

Scholarship Description

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a Marriotts Ridge High School student who responds with care and concern towards the needs of others.

About Mark Hollingsworth

This scholarship is offered in memory of Mark Hollingsworth, a devoted family man and hard-working entrepreneur whose compassionate spirit and positive attitude left a strong impression on those who knew and loved him. His friends, family and business associates were all touched by his kind and generous nature and his passion for life. They all agree that knowing him enriched their lives. The Mark Hollingsworth Scholarship was established by family and friends to continue his legacy of encouraging, supporting and creating opportunities for others.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Mark Hollingsworth Scholarship** must:

1. Attend Marriotts Ridge High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Respond with care and concern towards the needs of others;
3. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
4. Have an unweighted 2.8 cumulative average through Grade 11. In addition, an unweighted grade point average of 2.8 must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.

Application Criteria

Applications for the **Mark Hollingsworth Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/comments that shares the candidate's experience:
 - a. With a character-defining moment OR
 - b. Overcoming a personal hardship or barrier that.

We are seeking life experience examples that are not found on your transcript or resume;

3. A resume that outlines the candidates work history from Grade 9 through 12, highlights special awards and achievements; and describes volunteer and community service;
4. One confidential personal letter of recommendation from one of the following: an academic teacher, guidance counselor, coach or employment supervisor;
5. One confidential statement from an academic teacher or employment supervisor that addresses the following questions:
 - a. How does this student respond with care and concern towards the needs of others?
6. An unofficial high school transcript through Grade 11; and,
7. 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 Marriotts Ridge High School administration, in compliance with Foundation policy, will recommend awardees to the Community Foundation of Howard County for final review and approval. All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Compliance with eligibility criteria;
2. Student essay
3. Student resume;
4. Demonstration they respond with care and concern for others;
5. Confidential letter of recommendation;
6. Confidential statement;
7. Strength of student's transcript; and,
8. Financial need will be considered in the case 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 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.