

**“MUST CONSIDER” SCHOLARSHIPS, ESSAY CONTESTS AND
SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES!!!!**

(can also be found at website:

<http://www.mysisterscircle.org/collegepostings.html>)

All of these have serious deadlines, so start the process NOW

MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS:

United Negro College Fund Scholarships*****

You must register before applying to the numerous scholarships offered on this website:

<https://applyonline.uncf.org/Registration/registration.aspx>

List of scholarships: <http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp>

Black Excel Scholarship Gateways

<http://www.BlackExcel.org> and <http://www.blackexcel.org/100minority.htm>

Lots of scholarships, many of which I've already included in this list...but check it out.

NAACP Scholarships**

<http://www.naacp.org/pages/naacp-scholarships>

Multiple scholarships with different criteria; *due in March!*

Guaranteed Scholarships

<http://www.guaranteed-scholarships.com/>

Comprehensive list of colleges and the scholarships they offer.

American Legion Scholarships

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Several scholarships including an oratorical (speech) contest

Nursing Scholarships

<http://www.blackexcel.org/nursing-scholarships.html>

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships

<http://www.ptk.org/become-a-member/scholarships>

One application for multiple scholarships

Two deadlines: 12/1/11 and 4/1/12

Discus Awards College Scholarships

<http://www.discusawards.com/scholarship-info>

Awarded monthly during school year

Awards: \$2,000

Can nominate yourself. Must have involvement or achievements in at least three of the following areas: academics, arts, athletics, community service, faith, government, green, technology, work.

SEPTEMBER:

Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship

<http://www.xeroxstudentcareers.com/why-xerox/scholarship.aspx>

Deadline: 9/30/11

Award: up to \$10,000

Must be a technical science or engineering major (planning on receiving a Bachelors of Science). Must have a B average.

Questbridge Scholars

<http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/students-start-here>

Deadline: 9/30/11

Scholarship varies; matching program connects you to some of the most prestigious colleges in the country

Must be a strong student, display leadership skills, and have significant financial need; first generation college applicants are also given preference

OCTOBER:

National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Scholarship

<http://www.youngarts.org/how-register#verify>

Deadline: 10/14/11 (for fee waiver); 10/30/11 otherwise

Must be interested in the following: [Cinematic Arts](#), [Dance](#), [Jazz](#), [Music](#), [Photography](#), [Theater](#), [Visual Arts](#), [Voice](#), [Writing](#)

Coca Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

<https://www.coca-colascholars.org/page.aspx?pid=347>

Deadline: 10/31/11

Award: \$10,000-\$20,000; must have a 3.0 average

NOVEMBER:

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

Deadline: 11/1/11

Awards: \$5000

To recognize students for their self-initiated community service

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest

<http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>

Deadline: 11/1/11

Awards: up to \$30,000

To encourage patriotism with students creating audio essays to express their opinion on a patriotic theme.

Ron Brown Scholarships **

<http://www.RonBrown.org>

Award: \$10,000 per year for 4 years

Deadline: November 1 (preferred) & January 9, 2012

Must excel academically, show exceptional leadership potential, and make an impact on others through service/ must be Black or African American/must have financial need/essay required

Intel Science Talent Search

<http://www.societyforscience.org/sts/compete>

Award: \$100,000 over 4 years (grand prize; other prizes, too)

Deadline: 11/1/11

The Christopher Awards

<http://www.christophers.org/Page.aspx?pid=562>

Earliest deadline: 11/20/11

In the following categories: Feature Films, Television & Cable, Books for Adults, Books for Young Adults

DECEMBER:

CrossLites Scholarship Contest

<http://crosslites.com/scholarship.aspx>

Deadline: 12/15/11

Awards: up to \$2,000

No minimum GPA, SAT or any other test score requirements. Must write an essay of up to 600 words based on one of Dr. Charles Parker's quotations or messages.

Principal's Leadership Award

<http://www.nassp.org/tabid/2538/default.aspx>

Deadline: 12/2/11

Award: up to \$12,000

To recognize students for leadership. Must be nominated by high school principal.

Coca Cola Community College Academic Team

<http://www.ptk.org/become-a-member/scholarships/coca-cola-academic-team>

Deadline: 12/1/11

Award: up to \$1500

Dr. Pepper \$1,000,000 Tuition Give Away

<http://www.drpepper.com/promotions/football/rules/>

Deadline: 12/31/11

Award: can vary

Submit a video. See rules at website.

JANUARY:

PROCESS OPENS FOR THE FOLLOWING THIS MONTH; YOU WILL MAKE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE IF YOU DO NOT APPLY:

Central Scholarship Bureau (A MUST APPLY, CHECK OFF THAT YOU ARE A MY SISTER'S CIRCLE STUDENT!!!)*****

www.centrlsb.org

For Maryland students only. One application for multiple scholarships and access to interest-free loans as well!!!

