

## Scholarship Description

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a Wilde Lake High School student planning to attend a college or university. Preference will be given to students planning to attend The College of William and Mary.

This scholarship is offered in memory of Michael Joseph Deets.

## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Michael Joseph Deets Scholarship** must:

1. Attend Wilde Lake High School in Howard County, Maryland and
2. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school. Preference will be given to students planning to attend The College of William and Mary.

## Application Criteria

Applications for the **Michael Joseph Deets Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application;
2. A response to the following statements/questions:
  - a. Describe your educational plans;
  - b. Describe your career goals;
  - c. Describe the impact the scholarship will have on these plans and goals;
  - d. Demonstrate how you reflect the goals and values this scholarship is seeking to recognize; and
  - e. Provide a statement of financial need;
3. One confidential personal letter of recommendation; and
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 will evaluate all applications based on the following criteria:

1. Compliance with eligibility criteria.

2. Student Essay.
3. Confidential Letter of recommendation.
4. Financial need will be considered in the event of a tie.

## **Award Notification and Acceptance**

The Foundation will provide applicants with updates and award decisions via the online application system.

The selected applicant will receive a certificate at the Senior Awards Ceremony and, upon receipt by the Foundation of the college acceptance letter, 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.