



2025 Student Scholarships & Awards

The primary goal for our scholarships and awards is to fund students who are passionate about pursuing educational goals, and face opportunity gaps in achieving those goals.

Opportunities from \$500 - \$40,000!

Apply Today!

Apply for all opportunities through just one application
Nov. 15, 2024 - Jan. 24, 2025



Eligibility Determination

Register, open the application, and take an eligibility quiz to see if you are eligible for any opportunities, or review the opportunities in this flyer.

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Key Application Components

- Student information
- Activities
- Personal essay
- Post-secondary education plans
- Assessment of financial need through **just one** of the following items. Please note that financial need is only an eligibility criterion for certain opportunities.
 - 2023 U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 (first two pages only)
 - 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submission Summary
 - 2025-26 College Board College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile Application
 - 2025-26 Maryland Higher Educational Commission (MHEC) One-App Application, which can be used for undocumented and other students interested in financial aid from MHEC
 - Current enrollment in Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) program

Students interested in the League of Educators for Asian American Progress (LEAAP) scholarship application must also submit two letters of recommendation from an administrator, school counselor, or teacher.

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Opportunity List & Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for any of our student scholarships and awards, you must:

- Be an MCPS senior.
- Graduate with class of 2025.
- Plan to pursue education the academic year after high school graduation

Certain opportunities have other preferences and requirements, which are indicated below.

Opportunity	2025 MCPS Graduating Seniors at	Financial Need	GPA	Other Requirements & Preferences
Cesar Pie Cyber Defender Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10,000/year Up to 5 years 	Any school	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any college, university, or career & technical education site Plan to pursue cybersecurity or computer & informational sciences career
Elise M. Lavidor Book Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 1 payment 	Rockville High School, from Meadow Hall Elementary School	Required	2.75+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any college or university
Gilles Driesman Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,500/year Up to 2 years 	Thomas Edison High School of Technology & Montgomery College Management of Construction dual enrollment	-	2.00+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently enrolled &/or successfully completed at least one course in Montgomery College Management of Construction program, with a strong preference for successful completion of two courses Does not require remedial English or mathematics Plan to pursue Associate of Applied Science Degree in Management of Construction at Montgomery College
Joy Odom Mathematics Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,500 1 payment 	John F. Kennedy High School	Required	3.0+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to girls Plan to pursue 4-year college or university degree in math, math education, or math-based discipline Have completed advanced math

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Laureen O'Neill Robbins Memorial Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 1 payment 	Walt Whitman High School or Colonel Zadok Magruder High School	-	2.75+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to pursue career in health care &/or attend Boston College
League of Educators for Asian American Progress (LEAAP) Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,000 1 payment 	Any school	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify as Asian or Pacific Islander Plan to major & pursue career in education Demonstrated experience supporting an organization, activity, &/or cause within Asian or Pacific Islander diaspora
Paul Vance Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,500/year Up to 4 years 	Any school	Enrollment in Free and Reduced-price Meals program (FARMS) required	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just one of the following must be true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st choice institution is Historically Black College or University, Minority-Serving Institution, Predominantly Black Institution, or Tribal College Plan to return to MCPS to teach Plan to pursue career & technical education after high school 1st-generation student: you plan to complete 4-year college or university degree, but your parents did not Preference for demonstrated commitment to community service
Wilma Watkins Ulmer Memorial Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5,000/year Up to 4 years 	Gaithersburg High School	Required	2.80+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-year college or university