

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! **The Scholarship Fund office is open 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday! Please feel free to stop by and see Ms. Harrington in room A-115 or Mr. Waters in room A-117 for assistance with college, career, or financial aid planning.** We look forward to meeting you and supporting your college dreams!

**IT IS SCHOLARSHIP SEASON!** While scholarships have varying deadlines, October and February/March are HUGE months for scholarship deadlines. The SFA monthly scholarship email contains many scholarship opportunities but the list is not exhaustive. There are thousands of scholarships out there, so try to carve out some time to do additional scholarship searches.

**WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A COLLEGE STUDENT TODAY?** Michelle Obama is partnering with the digital media company ATTN: to launch a video series on IGTV, Instagram's video platform- "[A Year of Firsts](#)". The series shows inspiring stories about students navigating their first year through college. ATTN: is working with the students directly to document their first year as they explore issues like the academic stress of college, making new friends, college affordability, and physical and mental health while in college. *"This series will meet many students where they live — on Instagram — and share candid perspectives about how to overcome barriers," says ATTN: co-founder Matthew Segal.*

#### **TC ALUMNI:**

- **Renew your FAFSA!** - It is time to submit your FAFSA for next school year! Feel free to stop by the Scholarship Fund office for assistance over your winter break. We'd love to hear about your fall semester & help you renew your financial aid.
- **Transferring?** - For many of you it is time to start thinking about transferring from NOVA to a 4-year school. We would be more than happy to assist with narrowing down your list of schools, editing essays, navigating the Guaranteed Admissions Agreements with Virginia colleges, etc.
- **Graduating?** - Class of 2016, can you believe your college graduation is almost here? If you need help brushing up your resume, writing cover letters, preparing for job interviews, or completing grad school applications, please know that you can still reach out to us for help!
- **Taking Summer Classes at NOVA?** –Registration for NOVA summer classes typically begins at the end of March. If you wish to take Summer Classes at NOVA and you have never applied to NOVA (remember, if you took a dual enrollment class at TCW you probably already have a NOVA ID) you should apply to NOVA ASAP. NOVA's [Virtual Advising Team \(email or CHAT\)](#) can assist you with registration. If the course you wish to take at NOVA has prerequisites you will be required to email NOVA's Virtual Advising team with your name, your NOVA ID number, the course(s) you wish to take AND your college transcript (it can be an unofficial copy or screen shot) showing you meet the prerequisites. Check out the [course content summaries](#) and prerequisites for every NOVA course. Also take a look at the [Transient Student Registration Guide](#) for detailed information on how transient students

(students from another college who wish to take classes at NOVA) can register for class; if you plan to use financial aid to pay for your NOVA summer classes pay close attention to the “pay your tuition” section.

### **SENIORS:**

- **Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible!** - It is critical that every senior submit the FAFSA immediately to qualify for free money from the federal government, the state of Virginia, and colleges. Even if you are not sure you will go to college after graduation, you should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible to keep their options open!

***Some priority financial aid deadlines have already passed- submit the FAFSA ASAP to maximize the financial aid you will receive!***

FAFSA does not require essays or consider your grades. **Most students receiving free or reduced price lunch will qualify for the Pell Grant – the maximum Pell grant award is \$6,195.** This is FREE money to help you pay for school! Even if you do not receive free or reduced price lunch, you may still be eligible to receive thousands in state and institutional aid. Every family should spend 45 minutes filling out the FAFSA to see what they might qualify for! If you need assistance or have questions please plan to attend January 15th workshop (below) or contact Ms. Harrington in A-115 or [college@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:college@acps.k12.va.us)

- **The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Application is now open!** - The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is just for TC Williams seniors! 50% of applicants received a scholarship last year, and SFA awarded over \$400,000 just to TC graduates in the class of 2019! Our application is available online [www.AlexScholarshipFund.org](http://www.AlexScholarshipFund.org) and is due by **February 3rd!** Please see Ms. Barlow in A-121 with any questions.
- **Save the date for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Application Workshop on Wednesday, January 15th from 3:15-5:15pm!** - SFA staff will offer a brief presentation on our scholarship selection process after school in room C-206, and then students will have time to work on their applications, brainstorm essays, and/or complete the FAFSA with the help of SFA staff members. Please contact Ms. Barlow with any questions at [tiana.barlow@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:tiana.barlow@acps.k12.va.us) or (703) 824-6730.

