garrett County Farm Bureau will offer four scholarships.

**Applicants:**
- Must be high school seniors starting college in the Fall after graduation or be full-time students at any community college or four-year institution
- Applicants or their parent/guardians must be members of the Maryland Farm Bureau
- Application requires a two-page essay
- Fill out one application and one essay at the website below to be eligible for both scholarships! In order to be considered for Garrett County scholarship you must also complete activities form.
- Application is available at garrett.mdfarmbureau.com (See Mrs. Shirko with questions as this has changed)

**Award:** Four scholarships

**Deadline:** Must be received by 4PM on February 1

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**
Scholarships awarded to a graduating senior in each of the 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City. Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:
- Must be a graduating senior and a resident of Maryland
- Must plan to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in an approved engineering program
- Must have a minimum composite SAT score of 1700 or ACT score of 27
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 grades 9-12

Applications also available online at http://www.northropgrumman.com/corporateresponsibility/community/pages/engineeringscholars.aspx

**Award:** $10,000

**Deadline:** Postmarked February 5

**CYNTHIA MORGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded
- Be a high school senior
- Be a first generation college student
- Plan to pursue a degree in a medical-related field
- Be a resident of Maryland
- Plan to attend a Maryland post-secondary institution

Applications are available in the school Guidance Office or students can apply online at http://www.cemsfund.com

**Deadline:** Postmarked February 25

**GARRETT COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC. SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Financial aid listings and descriptions of available scholarships are online
- Download application online: www.garrettcollege.edu

**Deadline:** March 1