

Scholarship Description

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a student currently in their senior year at a Howard County Public School or Chapelgate, who plans to pursue an education in pre-law, agriculture, animal husbandry, or a field related to farming. Members of 4-H are encouraged to apply, but membership is not required.

This scholarship is available alternating years beginning in 2017.

About C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered in memory of C. Merritt Pumphrey who died, at the age of 83, on December 7, 2007. Sponsored by his loving family—three children, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren—they remember him each year by supporting this scholarship through gifts to the Pumphrey Family Memorial Scholarship fund.

Mr. Pumphrey, as a young boy and into early manhood, worked with his father and brother to create Dalton Farms, a dairy farm on land which now is Thunder Hill of Columbia. They developed a purebred herd of Holstein cows and raised beef cattle. Due to his love and dedication to farming he became an avid 4-H member, and represented the State of Maryland as a 4-H All Star at the 1939 national 4-H conference in Chicago. After starting his own family, he became Howard County's first John Deere dealer and formed what became many lifelong relationships with the county's farming community. From 1968 to 1990, Mr. Pumphrey served as the elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County.

We are confident that the recipient of this scholarship will be dedicated to learning, to being a good steward of the land or the law, and to being committed to helping our community grow and thrive—as was C. Merritt Pumphrey.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship** must:

1. Attend a Howard County Public School **OR** Chapelgate High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Plan to pursue an education in pre-law, agriculture, animal husbandry, or a field related to farming;
3. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university; 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 **C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial 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 career plans and educational goals,
 - d. Describe 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 from an academic teacher or employment supervisor;
4. A resume that outlines the candidates job history from Grade 9 through 12, special honors/award, and community service; and
5. An unofficial high school transcript through Grade 11; and,
6. 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 and resume,
3. Confidential letter of recommendation,
4. Strength of student's transcript,
5. 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.