

SENT JUNE:

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

With only a few weeks left in the school year, I wanted to let you know that I will continue to be available to assist you throughout the summer. The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria will be open from 9 AM – 3:30 PM from Mondays to Fridays. You can make a Zoom or in-person meeting with me by clicking [this link](#). If you wish to visit in person, please note that you must wear a mask at all times and present an ID upon entrance. My office is located in A-115, and my phone number is (703)-705-2464. I look forward to meeting with you and supporting your college dreams!

JUNIORS:

- **It's time to finalize your list of colleges** - The Scholarship Fund would be happy to talk through your list of potential colleges with you and help you choose colleges that:
 - **Offer your major of interest:** Not sure what you want to study? Take your career and personality assessments in [Naviance](#)!
 - **Match your GPA & SAT/ACT scores:** Take a look at the average GPA and SAT/ACT score for admittance to 4-year public and private colleges in the state of Virginia [here](#) and check out the scattergrams in [Naviance](#).
 - **Will be affordable for your family:** Use the [Net Price Calculator](#) to get a personalized price for each college on your list. The Net Price Calculator will take into account your family size, income, and grades and calculate how much your family is eligible for in financial aid and scholarships at that particular school.
- **Looking for all-expense paid college visits?** - Many colleges sponsor high achieving students from traditionally underrepresented groups, students who are the first generation in their family to attend college, and/or students from families with limited financial resources. Some of these programs are also open to undocumented or DACA students. Many of these programs will take place in the summer or fall. Some colleges have not yet determined if their programming will be in-person or virtual. Participation in these visits often gives you a competitive edge in the admissions process, so check out this sampling of opportunities and contact Ms. Samuel at college@acps.k12.va.us to learn more.
 - [University of Virginia](#): Apply for Hoos First Look by June 14th
 - [Smith College](#): Apply for Women of Distinction (Virtual Program) by June 18th
 - [Swarthmore College](#): Apply for Discover Swarthmore by July 7th
 - [Williams College](#): Apply for Windows on Williams by Deadline 1 (July 10th) or Deadline 2 (August 31st)
 - [Amherst College](#): Apply for Diversity Open House by 1 PM (EST) on September 1st

SENIORS:

- **Decided?** - Congratulations to the T.C. students who have committed to college or alternative postsecondary pathways. Please know that the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria remains available to you as a resource now, throughout the summer, and throughout your time as a college student/TC alumni. If you'd like to discuss your financial aid package, payment plans, taking out loans, or other postsecondary topic, make an appointment with an SFA adviser at [this link](#).
- **Still deciding?** It's not too late to submit the FAFSA and apply for colleges (particularly NOVA)! If you are still unsure of what your postsecondary plan is, please don't hesitate to reach out to SFA staff to discuss your options.
- **Just now decided you want to pursue college?** - It's not too late to submit the FAFSA, apply to NOVA, and make college a reality! I'd be happy to help - even after graduation!
- **Receiving my scholarship email at your ACPS email address?** - Your ACPS account will be deactivated after graduation. Go ahead and [sign up here](#) with your personal email address, and I will continue to send you scholarship opportunities throughout your time in college!

TC ALUMNI:

- **Don't forget to renew FAFSA** - Need help submitting your FAFSA for next school year or completing financial aid verification paperwork? You are more than welcome to still reach out for help!
- **Scholarship Fund of Alexandria renewal application is open** - If you've received an SFA Scholarship as a senior, please be sure to apply for SFA's Renewal Application ([linked here](#)). The priority deadline for this application is July 15th. Please contact scholarships@acps.k12.va.us with any questions!

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

June

1. [Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship](#) – June 1, 2021 – \$1,500 scholarship open to students applying to or currently enrolled in cosmetology or barbering schools.
2. [American Indian Nurse Scholarship](#) - June 1, 2021 - \$3,000 per year renewable scholarship. Candidate must be at least 1/4 American Indian and enrolled in a nursing program.
3. [Herb Block Scholarship](#) – June 1, 2021 – \$8,000 per year renewable scholarship for Washington D.C. area students (including DACA students) who will enroll at NOVA in the fall; open to 2021 high school graduates and current college students (who have

completed fewer than 40 credits) that are US citizens, permanent resident aliens or have been granted DACA, MD Dream Act or VA Dream Act.

