

Scholarship Description

This \$2,000 scholarship is available to a Marriotts Ridge High School student currently in their senior year, who leads by example and responds with care towards the needs of others.

About Greg Speelman

This scholarship is offered in memory of Greg Speelman, a 2015 graduate of Marriotts Ridge High School. Greg was a rising sophomore in the College Park Scholars Program at the University of Maryland where he majored in Civil Engineering. Greg loved spending time with his friends, family, teammates, and his dog, Maia. He was a passionate basketball player and was fully engaged whether it was practice or a game.

Greg's motto was "Leave Nothing"; he always gave 100 percent in all that he did. Greg believed that the best way to find your self was to lose yourself in the service of others. Through this philosophy Greg spread joy everywhere. He had the ability to enable others to depart from his company happier than when they came to him. The way Greg lived his life was his message.

The Greg Speelman Scholarship was established by family and friends to recognize students who are committed to using education to better their life and that of their family and/or community.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Greg Speelman Scholarship** must:

1. Attend Marriotts Ridge High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Be able to demonstrate leadership by example and the ability to respond with care towards the needs of others;
3. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
4. Have an unweighted 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average through Grade 11. In addition, an unweighted grade point average of 3.2 or higher must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.

Application Materials

Applications for the **Greg Speelman Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/statements, using examples drawn from their life experience and which are not present in their transcripts and/or resume:
 - a. Describe how your life exemplifies Greg's motto "Leave Nothing";
 - b. Describe how you have demonstrated leading by example and the ability to respond with care towards the needs of others
 - c. Provide a statement of financial need;

3. A resume that highlights the applicants experience from Grade 9 through 12, related to volunteer/community services, academic and non-academic awards and achievements, and extracurricular activities.
4. One confidential letter of recommendation;
5. An unofficial high school transcript through Grade 11.
6. An unofficial report card for first semester of Grade 12.

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. Essay Questions
3. Resume
4. Confidential letter of recommendation
5. Strength of student's transcript
6. General Impression
7. 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.