

Scholarship Description

This \$2,500 scholarship is available to a Howard County High School student currently in their senior year and planning to attend college; which and has shown a commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship.

About Doug Parker

The Doug Parker Scholarship Fund was established to honor and pay tribute to “Big Doug” Parker, a big man with a big heart. Doug was a great man, a great husband and father, and a great friend. He was a wonderful role model to Howard County residents. Those who knew him loved him well. Big Doug was a lifelong Howard County resident and very actively involved in the community. He devoted countless hours to young people through his coaching and sponsorship of youth athletics.

Having been such an active member of the Howard County community, and so involved in his and other children’s lives, it seems only natural to create a scholarship fund in his name. Doug has left us a legacy of what it truly means to indulge oneself for the joy of others.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Doug Parker Scholarship** must:

1. Attend High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Show a commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship;
3. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
4. Have an unweighted 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average through Grade 11. In addition, an unweighted grade point average of 3.0 or higher must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.

Application Materials

Applications for the **Doug Parker Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/statements:
 - a. Describe your educational plans,
 - b. Describe your career goals,
 - c. Describe the impact this scholarship will have on your educational plans and career goals,
 - d. Describe your commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship, and
 - e. Provide a statement of financial need.

3. One confidential personal letter of recommendation from an academic teacher or employment supervisor; 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 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. Strength of student's transcript
5. General Impression
6. 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.