### **JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:**

- **RISING SENIORS (Current Juniors)-QuestBridge College Prep Scholars** - The 2020 College Prep Scholars Program application will open in early February 2020. Students can join the QuestBridge mailing list by submitting the form at the bottom of their website ([www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)). QuestBridge will notify students when the application is available. Students with high financial need (household income of \$65,000 per year or less) who have a 3.75+ GPA and are enrolled in AP/DE courses should consider applying to **QuestBridge College Prep Scholars summer program (including undocumented or DACA students)**. This all-expense-paid summer program will give students a leg-up in applying for **QuestBridge College Match, a 4-year**

full-ride scholarship to top ranked partner colleges. Applications are typically due in mid-March for the summer program and late September for the college scholarship. *If interested, please see Ms.Harrington in A-115 ASAP!*

- **Rising TCW Juniors and Seniors** (current Juniors and Sophomores) who are interested in attending Virginia Tech should consider **Virginia Tech's Black College Institute**. This is a FREE program that takes place over the summer. Applications for 2020 are being taken **RIGHT NOW**, so *please* take the time to check out the details. Applications opened December 1 and the deadline to apply is April 1.
- **The YouVisit Foundation** offer students and parent FREE **Virtual Campus Tours**. Not all students can afford to visit a college campus, that's why YouVisit offers more than 600 virtual tours with an immersive web experience that allows students to learn more about the college's programs, campus culture, and an opportunity to listen to students' experiences. Tours are also available via Virtual Reality. For more info please contact [info@youvisit.com](mailto:info@youvisit.com) OR <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch>
- **Summer Programs**-Pre-college & summer program opportunities at colleges and universities are a huge market. While summer programs are often a good educational opportunity, they can be expensive (some do offer financial aid and scholarships) and most are not connected to the admissions arm of colleges and universities. **Summer Program Finder** is a good search tool. The "**137 Pre-college programs for High School students**" by PrepScholar last February also offers insight into the types of programs, application process and pros and cons of pre-college summer programs.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

- **Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> graders-The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Transition to High School Planning Night on Wednesday, January 22rd!** - An opportunity for all ACPS 8th grade students AND parents to learn what steps to take in 9th grade to start high school off on the right foot. The goal is to help students lay a strong foundation for college readiness. Come to Minnie Howard to learn why you should be thinking about college now, classes to take in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, how to access college-planning resources at T.C. Williams, and more. Join us on January 22 for one of the below IDENTICAL presentations:
  - **Session 1:** 5:30-6:30pm –English-Auditorium
  - **Session 2:** 5:40-6:40-pm- Spanish-Media Center
  - **Session 2:** 6:45-7:45pm- English-Auditorium

A free pizza dinner, child care and interpretation services will be provided with **FACE Center registration**. For more information please contact Darien Waters [darien.waters@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:darien.waters@acps.k12.va.us) or (703) 824-6730.

#### **OTHER UPCOMING TCW, ACPS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS related to post-secondary education:**

- **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Historically Black College & University Festival: Sat. January, 25, 2020, 8am-3pm** Gaylord Resort and Conference Center. **Register online-**[HBCU Festival Registration](#) Sponsored by the Alfred Street Baptist Church & The ASBC Foundation. Stop by the College and Career Center for more information.

- **The TCW PTSA meeting on January 27 7:00PM, in the King Street Media Center**, will feature a presentation by Melissa Deak, Director of Counseling, and other members of the TCW counseling team on course selection, registration, graduation requirements and the senior/graduation timeline and checklist.

Below is a list of upcoming scholarships. Local scholarships are indicated by **pink text**.

