

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

Happy Fall! The Scholarship Fund office is open 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday! The Scholarship Fund Office is open from 8 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. See below for instructions on how to meet with an SFA adviser. Please feel free to stop by and see Ms. Alyssa Samuel in A-115 or Ms. Shalita Kenney in room A-117 for assistance with college, career, or financial aid planning. We look forward to meeting you and supporting your life-after-high school dreams!

- **ACHS Students:** Students are welcome to drop in to my office in A-115 or Ms. Kenney's in A-117. Students also have the option of making an appointment in advance using [this link](#).
- **ACHS Alumni:** College students are permitted to visit in person, but must schedule an appointment beforehand using [this link](#).
- **ACHS Parents/Guardians:** Parents and guardians of ACHS students can schedule phone or Zoom appointments using [this link](#). Please note that due to ACPS COVID-19 restrictions, in-person appointments are not currently available.

SENIORS:

- **The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria application is now open:** The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria provides scholarships exclusively to seniors at Alexandria City High School with a minimum GPA of 2.0 by the end of their junior year.
- **Virginia College Application Week is November 15th – 19th!** Seniors, want to apply to Virginia colleges for free? Most colleges in Virginia will waive their application fees for students submitting from November 15-19. Start working on your VA college applications right now so you will be ready to submit during that week with a fee waiver. For a list of participating colleges, please refer to this link.

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

NOVEMBER

1. [Prudential Emerging Visionaries Scholarship](#) – November 4, 2021 – \$15,000 maximum scholarships open to any visionaries between the ages of 14-18 who are taking on today's toughest financial and societal challenges. Participants must be legal residents of the United States or Puerto Rico.
2. [VMFA Scholarship](#) – November 5, 2021 at 5 PM – \$2,000 - \$6,000 arts scholarships for Virginia college students. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States, as well as residents of Virginia, for at least 24 consecutive months to the deadline.

3. [Herb Block Foundation](#) – November 10, 2021 – \$8,000 maximum scholarships for students attending community college in the DMV area. Last-dollar scholarships to be applied for the spring semester. Scholarship is open to students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, or students who qualify for in-state tuition under the Maryland or VA Dream Act (also known as VA Tuition Equity Provision). Applicants must be primary residents of Washington DC, Maryland (Montgomery or Prince George’s County), or Virginia (the cities of Alexandria or Falls Church, or counties of Arlington or Fairfax). Applicants must be attending Northern Virginia Community College, Montgomery College, Prince George’s Community College, or the Community College of the District of Columbia.
4. [Regeneron Science Talent Search](#) – November 10, 2021 at 8 PM – Science research competition for high school seniors; awards up to \$250,000.
5. [Haz la U Scholarship](#) – November 14, 2021 – \$2,000 - \$10,000 scholarships available to Hispanic seniors graduating in the Spring of 2022 with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. Scholarships will be awarded to students who excel in the classroom and community. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited institution during the 2022-23 school year. Applicants must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient.
6. [Robertson Scholars Leadership Program](#) – November 15, 2021 – Full scholarship available to students who are applying (and eventually matriculate) to Duke University and/or University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Only for students who are currently high school seniors or students taking a gap year who have not previously matriculated to a college or university other than UNC Chapel Hill or Duke University.
7. [Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards](#) – November 15, 2021 – \$1,000 - \$10,000 scholarships open to women who provide primary financial support to themselves and their dependents and face economic and personal hardships.
8. [James Allen Cox Foundation for Photojournalists](#) – November 15, 2021 – Digital cameras awarded to current high school students and \$2,500 scholarships awarded to current college students submitting still photographs or videos.
9. [Concerto Competition for High School Musicians](#) – November 15, 2021 – \$500 - \$2,500 scholarships open to musicians in grades 9-12.
10. [ELKS Most Valuable Student](#) – November 15, 2021 – \$1,000 - \$12,500 renewable scholarships for high school seniors who are U.S. citizens by the date of submission who exhibit leadership and financial need.
11. [Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship](#) – November 18, 2021 – \$40,000 per year renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with a minimum, cumulative unweighted 3.5+ GPA and a family income no greater than \$95,000. Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university beginning in fall 2022.
12. [PPG Foundation Scholarship](#) – November 22, 2021 at 12 PM EST – \$10,000 maximum scholarships for current college seniors majoring in a STEM field at an HBCU.

Applicants must be enrolled full-time at a [TCMF member-school](#) during the 2021-22 school year.

13. [Smithsonian Photo Contest](#) – November 30, 2021 – \$500 - \$2,500 photo contest open to students 18 or older.
14. [Auger & Auger Disabled Scholarship](#) – November 30, 2021 – \$1,000 essay scholarship available for students who are high school seniors or current undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 2.8.

