

Scholarship Description

There is up to \$6,000 available to graduating seniors, living in Howard County, who participated on the *Columbia Clippers* swim team from the 9th through the 12th grade, for the purchase of college text books. Awards range between \$500 and \$1,000.

About John C. Clegg

John C. Clegg was a devoted family man who served in the Vietnam conflict. Later, as an electrical engineer, he continued to serve his country in the defense industry. He resided in Columbia with his wife, Eileen, and son, Andrew.

John spent his summers volunteering by the pool for Columbia Neighborhood Swim League and the Sundevils. John was exceedingly proud of his son's swimming abilities and his love for the sport. When his son joined the Clippers, John became the consummate volunteer; quietly doing jobs that needed to be done without being boastful.

The sport of swimming became a family travel affair, as John and his wife, attended almost every meet in which Andrew participated. Knowing the value of good sportsmanship, John not only supported his son but cheered on Andrew's team mates and swimmers from other teams; acknowledging their efforts and talent. Swimming became an important bond to the Clegg family, connecting them to the community at large.

Through his son's participation on the Columbia Clippers swim team, John saw our community's young adults develop a sense of confidence and purpose, a commitment to a goal, a joyous outlook celebrating the hard work of themselves and others, and a sense of fellowship.

About the Columbia Aquatics Association and Columbia Clippers Program



The Columbia Aquatics Association is a year-round program designed to provide opportunities to develop the skills of beginning swimmers to national competitors. The Clippers believe that preparation for competitive swimming is preparation for life and strives to instill goal setting, persistence, and integrity, as well as a sense of team play and love of the sport into each athlete.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **John C. Clegg Scholarship** must:

1. Be a resident of Howard County, Maryland;
2. Be graduating from high school;
3. Have continuously participated in the Columbia Clippers swim program from the 9th through the 12th grades. – **OR** – Have transferred to the Clippers from a USA Swimming (EIN: 20-4264282) program and have swam for the Clippers in their senior year.
4. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
5. Have an unweighted 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average through Grade 11. In addition, an unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.

Application Materials

Applications for the *John C. Clegg Scholarship* must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/statements:
 - a. Describes your experience as a member of the Columbia Clippers,
 - b. Describe how you reflect the goals and values this scholarship is seeking to recognize, and
 - c. Provide a statement of financial need;
3. A confidential letter of recommendation from a swim coach;
4. An unofficial high school transcript through Grade 11; and,
5. An unofficial copy of the first semester Grade 12 report card.

Students are responsible for ensuring that all components of the application are submitted by the due date.

Evaluation Criteria

The Community Foundation of Howard County, and from time to time members of the Columbia Clippers administration, will evaluate all applications based on the following criteria:

1. Compliance with the eligibility criteria
2. Number of years applicant swam for the Clippers
3. Student essay
4. Confidential letter of recommendation from a swim coach
5. General Impression
6. Financial need will be considered in the case of a tie

Award Notification and Acceptance

The Foundation will provide written notification of decisions to students whose applications are received by the Program Officer.

The selected applicant will receive a certificate at the schools Senior Awards Ceremony and, upon receipt by the Foundation of the required materials, the scholarship will be sent to the accredited institution.

Questions

The Community Foundation of Howard County can address questions about this scholarship program.

About the Community Foundation of Howard County

Founded in 1969 as The Columbia Foundation, the Community Foundation of Howard County has awarded more than \$17 million in grants to Howard County nonprofit organizations delivering human service, arts and cultural, educational and civic programs. Money for the grant programs comes primarily from income generated by the Foundation's endowment supported by more than 300 funds established by Howard County businesses, families and individuals.