

Fort Hill High School

Guidance Department Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 29	Last day to register for January 29 SAT without late fee
January 9	Last day to register for February ACT without late fee
January 15	Application deadline for Towson University
January 20	Application deadline for University of Maryland, College Park

Accepted to College?

When you are accepted to colleges, please show your acceptance letter to your counselor. We will have a bulletin board on the first floor main hallway to showcase Fort Hill seniors' college acceptance.

Let's get your acceptance up on the board! Who knows...you just may inspire someone to follow in your footsteps!

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December College Planning

If you are planning to go to college but have not begun applying...**do it now!** The longer you wait, the more likely it is that you will miss out on financial aid and scholarship opportunities...not to mention application deadlines!

For those who have applied, continue searching for scholarships. Also, check the college's website for financial aid information and deadlines.

During January and February you will need to focus on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid.) Even if you think you will not be eligible for aid, you should complete the FAFSA. Some scholarships will require your FAFSA information. Even student loans require FAFSA completion.

FREE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Financial Aid workshops will be offered each Wednesday evening from 6-8 in January at high schools throughout the county. The workshop is free and is presented by Financial Aid Directors Mrs. Vicki Smith (Allegany College of Maryland) and Mrs. Angie Hovatter (Frostburg State University). Information regarding the FAFSA and Maryland state financial aid will be presented.

Parents may attend any of the workshops, regardless of the high school the student attends. The information provided pertains to any college, not just ACM and FSU.

Wednesday, January 7	Mountain Ridge
Wednesday, January 14	Fort Hill Cafeteria
Wednesday, January 21	Allegany
Wednesday, January 28 C	Career Center

Scholarship Information

Name	Deadline	Amount	Requirements	How to Apply
AXA Achievement Scholarship	December 15, 2014	varies	Essay required. Student must demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by academic achievement, community, or work-related activities.	www.axa-achievement.com
Burger King Scholars Program	December 15, 2014	varies—up to \$50,000	Minimum 2.5 GPA	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship	January 1, 2015	varies	Student must belong to the National Wild Turkey Federation	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
United States JCI Senate Foundation	January 9, 2015	\$1000	Must be a high school senior and write a personal statement.	Information in the Local Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Ron Brown Scholars Program	January 9, 2015	\$10,000	Student must be African American.	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Gates Millennium Scholar Program	January 14, 2015	amount based on financial need	Minimum GPA 3.3 Must be Africa American, American Indian, Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American.	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
RMHC/HACER Scholarship Program	January 20, 2015	varies	Minimum 2.7 GPA	Apply online. Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Scholarships for Elks Families	January 30, 2015	\$4000	Must have a family member in the Elks; Student must have taken SAT or ACT.	Information in the Local Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Sports Quest Ministries Scholarship	February 1, 2015	\$2000	Students in grades 10, 11, 12 may apply; minimum 2.0 GPA; varsity level athlete; Christian.	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Dr. Kenneth E. Mann Scholarship	February 20, 2015	\$1000	Must be pursuing elementary teaching degree.	Application in the Local Scholarship Binder.
Kids' Chance Scholarship		Amount based on financial need	Must have a parent/guardian who suffered catastrophic or fatal injury or occupational disease while working for a Maryland employer.	Information in the Local Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.
Fort Hill Scholarship	April 1, 2015	\$1000	Must be a graduating member of the Fort Hill High School Class of 2015.	Applications were distributed at Senior Signing Day. Additional copies available in the Local Scholarship binder.
SunTrust Scholarship Sweepstakes	Drawings between October 31 and May 15	\$500	Two winners will be randomly drawn every two weeks. Free to enter. Financial need not a requirement.	Information in the National Scholarships binder in the Guidance Office.