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This **e-NEWS Bulletin** contains college career events, the high school visit schedule, at a glance and scholarship opportunities. e-NEWS will be delivered to your Naviance email inbox once a week and posted on our website.

Questions? Reach out to Rochelle_Davis@mcpsmd.org

thank you!



COLLEGIATE
DIRECTIONS

COMPLETING THE FAFSA

What You Need to Know to Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Monday, May 13 at 7:00PM



All workshops are hosted online via Zoom. Visit the address above to register.

Students and their parents are invited to join us on Zoom so you can:

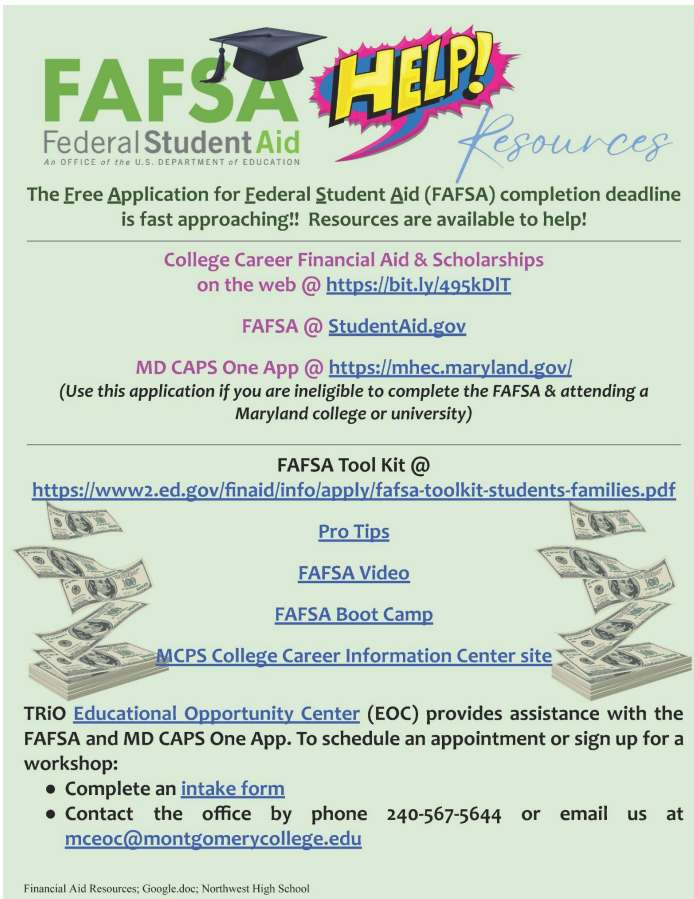
- Create a Federal Student Aid account
- Learn more about the completing the FAFSA
- Gather documents needed for the FAFSA
- Hear answers to frequently asked questions

Questions? Please contact Jill Semmens at jsemmens@collegiatedirections.org



This program is made possible by a grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program (MDHEOCAP)

NEW! HELP WITH FAFSA... from Collegiate Directions, Inc., (CDI). As the May 15th priority deadline to file the FAFSA approaches **CDI will host a FAFSA night on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 PM.** This workshop will be in a Zoom meeting format and is structured to help families who need to complete a FAFSA or have questions about corrections. Click [HERE](#) to register.



FAFSA HELP! Resources
Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion deadline is fast approaching!! Resources are available to help!

College Career Financial Aid & Scholarships
on the web @ <https://bit.ly/495kDIT>

FAFSA @ StudentAid.gov

MD CAPS One App @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>
(Use this application if you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA & attending a Maryland college or university)

FAFSA Tool Kit @
<https://www2.ed.gov/finaid/info/apply/fafsa-toolkit-students-families.pdf>

[Pro Tips](#)

[FAFSA Video](#)

[FAFSA Boot Camp](#)

[MCPS College Career Information Center site](#)

TRIO [Educational Opportunity Center \(EOC\)](#) provides assistance with the FAFSA and MD CAPS One App. To schedule an appointment or sign up for a workshop:

- Complete an [intake form](#)
- Contact the office by phone 240-567-5644 or email us at mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu

Financial Aid Resources; Google.doc; Northwest High School

Additional FAFSA and financial aid resources on the web @
[FAFSA Completion Resources & Video Tutorials](#)

FAFSA @ StudentAid.gov
MD CAPS One App @ <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>

FAFSA [Tool Kit](#)