DECEMBER

1. [SMART Scholarship](#) – December 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM – Full-tuition scholarship with annual stipends and book/health allowances for recipients. SMART Scholars will also be provided with summer internship opportunities and guaranteed employment with the Department of Defense upon graduation. Applicants must be US Citizens with a 3.0+ GPA. Open to current college students majoring in a STEM field or students who will be enrolled in a STEM graduate program in the 2022-23 school year.
2. [Dell Scholarship Program](#) – December 1, 2021 – \$20,000 scholarship that also comes with a laptop computer, annual textbook credits worth \$500, and access to teletherapy. Open to seniors with a 2.4+ GPA who have participated in a [Dell-approved college readiness program](#) in 11th and 12th grade. Applicants must be eligible to receive a Pell Grant (as determined by the 2022-23 FAFSA) as a college freshman. Applicants must also plan to enroll full-time at a higher education institution directly following high school graduation (in pursuit of a Bachelor's degree).
3. [Vanderbilt Ingram Scholarship Program](#) – December 1, 2021 – Full-tuition merit scholarships for prospective Vanderbilt applicants. Students who are interested in being considered must first apply to Vanderbilt via the Common Application, Coalition Application, or Questbridge.
4. [National Space Club & Foundation Keynote Scholarship](#) – December 3, 2021 - \$10,000 scholarship open to high school seniors, current college students, and graduate students intending to pursue a career in the STEM fields. Applicants must be US citizens
5. [Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship](#) – December 5, 2021 – \$5,000 scholarship awarded to student and \$5,000 grant awarded to the hunger-related charity of your choice. Open to students age 5-25 who are volunteering to stop hunger.
6. [Generation Google Scholarship](#) – December 10, 2021 – \$10,000 scholarship for a high school senior, college student, or graduate student who is studying Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or a closely-related field as a full-time students. Applicants should have a strong academic record, demonstrate financial need, exemplify leadership, and demonstrate passion for improving representation of underrepresented groups in

computer science and technology.

7. [Google Lime Scholarship](#) – December 12, 2021 – \$10,000 scholarships awarded to students who have, or consider themselves to have, a visible or invisible disability. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in computer science, computer engineering, or degree in a related field. Applications are open to high school seniors (who plan to enroll full-time at a college for the 2022-23 school year), current college students, and current graduate students.
8. [Science Ambassador Scholarship](#) – December 13, 2021 – Full-tuition STEM scholarships open to female high school seniors or current college students. To apply, students must film a three-minute educational video of themselves explaining a STEM topic they're passionate about. *Open to undocumented and international students.*
9. [Leadership Enterprise for Diverse America \(LEDA\)](#) – December 14, 2021 – Free leadership and college prep summer program at Princeton University for current high school juniors from a low-income background with 3.6+ GPA, *open to DACA students.*
10. [Burger King Scholarship](#) – December 15, 2021 (*Deadline is either 12/15 or after 50,000 applications have been received*) – \$1,000 - \$50,000 scholarships open to graduating high school seniors with a 2.5+ GPA. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, in an accredited two- or four-year college during the 2022-23 school year.
11. [Equity Excellence Scholarship](#) – December 17, 2021 (*Deadline is either 12/17 or after 10,000 applications have been submitted*) – \$2,500 to \$20,000 scholarships open to high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two- or four-year college in the United States. Applicants must be a United States citizen or legal American resident.
12. [Foot Locker Scholar Athlete Scholarships](#) – December 17, 2021 – \$25,000 maximum scholarships open to high school seniors with a 3.0+ GPA who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two- or four-year college in the United States. Applicants must be a United States citizen or legal American resident. Applicants must also be currently involved in high school, intramural, or community-based sports.
13. [Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship](#) – December 31, 2021 – \$1,000 essay scholarship for students in grades 9-12, college students, or graduate students.
14. [Sallie Mae Completing the Dream Scholarship](#) – December 31, 2021 at 12 PM EST (*Deadline is either 12/31 or after all 250 scholarships have been awarded*) – \$2,500 maximum “gap” scholarships for students with a 2.75+ GPA who are enrolled in their final semester of study during the Fall 2021 semester. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident or passport stamped I-551. Eligible applicants should be diverse candidates. Per the scholarship's definition, diversity can include, but is not limited to: gender, disability, race, ethnicity, or belonging to an underserved community.

15. [Travis Watkins Tax Attorney Scholarship](#) – December 31, 2021 – \$1,000 one-time award for any current or soon-to-be student who has had his or her family’s life altered because of tax controversies (back taxes owed, audits, etc.). Applicants must submit an essay where you explain, present, inspire, or otherwise convince the Travis W. Watkins Tax Resolution & Accounting Firm why they deserve to win this scholarship.

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