### January

1. **Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Award** - January 8, 2020 - \$36,000 scholarship open to Jewish teens age 13-19 who have demonstrated remarkable leadership and service.
2. **Ron Brown** – January 9, 2020 (early application deadline November 1, 2019) - Open to African-American high school seniors who excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. US citizens or permanent residents only. Renewable scholarship awarding \$10,000 per year
3. **Virginia Council on Women STEM Essay Contest** - January 10, 2020 - **STEM essay contest open to high school juniors and seniors with 2.5+ GPA for need based and 3.0+ GPA for merit based, for those who identify as women**. One merit and one need based scholarship will be awarded from each of the five geographic region.
4. **VA DAR Nursing Scholarship (2 Awards of \$2,500) & VA DAR All Major Scholarship (4 Awards of \$2,500): January 12, 2020. [Scholarship fact sheet.](#)**
5. **Washington Crossing Scholarship** - January 15, 2020 - \$500 to \$5,000 scholarship for high school seniors planning careers in government service
6. **Hurst AACN Scholarship** - January 15 & July 15, 2020 - \$2,500 scholarship (one in Jan and one in July) open to current college students studying nursing at an **AACN member institutions**.
7. **Coolidge Scholarship** - January 16, 2020 - 4-year, full-ride scholarship open to high school juniors (student who will enroll fulltime in college in fall 2021) who have excelled academically, exhibit an interest in public policy and commitment to service
8. **Ashworth Grogan Scholarship** - **Opens January 16, 2020 & application closes April 2, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship open to current high school seniors from Northern Virginia and current NOVA students pursuing degrees in health or education with a 2.5+ GPA**
9. **Amazon Future Engineers Scholarship**-January 17, 2020, up to 100, \$10,000 awards, renewable for three years. Must be a U.S. citizens or permanent residents, a high school senior who is currently enrolled in or who have completed an advanced placement computer science course or who have taken an advanced placement computer science test, be planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering or other computer related field of study and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). Titan Robotics Mentor, Lou Fisher, is willing to provide guidance through the application process. Ms. Fisher is available in the Robotics Maker Space, room e132, after school Wednesdays & Thursdays in December and Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays in January or by email at [loufishergroup@gmail.com](mailto:loufishergroup@gmail.com).

10. [Fund for Education Abroad](#) - January 17, 2020 - \$1,250 - \$10,000 scholarship for current college students intending to pursue study abroad opportunities
11. [Architecture Diversity Scholarship](#) - January 17, 2020 - \$20,000 renewable scholarship open to high school seniors and current college freshmen (US Citizen & at least 3.0 GPA) planning to study architecture at an NAAB accredited Architecture program.
12. [JFK Profile in Courage Essay](#) - January 17, 2020 - Awards of \$10,000, \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$100 essay contest open to 9-12 grade students
13. [C-SPAN'S Student Cam](#) - January 20, 2020 - "What is your vision in 2020" 5-6 short film contest open to 6-12 grade students; over 150 will receive an award, with \$100,000 given out in total.
14. [Girls Impact the World Film Festival Scholarship](#) - January 20, 2020 - Short film (3-6 minutes) contest showing what you can do to change the story; open to high school and college students; over \$25,000 awarded
15. [APIA Scholars](#)-January 22, 2020 (Application opened September 4, 2019)- \$2,500 - \$20,000 scholarship open to students of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity with GPA of 2.7+
16. [Taco Bell Foundation Scholarship](#) - January 23, 2020 - \$5,000 to \$25,000 scholarship open to students between the ages of 16-24 who submit a two-minute video about their driving passion
17. [The Point Foundation](#) – January 27, 2020 - Open to high school seniors and current college students (**including undocumented students**) who identify with and work for the betterment of the LGBTQ community
18. [Princeton Prize In Race Relations](#) - January 31, 2020 - \$1,000 scholarship and all-expense paid trip to a national symposium on race relations at Princeton University; open to 9-12 grade students in the Washington, DC area who participate in volunteer activities to improve race relations
19. [I Have a Dream Scholarship](#) - January 31, 2020 - \$1,500 scholarship open to students age 13+ who write a 250 word essay on what they dream about
20. [Beauty Schools-Cosmetology Scholarship](#) – January 31, 2020 – \$2,500 scholarship open to students interested in cosmetology or barbering

