

Fort Hill High School

Guidance Department Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 2	Last day to register/pay for AP exams.
February 13	Last day to register for March 14 SAT without late fee Go to sat.collegeboard.org to register.
February 15	Application deadline for Frostburg State University
March 1	Deadline for Maryland Financial Aid
March 13	Last day to register for April 18 ACT without late fee Go to actstudent.org to register.

Need Help with FAFSA?

Allegany College of Maryland is providing free FAFSA help February 16 & 17 from 9:00-4:00 in the Hazen Gallery (in the Student Center.) Bring tax and financial documents, and financial aid staff will help you complete FAFSA free of charge, regardless of the college the student will be attending.

Also—Financial Aid Directors at Frostburg State University and Allegany College of Maryland have offered to answer questions about the FAFSA regardless of the college the student will be attending.

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January/February College Planning

During January and February, college bound students should be focused on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), applying for Maryland Aid, and applying for scholarships.

Remember the deadline for applying for financial aid in Maryland is MARCH 1.
This means you must have completed the FAFSA and the MDCAPS.

Pay strict attention to colleges' deadlines, though, as some have even earlier deadlines!

To complete the FAFSA go to www.fafsa.gov.
For MDCAPS, go to <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.

Remember to include at least one Maryland school on your FAFSA—even if you plan go to college out of state. Your plans could change, and if haven't listed a Maryland school on the FAFSA and failed to complete MDCAPS you will be out of luck for any state financial aid!

MARYLAND GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT

Students who have a minimum 2.5 unweighted GPA, are enrolled in a college preparatory curriculum, meet the income guidelines below, and will be attending a college in Maryland qualify for the Maryland Guaranteed Access Grant.

Complete the FAFSA and MDCAPS by March 1 to apply. Be sure to let your counselor know you are applying for the Guaranteed Access Grant; your counselor will need to send verification documents by March 1 as well.

2014-2015 Guaranteed Access Grant Family Income Requirements:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>(NEW)</u>	<u>(RENEWAL)</u>
1	\$ 14,937	\$ 17,235
2	\$ 20,163	\$ 23,265
3	\$ 25,389	\$ 29,295
4	\$ 30,615	\$ 35,325
5	\$ 35,841	\$ 41,355
6	\$ 41,067	\$ 47,385
7	\$ 46,293	\$ 53,415
8	\$ 51,519	\$ 59,445
Each additional person add	\$5,226	\$6,030

Scholarship Information

Name	Deadline	Amount	Requirements	How to Apply
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 National Scholarships binder.
Scholarship for Elks Families	1/30/2015	\$4,000	Must have taken SAT or ACT; have family member who is an Elk	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Sports Quest Ministries Scholarship	2/1/2015	\$2000	Students in grades 10, 11, 12 may apply; minimum 2.0 GPA; varsity level athlete; Christian.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Rent-A-Center Make a Difference Scholarship	2/2/2015	\$1,000	2.0 minimum GPA; immediate family member must be a Rent-A-Center customer or employee.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Jimmy Rane foundation Scholarship	2/3/2015	\$500-\$5,000	3.0 minimum GPA. Cannot play intercollegiate sports.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Northrop Grumman	2/4/2015	\$10,000	3.5 minimum GPA; minimum SAT score 1700 or ACT score 27; must major in engineering	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Fisher-House Military Families Scholarship	2/13/2015	\$2,000	3.0 minimum GPA; must have parent who has served or currently in the military	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Alzheimer's Foundation of America Teens Contest	2/15/2015	\$500-\$5,000	Must submit essay.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
National Society of Daughters of American Revolution Scholarship	2/15/2015	varies	Interested applicants must be political science, history, government, economics, medical, or nursing major.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Jackie Robinson Foundation	2/15/2015	\$24,000	Must be a minority high school student who demonstrates leadership potential.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Dr. Kenneth E. Mann	2/20/2015	\$1,000	Must be pursuing elementary teaching degree	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Verso Luke Mill Scholarship	2/27/2015	\$500	3.5 minimum GPA; member of immediate family employed at the Luke Mill; must be planning to attend Allegany College of Maryland, Potomac State College, Frostburg State, or Garrett College.	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Buick Achievers Scholarship	2/27/2015	\$25,000	Must plan to major in Engineering/Technology or select Design and Business-related program of study.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.

Dwight P. Jacobus Scholarship	3/1/2015	\$1,000	3.0 minimum GPA; must be pursuing career in Business or Education and attending a Maryland college.	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Ulman Cancer Fund Scholarship Program	3/1/2015	\$2,500	Applicants must have been diagnosed/treated with cancer or supported the cancer diagnosis/treatment of parent or sibling.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Patrick J. Citroni Foundation Scholarship	3/2/2015	\$1,000	Must plan to attend school in Maryland.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Hamilton-Relay Scholarship	3/2/2015	\$500	Must be deaf, hard of hearing or has difficulty speaking.	Information in the National Scholarships binder.
Masonic Charities of Maryland Grant	3/24/2015	\$500-\$1,000	3.0 minimum GPA	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Fort Hill Scholarship	4/1/2015	\$1,000	Must be a graduating member of the Class of 2015.	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
MMC/NAME Scholarship	4/1/2015	TBA	Must intend to teach PreK-12; must submit an essay.	Application in the Local Scholarships Binder.
Frank H. Eberly Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund	4/1/2015	\$1,000	Must be a graduating high school senior enrolled in ACPS school system.	Application in the Local Scholarships binder.
Abelson Law Firm Teen Safety Scholarship	4/1/2015	\$1,000-\$2,000	Must create and submit a 60 second video about stopping cyber-bullying.	Information in the Local Scholarships binder.
Joseph J. Fox Memorial Scholarship	4/15/2015	\$2,000	3.2 minimum GPA; planning to major in education	Application in the Local Scholarships 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.

- This is a list of scholarships that the Guidance Office has received to date. Be sure to check the binders periodically; we continue to update them as new scholarship information arrives.
- Once you are accepted to college, be sure to check if you are eligible for any of the college's institutional scholarships. Visit the school's website or contact their financial aid office.