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest:

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>

Deadline: 1/7/12

Award: up to \$10,000

1,000 word essay. Must be nominated by a teacher.

Gates Millennium Scholarships

[http://www.gmsp.org/\(hmr fvje1fdxdi0nwbrpmbd45\)/default.aspx](http://www.gmsp.org/(hmr fvje1fdxdi0nwbrpmbd45)/default.aspx)

Award: meets all unmet need wherever you go to college

Deadline: 1/10/12

Must have a 3.3 GPA, show leadership potential, be African American, Hispanic American or Asian American; have significant financial need

Omega Phi Beta Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship

<http://www.omegaphibeta.org/site/lang/en-us/spotlight/scholarshipsbecas/>

Available: 1/12

Award: \$1,000 to go toward college textbooks

Create-A-Greeting-Card \$10K Scholarship Contest

<http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

Deadline 1/14/12

Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships

<http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

Deadline: 1/27/12

To apply for an RMHC scholarship, a student must:

- Be a high school senior
- Be younger than 21 years old
- Be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school with a full course of study
- Be a legal U.S. resident
- ***Live in a participating RMHC Chapter's geographic area (make sure this applies to you!)***
- Submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline on the application
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements outlined by each scholarship program
- Provide verification of enrollment each year at respective accredited post-secondary institution

Union-Sponsored Scholarships

<http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship>

Deadline: 1/31/12

Must be a child of a union member.

Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship

www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/simonyouth

Deadline: 1/12

Award: \$1,400

Sponsored by Simon Youth Foundation, is open to high school seniors attending school and living in proximity of a Simon Property Mall, Premium Outlet or Community/Lifestyle Center (Anne Arundel Mall is close to Baltimore City Residents).

FEBRUARY:

National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp>

Deadline: 2/1/12

Award: up to \$20,000

Must have a 3.5 GPA and be in the top 5% of your high school class; must have significant financial need

Must be interested in a career in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research

Includes paid research and guaranteed employment

Davidson Fellows

<http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows/>

Deadline: 2/1/12

Awards: \$10,000-\$50,000

Application Categories

Science - A project in a specific area of science, such as physics, biology, chemistry, engineering, earth science, space science, environmental science or medicine.

Mathematics - A project in a specific area of mathematics, such as calculus, fractals or number theory.

Technology - A project a specific area of technology, such as artificial intelligence or computer programming.

Music - A portfolio that is representative of the applicant's talent as a composer, classical instrumentalist or other instrumentalist.

Literature - A portfolio displaying a number of literary styles and genres.

Philosophy - A portfolio presenting analyses of fundamental assumptions or beliefs relating to human thought or culture.

Outside the Box - A project that is university graduate level work or comparable and completed with the supervision of an expert or experts.

National Peace Essay Contest

<http://www.usip.org/programs/initiatives/national-peace-essay-contest>

Deadline: 2/1/12

Award: up to \$10,000

KFC Scholarships

<http://www.kfcscholars.org/scholarships/>

Competition Opens 12/2011

Deadline: 2/8/12

To be eligible to compete for the KFC Colonel's Scholars Scholarship, an individual must:

- Graduate from high school this academic year (between 12/1/11 and 8/31/12)
- Earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university (start date no later than 9/30/12)
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate financial need

AXA Community Scholarship Program (community service)

<http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/scholarship-applications.html>

Deadline: 2/12

Award: \$2,000

Click on "Maryland" for the application at bottom of page

Rent-A-Center Make A Difference Scholarship Program

<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/makeadifference>

Deadline: 2/2012 (process opens in December)

Current customers and customers within the past two years who are in good standing, and their immediate family members (spouse or dependent children living in the

customer's household) of Rent-A-Center, Get It Now!, RAC Financial Services, or RAC Acceptance who live in the U.S. or Puerto Rico are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to enroll or are already enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Best Buy Scholarship

https://www.at15.com/contests_scholarships/at15_scholarship

Deadline: mid-February 2012

Award: \$1,000

Not need-based (based on community service and work experience)

MARCH:

College Bound Foundation Last Dollar Grant

www.collegeboundfoundation.org

If you are a Baltimore City High School student, you must go here and fill out the LAST DOLLAR GRANT (online) by **MARCH 1**. There are also other resources and links listed on the site!

State of Maryland Guaranteed Access Grant

<http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/descriptions.asp>

They also have a scholarship search engine that is very worthwhile! Definitely plan to file the GAG by **MARCH 1**.