### February

1. [Dream Project VA Scholarship](#) - February 1, 2020 - Open to Virginia high school seniors and college students who were **born outside of the United States and whose immigration status (undocumented, DACA, TPS, Asylum Applicant) creates barriers to access and success in college,** demonstrating academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and perseverance in the face of adversity. A renewable scholarship.
2. [Gloria Wille Belle Scholarship](#) – February 1, 2020 – Open to current high school seniors from Virginia planning to attend University of Michigan, Ann Arbor to study STEM. Up to \$20,000 a year for a maximum of 4 years.
3. [Stacey Scholarship](#) - February 1, 2020- \$500-\$5,000 scholarship open to students age 18-35 pursuing a profession in the arts in the classical or conservative tradition

4. [Significant Challenge Scholarship - February 1, 2020](#)- Awards of \$3000, \$1500 and \$500, open to high school seniors with 3.4+ GPA who have taken challenging courses and exhibited leadership
5. [Wings Over America Scholarship – February 1, 2020](#) – Open to current high school and college students whose parents served (or are currently serving) in the US Navy in an aviation command (squadron, naval air station, carrier, etc.) Offer over 50 scholarships, most \$4200 and some are renewable.
6. [Bart Kamen FIRST Robotics Competition Scholarship - February 1, 2020](#) - \$10,000 scholarship open to high school seniors who have participated in a FIRST Lego League, FIRST TECH Challenge or FIRST Robotics Team for at least one year and who plan to take biomedical engineering or pre-med courses in college
7. [Sunflower Initiative - February 1, 2020](#) - \$10,000 scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.7+ GPA desiring to attend a women's college
8. [Jackie Robinson Foundation – February 1, 2020](#) – Open to minority high school seniors with financial need, leadership potential, and community service experience; applicants must have minimum SAT score of 1000 or a composite ACT score of 21
9. [Scholarship Fund of Alexandria - February 3, 2020 - Renewable scholarship just for TC Williams seniors! Financial need-based and non-need based awards available, ranging from \\$500 - \\$6,000 per year of college. About 50% of applicants win!](#)
10. [Ronald McDonald HACER Scholarship](#) - February 5, 2020 - Open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA who have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage and demonstrate financial need and a legal US resident.
11. [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#) - February 15, 2020 - \$500-\$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors and current college students of Hispanic heritage (**including DACA students**)
12. [Boren Study Abroad](#) - February 5, 2020 - Up to \$20,000 for current college students who are planning to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Boren Scholars must wish to work in the federal national security arena and commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation
13. [AMS Scholarship - February 5-7, 2020](#) - American Meteorological Society (AMS) Open to high school seniors and current college students pursuing a career in the atmospheric and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences
14. [Wayne V Black Scholarship - February 14, 2020](#) - \$5,000 scholarship for current college student studying Pre-law, political science, telecommunications or STEM
15. [Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarship - February 13, 2020-\\$5,000 scholarship for seniors with 2.5+ GPA for two year schools and 3.0+GPA for four year schools, who are members of a local Apple Federal Credit Union](#)
16. [Davidson Fellows - February 12, 2020](#) - \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships for students 18 and under who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy and Outside the Box



17. [Fairfax Young Artist Scholarship](#) - February 14, 2020 - \$2,000 cash award for a high school junior or senior enrolled in a northern Virginia high school band or orchestra
18. [DAR National Scholarship](#) - (Opened August 1) February 15, 2020 - \$5,000 per year renewable scholarship open to US Citizen high school seniors
19. [Jashemski Scholarship](#) - February 15, 2020 - Open to students in the DC area, age 17-25, with 3.5+ GPA and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a specific religious body (see link), regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry. Financial need based award up to \$10,000
20. [Goya Culinary Arts](#) - February 17, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors (including DACA students) with 3.0+ GPA planning to pursue a 2 or 4 year degree in culinary arts
21. [Virginia PEO Scholarship](#) - February 15, 2020- \$1,500 scholarship open to female residents of Virginia with 3.0+ GPA who plan to attend an in-state college
22. [Virginia State Golf Association Scholarship](#) - February 19, 2020- Open to Virginia high school seniors who play golf
23. [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) – August 1, 2019-February 15, 2020 - Several different DAR scholarships. Click link to learn eligibility and award for the more than 15 DAR scholarships.
24. [Team DC Sports Scholarship](#) - February 21, 2020 - \$2,000 scholarship for LGBTQ student-athletes who have contributed to the sport in which they participate and enhanced the perception of the LGBTQ community as a result of their contributions and involvement
25. [ECF Estelle Gaymon Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who exhibits leadership and commitment to community service
26. [ECF HBCU Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$2,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who exhibits leadership and commitment to community service and will enroll at an HBCU in fall 2020
27. [ECF STEM Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 3.75+ GPA and demonstrated interest in majoring in STEM
28. [ECF Kozy Kap Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who has been diagnosed with cancer (or had a parent diagnosed with cancer) in the last five years
29. [Dream US Scholarship](#) - February 27, 2020 - Full tuition and fees scholarship for DACA and TPS high school and college students applying to a Dream US partner college (NOVA, GMU)