[Pro Tips](#) for the 24-25 FAFSA Form

FAFSA Video @
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmEP38x-1Z8>

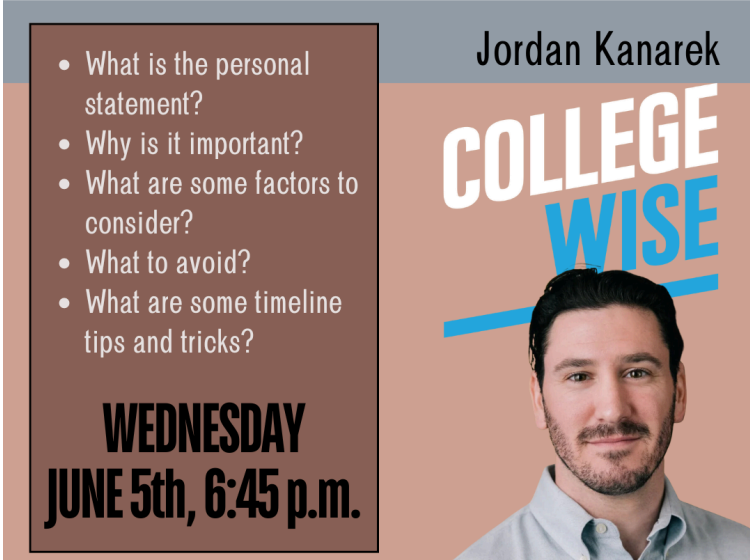
FAFSA Boot Camp @
[October 2023 | Financial Aid Bootcamp: How to P...](#)

[TRiO Educational Opportunity Center \(EOC\)](#)
Financial assistance available. EOC can also provide financial aid award package(s) review. To schedule an appointment or sign up for a workshop: Complete an [intake form](#)

Contact the office by phone 240-567-5644 or email us at mceoc@montgomerycollege.edu

FAFSA Resource courtesy of the Maryland Higher Education Commission: [FAFSA Simplification](#). A PDF document that may answer many of the questions students & parents may have.

Cracking the Personal Statement: Say Goodbye to Essay Writing Anxiety & Learn to Perfect the Personal Statement



Jordan Kanarek

COLLEGE WISE

- What is the personal statement?
- Why is it important?
- What are some factors to consider?
- What to avoid?
- What are some timeline tips and tricks?

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 5th, 6:45 p.m.**

NEW! Perfecting the personal statement or brainstorming the supplemental essays can be a daunting task—especially when students are applying to multiple colleges. Join [Jordan Kanarek](#), Founder of Kanarek Consulting and Partner of Collegewise to learn about approaches to essay writing and how students can take their essay writing to the next level. This seminar will share insight on:

- The personal statement and why it's important
- Important factors to consider when writing the Common Application personal statement
- What to avoid in college application essays
- Timeline tips and tricks

Discover the secret sauce to strong essay writing and how you can best use the coming summer to get ahead before senior year starts!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



NOW OPEN
Class of 2024
Naviance Senior Exit Survey
 MCPS needs to know your
 postsecondary plan! College or
 Career plans, Scholarships offered!

Survey instructions @ bit.ly/3Uq8cMv
 Complete Survey by May 24

Senior Exit Survey: MCPS requires each high school to report the plans of their graduates and the total number of scholarships graduates were offered. The data is reported collectively and not by each individual graduate. Click [HERE](#) for survey instructions. The survey will be completed using Naviance. **Please complete the survey by May 24.** | Post 22 April 2024 |

Just a
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College Career *Virtual* **SUMMER** Workshops

Success is not luck. it is hard effort.
 Make the effort this summer!

MCPS College Preparedness Summer 2024

(workshops begin June 25)

(<https://bit.ly/3Qpvek3>) Details & Workshop links

UMD & Improving your Chances of Acceptance

The Common App... When & How

Prospective Student Athletes & the Recruiting Process

Colleges that Change Lives

The U. of Cal. Schools

Apprenticeships Programs

Paying for College 101

The HBCU & Why



We will be...
 wherever you are!



Local Lineup

(workshops begin July 9)

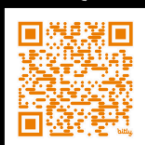
(<https://bit.ly/4a1Q5B3>) Registration & Details

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Components of the College Application
 & Who Does What When?

The College Essay

Why Not Montgomery College?





Maryland Legislative Scholarships

REMINDER: Students are reminded to check with their Maryland legislators for their residing district for scholarship opportunities! Use this mdelect.net link to determine who your legislators are.

SCHOLARSHIP: [Delegate Acevero Scholarship](#) for high school graduates residing in Maryland District 39. **SENIORS.** Applicants should complete the FAFSA. Online application includes a short essay of 250 words or less (topic specific). Scholarships are reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee beginning April 10. Funds will begin disbursement by May 1. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 1 2024** | Post 18 April 2024 |



State Financial Aid Priority Deadline is Extended to May 15, 2024

MHEC anticipates that the **first round of awards will be completed by May 1** including all eligible applicants who have completed a FAFSA by April 15.

Eligible applicants who have **completed the FAFSA by May 1 are anticipated to be awarded by May 15.**

Eligible applicants who **complete the FAFSA by May 15** (i.e. priority deadline date) **will be guaranteed to be awarded.** **Please Note:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission's proposed timeline is dependent on the U.S. Department of Education's timeline and is subject to change.



If you Haven't Heard, A New Financial Aid Tool Helps Streamline the State's Scholarship Application Process... MHEC One-App

The Maryland Higher Education Commission recently announced a new financial aid tool that streamlines the process when applying for State scholarships and grants.