American Chemical Society Scholars Program

<http://www.chemistry.org/scholars>

Award: up to \$5,000

Application process opens 11/10/11; Deadline: 3/1/12

Must have an overall GPA of 3.0, have financial need, and plan to major in chemical sciences (pre-med is NOT an accepted major)

Kohl's Kids Who Care

www.kohlskidswhocare.com

Deadline: 3/15/12

Award: up to \$10,000

Sponsored by Kohl's Department Stores, Inc., is open to children ages 6 through 18 who are residents of a state in which a Kohl's store is located, and who have not graduated from high school as of the application postmark deadline. Kohl's Store consumers who nominate children for Kohl's Kids Who Care must be at least 21 years of age. *Nominees must have contributed to the community in a meaningful way by performing volunteer services that helped non-family members.* The activity must have occurred within the past 12 months. Kohl's Department Stores employees and immediate family members of employees are ineligible. The nomination form must be completed electronically online; no paper nomination forms will be accepted.

Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contest

http://www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_tf

Earliest deadline: March 20, 2012

Award: up to \$10,000

Must read a book and write an essay; several choices

Herman Lehman Educational Scholarships

<http://naacpldf.org/herbert-lehman-education-fund-scholarship>

Award: average of \$2,200

Deadline: 3/30/12 (application available 11/1/11)

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarships**

<http://www.jackierobinson.org/>

Award: \$7,500 per year

Deadline: 3/30/12

Must be a minority, plan to attend a 4 year college, show leadership potential and a dedication to community service, have financial need, have an SAT score of a minimum of 1000 (critical reading & math combined) or 22 ACT. **Application available 10/15/11.**

The David and Dovetta Wilson Scholarship Fund

<http://www.wilsonfund.org>

Deadline: March 31, 2011

Award: up to \$1000 (\$20 application fee)

The David and Dovetta Wilson Scholarship Fund (DDWSF) is dedicated to assisting America's young people with their quest for higher education. We are a private, volunteer-driven fund, that awards nine scholarships per year to deserving high school seniors who plan to attend accredited colleges or universities. They are selected without regard to race, creed or gender. Community service, academic excellence and financial need are the requirements to apply for one of the nine scholarships.

Buick Achievers Scholarship

<http://www.buickachievers.com/guidelines>

Deadline: 3/31/12

Award: up to \$25,000

Must be interested in majoring in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) major in college.

Inroads Internship

<http://www.inroads.org/students/apply-online>

Deadline: 3/31/12

Career Interest in Business, Engineering, Computers and Information Sciences, Retail Store Management, Sales, Health or Marketing

APRIL:

2011-12 Holocaust Remembrance Essay Contest

<http://holocaust.hklaw.com/2012/index.asp>

Deadline: 4/19/12

Award: up to \$5,000

MAY:

Actuarial Scholarships for Minority Students:

<http://www.blackactuaries.org/scholarships>

Award: up to \$4,000

Deadline: May 2012

The scholarship program is available to students of African descent originating from the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and African nations.

Applicants **must** meet the following requirements:

- Have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with a minimum math score of 600 or the ACT Assessment with a minimum math score of 28, or equivalent testing results for students outside of the USA;
- Have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

James Beard Foundation Scholarship

<http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/jamesbeard/>

Deadline: May 2012 (process opens in April)

Must be pursuing a degree in culinary school.

Charley Wootan Grant Program

<http://www.aie.org/wootan/>

Deadline: May 2012 (process opens in January)

Award: somewhere around \$4,000

Must fill out the FAFSA and submit your SAR.

JUNE:

ACA (American Correctional Association) Martin Luther King, Jr Scholarship

www.aca.org/pastpresentfuture/pdf/MLK_2012.pdf

Deadline: 6/1/12

Must be planning a career in criminal justice. Must be nominated by a member of ACA and write a 250 word essay, show financial need.

State of Maryland Scholarship & Financial Aid Help

<http://www.usafunds.org/students/Pages/Maryland.aspx>

Maryland Higher Education Commission
Jeffrey Building, 16 Francis Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1781
(410) 974-2971

Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2595
(410) 767-0480

Each state has aid sources you should inquire about. No question about that! These aid sources cover a wide range of programs, sometimes including resident and fee reductions, "incentive awards," grants, scholarships, loans and more. High school guidance counselors should be keeping you abreast in regard to what's available.

OTHER MULTIPLE, SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS for Baltimore City Public School Students:

All information, including application, available at:
<http://www.bcf.org/tabid/204/default.aspx>

If you click on "How to Apply" it will help you select scholarships for which you are eligible.

Artemis Scholarship

Named for Artemis, the ancient Greek Goddess of the moon and hunt, this scholarship is for young women graduating from Baltimore City public high schools who wish to pursue higher education.

