



SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY

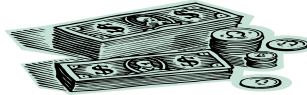


MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

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Please see Ms. Jones in the Career Center for more information on scholarships. *Scholarships listed are also listed on Family Connection and can be accessed by clicking on the Family Connection link in your blackboard account.* All deadline dates listed are postmarked dates, unless otherwise specified. **Please adhere to all deadline dates.** **Disclaimer:** Any programs and/or opportunities listed in this directory are provided strictly for your information and not considered an endorsement by Fairfax County Public Schools.



Capital One Bank 2010 Investing for Good Student Service Awards

Criteria: 9th –12th grade students in the 2010-11 school year at any Fairfax County Public High School; have completed volunteer activities in 2010 for a regional non-profit organization; have not received compensation for volunteer service, excluding reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Students must be nominated. Self nominations are also accepted from students. **Deadline: October 27, 2010.** **Please note that**

P.E.O./ The Virginia State Scholarship Fund

Criteria: Provides scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 to female high school seniors who are residents of Virginia and will be attending a VA college/university or Cottey College. Cottey College is a two-year, independent, residential, liberal arts and sciences college for women in Nevada, MO. Cottey has a Transfer Articulation agreement with over 50 colleges/universities across the country and abroad. **Deadline: March 15, 2011**

P.E.O./ The STAR Scholarship

Criteria: Provides \$2,500 scholarships to female high school seniors attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada, full-time or part-time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation. **Deadline: Must be submitted to Ms. Jones in the Career Center by November 5, 2010.** (A candidate for the STAR scholarship must be recommended by a local P.E.O chapter)

P.E.O/ Educational Loan Fund

Criteria: Offers loans of up to \$10,000, currently at 3% interest. A candidate for this loan must be within two years of accomplishing her academic goal and must be a high school graduate. A high school senior accepted to a community college or other institution for an associate’s degree could apply as soon as she graduates. **See Ms. Jones for more information.**

Casualty Actuarial Society

Criteria: Open to students in grades 9—12; demonstrated strong interest and aptitude in math or math-related field; high scholastic achievement, 3.0 GPA and above; must be African-American, Native American, or Hispanic; must be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada or have a permanent resident visa. **Deadline: October 15, 2010.**

Masonic-Range Science Scholarship

Criteria: Open to a high school senior, and/or college freshman or college sophomore planning to major in/presently majoring in range science and/or closely related field. The “closely” related field “is not specifically defined-evaluation will be based upon how the applicant answers section D of the application. **Deadline: January 8, 2010.**

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship—Open to high school seniors, have a strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor’s degree at an accredited institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution then transfer to a 4-yr institution); critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family preferred, if higher explanation must be provided; involvement in co-curricular and community activities; demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; at least a 2.0 GPA; US citizen. **Deadline: October 31, 2010.**

In Hope Freedom Rings Foundation Scholarship

Criteria: Any student who is a citizen of the United States, is a Fairfax County Resident, is classified a senior in a Fairfax County public high school or secondary school, and plans to attend a 2– or 4-yr college/university is eligible to apply. The decision will be based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, financial need, and a 500-word essay. **Deadline: Complete applications must be received (not postmarked) by 5 PM Friday, November 12, 2010.**

John F. Kennedy Library Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Criteria: Open to United States high school students in grades 9—12; essays must be the original work of the student; students have the choice of either submitting their essay online (preferred) or by mailing their essay. All students must complete and submit a registration form online for student and school information. **Deadline: January 8, 2011.**

The Memorial Day Writer’s Project Vince Kaspar Prizes for Excellence in the Arts

Criteria: All high school juniors and seniors who reside or attend school in Arlington and Fairfax counties, the Town of Vienna and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Fairfax. One 1st Prize will be awarded for a Poem of any length, style, or subject. One 1st Prize will be awarded for a work of Visual Art of any size or medium. **Deadline: February 26, 2011.**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States “Voice of Democracy” Scholarship

Criteria: Open to students in grades 9–12. The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme. This year’s theme is “Does My Generation Have a Role in America’s Future?”. **Deadline: All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, November 1, 2010. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location.**

Foundation for Individuals Rights in Education (FIRE)

Criteria: FIRE is looking for high school seniors to submit well-written essays on freedom of speech on college campuses. Essays should explain how college administrators betray liberty and violate students’ constitutional rights at American colleges and universities. Essays should be 700-1,200 words. **Deadline: The final day to submit an entry is November 1, 2010. www.thefire.org**

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated Alpha Sigma Chapter Scholarship

Criteria: This scholarship provides academic awards in the amt of \$1,000 each to African-American high school male seniors who have a 3.00 or better, planning to attend a 4-yr college or university beginning Fall 2011, scholarship recipient (s) must attend the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Theta Tau Sigma Chapter Black Male Youth Education Symposium to be held on Saturday, October, 30, 2010 at George Mason University. **Deadline: October 8, 2010.**

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium Legacy of Life (WRTC) Essay Competition

Criteria: Must be a senior who both legally resides in and attends high school in Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, and Fauquier counties and cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park) Maryland (Prince George’s, Montgomery, and Charles counties), and the District of Columbia, and intending to enter a college/university following high school. The following are ineligible to participate: family members and employees of the transplant programs in the Washington, D.C. area and WRTC as well as family members of volunteers who serve on the WRTC Board of Directors and any of the WRTC committees or councils. Theme: “Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime”: Write a 1,000 word persuasive argument on the topic, fiction or non-fiction, with sources cited. **Deadline: Midnight on Thursday, March 31, 2011.**