It was named the [MHEC One-App](#) to indicate that now there is just one application for students to review and apply for the 27 scholarships available to them through the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Students who plan to attend a college, university, or career/trade school between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 may now apply for all of the financial aid programs offered by the State in one convenient location.

JAG Jobs: All job opportunities are published in the latest [Jag JOBS Bulletin](#) available to download at any time from our [College Career](#) web page 'Jag Jobs' under College & Career Quick Links. <https://bit.ly/3sKZRvW>.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: The Future Vote program is available to county students grades 6-12. Students must be able to speak, read and write the English language. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply. The initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. Volunteers will earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for their service. Training is required for students and guardians. Details and volunteer expectations are provided at the training. Training dates and locations are provided during registration. | Post 17 April 2024 |

Money Matters → Scholarship Highlights & Reminders:

For a **complete** list of scholarships, including details for those listed below, download the latest publication of our Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin on the [web](#). Post date refers to the first date published in the Jag Scholarships 'Apply Now' Bulletin. Additional Northwest High School [Scholarship Resource](#) (PDF format).

NEW SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- **NEW SCHOLARSHIP:** Washington DC Chapter of the [NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION \(DCNNOA\) SCHOLARSHIP](#) PROGRAM. Opportunities to high school minority SENIORS from the DC metropolitan area (Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern VA). We are a non-profit 501(C3) organization. Awards start at \$1,000 based on academic achievement, positive community involvement, commitment, and financial need. Scholarship recipients select their major and attend the college or university of their choice without any obligation to join or affiliate with the military. An applicant needs to submit only one application package and he or she will be considered for any of our scholarships for which they meet the requirements.

An online application form to apply for our scholarships is available here: <https://nnoa.org/chapter-dcnnoa/>. If this hyperlink is blocked by your exchange server, please copy the secure (https) link information into your web browser. As a measure to accommodate continued challenging times, "unofficial" transcripts are acceptable. Applications should be completed to the student's best ability and certified by a school counselor or staff for accuracy of grades and extracurricular activities. Students must submit a COMPLETE application package that is verified by his or her school by May 24, 2024 in order to be considered for a scholarship. Further instructions and requirements for completing our 2023 application are also posted on our website.

NOTE: Students selected to receive a DCNNOA scholarship will be notified directly via telephone call. Please ensure an active telephone number is listed on the application form. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 24** | Post 3 May 2024 |

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS: (for details on all opportunities listed below, download the latest Jag Scholarships Bulletin 'Apply Now' available on the [web](#))

- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** **MONTGOMERY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** Available to **ONE NORTHWEST SENIOR** planning to enroll full-time at Montgomery College (MC) in the fall of 2024. This is a NOMINATION for a full scholarship for graduating high school seniors and will cover the cost of up to 15 credits per semester at the county rate for the first year. The award is based on academic achievement and potential, not financial need. For consideration, students must have already applied to Montgomery College. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Nominees must plan to attend MC full time in fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. Use [THIS FORM](#) to Request Nomination. **DEADLINE TO REQUEST NOMINATION IS MAY 16 (END OF SCHOOL DAY).** | Post 1 May 2024 |
- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [Rural Women's Republican Club \(RWRC\) Scholarship.](#) **SENIORS** currently attending Poolesville HS, Damascus HS, Clarksburg HS, Quince Orchard HS, Seneca Valley HS or Northwest HS. Applicants must plan to pursue a vocational, trade school, or certification program, including certification from a community college during the 2024-2025 academic year. Essay required. \$3,500 scholarship. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 17.** | Post 16 April 2024 |

- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER ALPHA PI CHI NATIONAL SORORITY INC., SCHOLARSHIP](#): SENIORS. African American Female. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Scholarship application includes official high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, verification of community service, 500 word essay and recent photograph. \$1,000. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MAY 20** | Post 24 April 2024 |
- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program](#). Available to high school students in ALL GRADES. \$1,000. **DEADLINE FOR ESSAY SUBMISSION: JUNE 1** | Post 24 April 2024 |
- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA ROCKVILLE CHAPTER Thomas W. Fisher Conservation & Environmental Studies Scholarship. IWLAR is offering six \$2000 scholarships to qualified Montgomery County MD **SENIORS**. The Chapter's Thomas W. Fisher Conservation Scholarships are awarded to young people studying conservation or environmentally related disciplines. Application includes a 500-word essay and two personal letters of recommendation. An unofficial transcript is also required. Visit the IWLAR website for the application and more information @ iwlar.org/scholarships-and-service-learning/. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: JUNE 18** | Post 1 May 2024 |
- **SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:** [Delegate Acevero Scholarship](#) for high school graduates residing in Maryland District 39. **SENIORS**. Applicants should complete the FAFSA. Online application includes a short essay of 250 words or less (topic specific). Scholarships are reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee beginning April 10. Funds will begin disbursement by May 1. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 1 2024** | Post 18 April 2024 |

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