Eligibility:

You must be a female graduating from a Baltimore City public high school in 2011 and have a cumulative **GPA of 3.0 or higher**.

Award Size:

\$500 - \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Requirements:

Before submitting your scholarship application(s) to the Baltimore Community Foundation, please be sure you have enclosed each of the following required items:

- Completed and signed application form and all attachments

- Completed and signed Financial Assistance Questionnaire
- Two letters of recommendation At least one must be from a teacher. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on letterhead in a sealed envelope, signed by the author.
- Scholarship essays (see below)
- Official transcript (must include GPA and class rank)

Essay:

Submit a 300-500 word essay describing a significant experience or achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you and your goals for the future.

Mildred M. Coughlin Scholarship

Named for a former Principal of Western High School, this scholarship is for young women **graduating from Western High School** who intend to attend a four-year liberal arts college or university.

Eligibility:

You must be a female graduating from Western High School in 2011 and have a cumulative **GPA of 3.0 or higher** and plan to attend a four-year liberal arts college or university.

Award Size:

\$500 - \$1,000 (non-renewable)

Requirements:

Before submitting your scholarship application(s) to the Baltimore Community Foundation, please be sure you have enclosed each of the following required items:

- Completed and signed application form and all attachments
- Completed and signed Financial Assistance Questionnaire
- Two letters of recommendation At least one must be from a teacher. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on letterhead in a sealed envelope, signed by the author.
- Scholarship essays (see below)
- Official transcript (must include GPA and class rank)

Essay:

Submit a 300-500 word essay describing a significant experience or achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you and your goals for the future.

One Step Up Associates Award

The One Step Up Associates Award is designed to help a young woman develop a skill, train for a profession or prepare to attend a 4-year college.

Eligibility:

You must be a ***female graduating high school senior in 2011 who has attended a***

Baltimore City public high school for four years and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants must plan to enroll in a two-year certificate/associate's degree/Morgan State University's CONNECT Program.

Award Size:

\$500 - \$1,500 (renewable)

Requirements:

Before submitting your scholarship application(s) to the Baltimore Community Foundation, please be sure you have enclosed each of the following required items:

- Completed and signed application form and all attachments
- Completed and signed Financial Assistance Questionnaire
- Three letters of recommendation At least one must be from a teacher. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on letterhead in a sealed envelope, signed by the author.
- Scholarship essays (see below)
- Official transcript (must include GPA and class rank)

Essay:

Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay which describes the challenges they have overcome to succeed in high school and which discusses their life goals and their reasons for wanting to attend college.

One Step Up College Scholarship

The One Step Up College Scholarship was established to make college possible for young women who have overcome significant challenges and displayed leadership qualities.

Eligibility:

You must be a **female graduating high school senior in 2011 who has attended a Baltimore City public high school for four years and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.** Applicants must plan to enroll full time at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Award Size:

\$1,500 - \$10,000 (renewable)

Requirements:

Before submitting your scholarship application(s) to the Baltimore Community Foundation, please be sure you have enclosed each of the following required items:

- Completed and signed application form and all attachments
- Completed and signed Financial Assistance Questionnaire
- Three letters of recommendation At least one must be from a teacher. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on letterhead in a sealed envelope, signed by the author.
- Scholarship essays (see below)
- Official transcript (must include GPA and class rank)

Essay:

Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay which describes the challenges they have overcome to succeed in high school and which discusses their life goals and their reasons for wanting to attend college

How to Apply:

Download the 2011 scholarship application. Your application(s) and all supporting documentation must be submitted in one envelope postmarked by April 1, 2011. You need to submit a copy of the application and supporting documents for each scholarship for which you are applying. Mail the scholarship application(s) to:

Anne Ross Knoeller
Baltimore Community Foundation
2 East Read Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Deadlines:

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Contact:

Grants Administrator Anne Ross Knoeller
[email](#)
410-332-4172 ext.171

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES:**Sallie Mae Scholarship Search (one of the best)**

<http://go.salliemae.com/scholarship/>

FastWEB Scholarship Search

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

**FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to
Financial Aid (scholarships)**

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>

Broke Scholars Scholarships

<https://www.brokescholar.com/>

College Board Scholarship Search**

http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

LULAC - National Scholastic Achievement Awards

<http://mach25.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/M25/GetScholar?page=10177>

Peterson's Scholarship search engine

<http://www.petersons.com/finaid/landing.asp?id=806&path=ug.pfs.scholarships&ptw=nn>

Princeton Review Scholarships & Aid

<http://www.princetonreview.com/login3.aspx?RDN=1>

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund *******

<http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net/student/scholarshipprograms>

Average award: \$2,200

Minority Scholarships

<http://www.free-4u.com/minority.htm>