

Scholarship Tips

There is money waiting for you!

The following information has been provided for Patuxent High School students on how to find and apply successfully for scholarships.

If you've worked hard during your high school years and have been an involved young person, you are eligible to apply for scholarship money.

Where Can I Find Scholarship Information?

1. See your school counselor.
2. Use a scholarship search engine.
3. Check with your parents' employers and civic organizations.

Do Scholarship Awards Effect Financial Aid?

Yes—though most scholarship awards are paid directly to the student, they are reported via the FAFSA as well as college financial aid forms. Scholarships are a form of financial aid; therefore, institutional and other aid may be reduced.

Types of Scholarships

1. Merit Scholarships
Merit scholarships are awarded based on a special skill or talent; examples are athletic or musical scholarships or scholarships based on grades and test scores.
2. Need Based Grants/Scholarships
A family's financial "neediness" for grants and scholarships is determined by information provided to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Results from the FAFSA are called the Expected Family Contribution (EFC); the lower the EFC, the more need-based aid a student qualifies for from the Federal Government, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the college itself.
3. Local Scholarships
Various organizations and businesses offer scholarships based on criteria set forth by the organization.

Local Scholarships

Lots of Calvert County organizations support Patuxent High School students with scholarship money!!

- Elks
- Concerned Black Men of Calvert County
- Erica Weems
- American Legion
- Optimist Club of Calvert County
- Calvert Memorial Hospital
- CASA
- CAESS
- CEA
- Rotary Club of Calvert County
- Calvert Local Scholarship Application

- Concerned Black Women of Calvert County
- Calvert Retired Teachers
- Eric & Cara Thorn Memorial
- Angie Houtz
- Calvert Artists Guild
- Port Tobacco Players

What Is Included in A Scholarship Application?

- The Application
- High School Resume, Annotated
- Personal Essay (350 words—what are your educational and career goals; what events or people have influenced your choices of a major/career?)
- Letters of Recommendation (3 are needed including 2 from teachers and 1 from someone outside of school)
- Evidence of Financial Need (Include results of the FAFSA)
- High School Transcript
- Other Significant “Exhibits of Awesomeness” Such as Photocopies of Awards Certificates, Varsity Letters, Pictures, Etc.

What Are My Odds of Winning?

The odds of winning any scholarship depend on:

- The number of applications received
- How close you are to meeting the criteria of the scholarship
- The thoroughness, thought and effort put into the application
- If an interview is required, how well it goes.
- Not applying means you will not win, guaranteed! Students should apply to as many scholarships they can!