Veterans Day Essay Contest/ Joe Foss Scholarship

Criteria: Open to all U.S. citizens of all national backgrounds that are currently studying in the U.S. or in an American military school out of the country. Must be high school (9th—12th) students, and enrolled in a public, private, alternative, parochial school, or a home study program. Find a military veteran that you do not already know. Get involved in that person's life. Once you've made a connection, write a 1500 word essay about the experience. **Deadline: All entries must be submitted via the entry form on the JoeFoss.com Web site by 11:59 p.m. MST, Sunday, October 10, 2010. No exceptions will be made for late entries.**

Soroptimist International of Fairfax County Violet Richardson Awards

Criteria: Are you a young woman between the ages of 14 and 17 who volunteers in your community or school? Who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? If you are a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, then you may be eligible to win a Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award. **Deadline: Completed applications and any supported materials must be received by December 1 at the address listed.** *Soroptimists, Soroptimist employees and their immediate families of both are ineligible, as are previous Violet Richardson Award winners. Applications submitted directly to Soroptimist headquarters will not be considered.*

Smart Scholarships for America's Future Scientists and Engineers

Criteria: Smart Scholarships are awarded to applicants who are pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the following Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math disciplines: Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering; Biosciences; Chemical Engineering; Chemistry; Civil Engineering; Cognitive, Neural and Behavioral Sciences; Computer and Computational Sciences; Electrical Engineering; Geosciences; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Information Sciences; Materials Science and Engineering; Math; Mechanical Engineering; Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering; Nuclear Engineering; Nuclear Engineering; Oceanography; Operations Research; Physics. **Deadline: The application opens in August and closes in December. For more information and to apply visit <http://www.asee.org/smart>.**

Gates Millennium Scholars

Criteria: Students are eligible if they are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian Pacific Islander American**, or Hispanic American; are a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better; will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited college or university in the fall of 2011 as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student. First-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients; have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria; have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student's application, an evaluation of the student's academic record (Nominator Form) and an evaluation of the student's community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline. **Deadline: Students are strongly recommended to submit their application online by the deadline of Monday, January 10, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Students can also submit their application via postal mail postmarked on or before January 10, 2011.**

National Association of Secondary School Principals/ Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award

Criteria: One senior will be nominated on the basis of leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. **Deadline: If you want to be considered, please submit your transcript and HS resume to Ms. Jones in the Career Center by October 29, 2010.**

HAZ LA U/ Colgate-Palmolive

Criteria: Must be of Hispanic American heritage; be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the US with a valid SSN at the time of application. All legal permanent residents must submit a copy of their valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551; have a minimum GPA of 3.0; be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate degree; have plans to enroll full-time in a degree seeking program at a two- or four-year U.S. accredited institution. Students will need to log on to : www.colgate.com/hazlau and follow the application process to submit 3 short essays of 500 words or less on a selection of topics. **Deadline: December 31, 2010.**

AFSCME Family Scholarship

Criteria: Be a graduating high school senior; compose an essay, typed and double-spaced, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject: “What AFSCME Has Meant to Our Family”; have your parent, legal guardian or financially-responsible grandparent attach a copy of his/her current AFSCME membership card. **Deadline: December 31, 2010.**

Ron Brown Scholars Program

Criteria: Must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, Black or African American and current high school seniors at the time of their application. Applicants should demonstrate academic achievement, exhibit leadership ability, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. **Deadline: November 1, 2010.**

American Association of Physics Teachers “Barbara Lotze” Scholarship

Criteria: High school seniors who plan to teach physics at the high school level, show promise of studies, and are citizens of the United States. **Deadline: Must be received by sponsor on or before December 1, 2010.**

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Criteria: High school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution; have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. **Deadline: October 31, 2010.**

Elks National Foundation-Most Valuable Student Competition.

Criteria: Open to any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States, male and female students compete separately, applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. **Deadline: December 1, 2010.**

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program

Criteria: Must be a U.S. citizen; eligible to be granted a security clearance; a high school senior at the time of application; a min. SAT score of 1600 (1100 Critical Reading and Math, 500 in Writing), or ACT of 25; a preferred GPA of 3.0 or above; demonstrated leadership abilities. **Deadline: November 30, 2010.**

AES Engineering Scholarship

Criteria: Open to high school seniors. Scholarship awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays submitted. Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a spectrum of fields of study. **Deadline: October 8, 2010.**

National Peace Essay

Criteria: Open to students in grades 9-12; write an essay on a given topic that is related to governance, corruption, and conflict (see specific question); students must have a Contest Coordinator. The Coordinator may be selected by the student and can be any adult-teacher, parent, youth leader, etc. **Deadline: February 1, 2010.**

America’s First Freedom Student Competition

Criteria: Open to students in grades 9—12. Students must request competition sponsorship from their Social Studies, English, or Media Department teacher. Submit an essay or video on the topic:” The Unites States has become a country of great religious diversity. The treatment of religious minorities is considered by many to be the true measure of a government’s guarantee of religious freedom.” **Online Registration Deadline: Monday, November 15, 2010 & Postmark Entry Deadline: Saturday, November 27, 2010.**

****For specific college/ university scholarships, please see Ms. Jones.****