4. [Prism Foundation \(formerly GAPA foundation\) Scholarship](#) - June 9, 2021 - \$1,000 to \$5,000 scholarships open to high school seniors and current college students who have history of activism within either the Asian Pacific Islander and/or LGBTQ+ communities. Applicants do not have to identify as Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, or LGBTQ+ to apply, as long as they have a history of work and impact within one or more of these communities.
5. [A&F Scholarship](#) - June 12, 2021 - \$1,000 scholarship open to high school juniors and seniors as well as current college students. Students must write an essay between 500 and 1,000 words on the following topic: Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.
6. [Narrative Prize](#) - June 15, 2021- \$4,000 prize awarded for the best short story, novel excerpt, poem, one-act play, graphic story, or work of literary nonfiction published Narrative.
7. [American Muscle Automotive Student Scholarship](#) - June 15, 2021 - \$2,000 scholarship open to high school seniors and current college students pursuing an automotive themed major.
8. [National Hampton Alumni Association Scholarship](#) - June 15, 2021 - \$500 - \$2,000 scholarships open to incoming college freshmen or college students in the DC Metro area who will be attending Hampton University in the fall of 2021. Applicants must have above a 3.0 GPA.
9. [Big Sun Athletic Scholarship](#) – June 19, 2021 - \$500 scholarship open to high school seniors who are student athletes.
10. [Probo Medical Scholarship](#) - June 21, 2021 - Essay contest on medical technology; \$500 scholarship open to current college students and high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA.
11. [Ethiopian Heritage Scholarship](#) - June 25, 2021 - \$1,000 renewable local scholarship. The Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. Ethiopian Heritage College Scholarship Fund was created in 2008 to support college-bound high school seniors in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The purpose of the fund is to find and then assist youngsters with few financial resources in their pursuit of higher education and a much-desired college degree.
12. [Horatio Alger Career & Technical Scholarship](#) – June 30, 2021 at 12 PM – Open to high school graduates or students who have earned a GED enrolled in a career and technical program in the Fall of 2021. Applicants must be a Pell-eligible US citizen under the age of 30 who have demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity and exhibit a strong

commitment to pursue and complete a CTE program at an accredited non-profit institution.

13. [Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship](#) – June 30, 2021 – Open to high school seniors and college students interested in an automotive career with 3.0+ GPA.
14. [Power & Energy Society Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2021 - \$2,000- \$3,000 renewable scholarships open to current college students considering a career in electric power and energy engineering.
15. [Alfred Street Baptist Church Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2021 - \$1,000 - \$5,000 scholarships open to high school seniors who are US citizens, have a 2.75+ GPA, community service involvement, and financial need. Applicants must be graduating from a high school in the Washington, DC metropolitan area or be a member of the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

July

1. [ABC Humane Wildlife Scholarship](#) - July 1, 2021 - \$1,000 scholarship available to incoming and current students studying or planning to study the fields of science (excluding social sciences), engineering, and technology. Applicants must submit an essay on why they are passionate about STEM.
2. [SFA Renewal Application](#) - July 15, 2021 - Open to current college students who received an SFA scholarship during their senior year at TC.
3. [Corban Gunn Scholarship](#) - July 16, 2021 - \$1,000 essay scholarship available to any student planning to attend any college or graduate school in the United States. The student must be in their first-year of school in the Fall 2021 semester (transfer students are permitted to apply). Applicants will need to answer the question of “What would be the most surprising scientific discovery imaginable?” in a 500+ word essay.
4. [Bey & Associates, LLC Scholarship](#) - July 16, 2021 - \$1,000 essay scholarship available to any student planning to attend any college or graduate school in the United States. The student must be in their first-year of school in the Fall 2021 semester. Applicants will need to answer the question of “What’s the oddest family tradition you have? Who started it and when? What does it entail? Why is this tradition special to you and your family? Do you plan to continue it, why or why not?” in a 500+ word essay.
5. [Bachus and Schanker Scholarship](#) - July 30, 2021 - \$2,000 essay scholarship about the importance of the 7th Amendment; open to 2021 high school graduates and current college students with 3.0+ GPA.
6. [Virginia TAG Application](#) – July 31, 2021 – \$3,300 grant for VA residents attending a private university within the state of Virginia.
7. [Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship](#) - July 31, 2021 - \$1,000 essay scholarship open to 9th-12th graders and college students.

Additional Scholarship Sources

- **United Negro College Fund:** Various scholarships available for college-bound African-American students
- **FastWeb:** Scholarship search engine
- **Scholarship Sharing:** Virginia-based scholarship search engine

As usual, please feel free to contact me with any questions! Please feel free to make an appointment using [this link](#) to discuss any of the topics below.

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Analyzing financial aid award letters
- Writing college and scholarship essays
- Building a résumé
- Financial aid options for undocumented students

Best,

Ms. Samuel