### March

1. [AFOSC](#) - March 2, 2020 - Merit-based scholarships for eligible US Air Force dependent children who are graduating high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA AND for current college students with a 2.75+ GPA
2. [American Chemistry Society](#) – March 1, 2020 – \$2,500 renewable scholarships for underrepresented minority students who want to enter chemistry-related fields; open to current high school seniors as well as college students

3. Virginia PTA Scholarship – March 1, 2020 – \$1,000 scholarship open to high school seniors with 2.5+ GPA, commitment to community service, and financial need
4. [National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity](#) – March 1, 2020 – \$2,500 renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA and plans to pursue a career bringing diversity to journalism
5. Zimmerman Journalism Scholarship – March 1, 2020– \$5,000 non-renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA and plans to pursue a career in journalism
6. NVADACA - March 2, 2020 - Open to northern Virginia high school seniors who have participated in a sport
7. Asian Pacific Fund – March 2, 2020 - The Asian Pacific Fund administers 10 scholarship programs, from \$1,000 to \$10,00, open to both high school seniors and current college students (undergrad and grad) with 3.0+ GPA. See site for details about each scholarship. Deadlines run from early March to mid-April.
8. Booz Allen Hamilton - March 23, 2020 - \$3,000 renewable scholarship open to children of Booz Allen Hamilton employees
9. Old Town Alexandria Connections Scholarship - March 15, 2020 - Open to Alexandria high school seniors who display an understanding of the responsibility business leaders owe the community in which they work
10. Religious Liberty Essay Contest - March 6, 2020 - \$2,000 essay contest open to high school juniors and seniors. Write an essay in the form of a letter to your state representative, encouraging them to adopt or oppose legislation mandating the prominent placement of “In God We Trust” in public schools.
11. WISER - March 27, 2020 - Two \$1,500 scholarships open to high school seniors with community service experience and a documented learning challenge
12. Virginia Mayflower Society - March 16, 2020 - \$1,620 scholarship open to high school seniors from Virginia with a B average or higher
13. Flag House Scholarship - March 27, 2020- \$1,812 scholarship awarded to high school senior for 300 word essay contest
14. USPAAC - March 27, 2020 - \$3,000-\$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors of Asian Pacific Island heritage, 3.3+ GPA, community service experience, and financial need
15. Legacy of Life Scholarship – March 31, 2020 - Write a 1,000 word essay or produce a video persuading the audience to become registered organ donors; \$5,000 first prize in both categories
16. Commonwealth One Kathryn Coleman Scholarships - March 31, 2020 - Two \$2,500 scholarships open to current college students and high school seniors who are members of Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union

### **Scholarships with Multiple Awards & Deadlines**

1. [This Way to CPA](#): National Scholarship Search for Scholarships related to careers in Accounting or earning a CPA. Many different awards and deadlines.



2. [Mattress Advisor Sleep Science Scholarship](#)-You may qualify for one or more of the scholarships featured in this guide if you're interested in studying or pursuing a degree in sleep science, feel passionately about your dreams, or are dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle, which starts by improving your sleep quality

### Monthly Drawings

- [\\$2,000 No Essay Scholarship](#)
- [\\$1,000 Cappex Easy Money Scholarship](#)

Have a wonderful start to the new year, and please feel free to contact us with any questions! Stop by room A-115 or A-117 for help with any of the following:

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Finding a good college fit
- Writing college and scholarship essays
- [SAT/ACT](#) preparation
- Building a résumé
- Financial aid options for undocumented students
- Completing the Scholarship Fund Application

Best,

Ms. Harrington & Mr. Waters