



2026 Evening of Excellence Scholar Guidance & Frequently Asked Questions

I want to invite someone to come to the event. How do I do this?

We love that you want to share this celebration night with someone who inspired or supported you during your academic career, such as an educator, caregiver, or friend! Send them this link to register:

<https://www.mcpsfoundation.org/pages/events/2026-evening-of-excellence>

When should I arrive at the Music Center at Strathmore on May 20, 2026?

Arrive by 4:00 pm.

Where should I go when I arrive?

Proceed to the student check-in table to sign in, pick up your name tag, certificate, and gift bag (with stole and cord).

Why should I arrive so early?

You will receive instructions about what will happen during the event, your assigned seat, take pictures, and rehearse.

At 5:30 you will join your family and friends for the food and beverage reception that will be served to all event guests. In addition, you may have an opportunity to meet the donor for your scholarship program.

What should I wear?

Dress for this special event is "business casual." For example, dresses, skirts, pants (not jeans or shorts), sports coats or blazers with slacks, business suits, dress shirt or polos, and dress shoes (no sneakers).

Please do not feel pressure to buy something new.

When should my friends/family/invited guest arrive?

Doors will open for guests at 5:15 pm. The reception starts at 5:30pm and the music hall doors will open for the program at 6:15pm. The program will run from 6:30-8:00pm.

Is there a safe place to put personal items during the celebration?

Yes, you may store your personal belongings in the Comcast Lounge.

Can my caretakers wait?

Yes, but they will not be admitted into the lobby until the reception starts and the Strathmore staff may ask them to wait outside or in another location.

My family/friends forgot to register or won't know if they can attend until the day of, can they still attend?

We prefer advance registration to ensure we have an accurate count for food and beverages, but walk-up registration will be available.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

If you have questions, feel free to contact Shana Sabbath at shana_sabbath@mcpsmd.org.