

**Scholarship Alert
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National Association of Secondary School Principals Scholarship

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes middle level and high school youth solely on the basis of volunteer work in their communities. Each participating school can select at least one Local Honoree. These individuals receive a Certificate of Achievement and advance to state-level judging. One high school student and one middle level student in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia will receive \$1,000, a beautiful silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. with a parent or guardian. Students who are in grades 5-12 as of November 2, 2009, and are a legal resident of one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia are eligible. The student must have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2008. Candidates must complete an online application form following all directions carefully and submit it by November 2, 2009 to Mrs. Drucker in the Counseling Center. The application is available at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.principals.org/prudential (access key: **spirit**). Once the form has been completed online, it must be printed out, signed and submitted to Mrs. Drucker.

The official **2009/2010 Scholarship Search Database** can be found at the **Howard County School Website**. To check scholarship information go to www.hcpss.org. Click on Resources for Parents or Resources for Students (on bottom left of page) Click on Links: Local Scholarship Database (at bottom of page.) This site is recommended by the HCPSS Office of School Counseling.

UMBC's Scholars Programs These competitive programs combine financial awards with special opportunities for advanced research, unique seminars, directed internships, study abroad and more. All scholars programs offer four-year awards at varying levels. Selected scholars will receive awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$22,000 per year.

CWIT Scholars Program (Center for Women and Information Technology) supports high-achieving undergraduates, both men and women, who plan to major in computer science, computer engineering, information systems, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, or another IT-related field.

Humanities Scholars Program seeks talented students who intend to pursue degrees in English, history, philosophy, ancient studies, classical or modern languages, linguistics, cultural anthropology, gender and women's studies, media and communication studies, or American or African studies.

Linehan Artist Scholars Program brings together talented students from the visual and performing arts disciplines: theatre, music, dance, and visual arts.

Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program supports students who are interested in developing a fundamental understanding of public policy and pursuing careers in public policy, government service, or the non-profit sector.

Sherman Teacher Education Scholars Program seeks students interested in the teaching profession and in STEM areas of study (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

Meyerhoff Scholars Program supports students who plan to pursue doctoral study in the sciences or engineering and who are interested in the advancement of minorities in those fields. A separate letter will be sent directly from the Meyerhoff office with specific nomination instructions.

If you feel you are a student with demonstrated academic achievement who would make an excellent candidate for any of these scholars programs see Mrs. Drucker in the counseling center to be nominated. In addition to a proven academic record, students should possess a strong desire and commitment to the respective discipline and a genuine interest in participating and contributing to a community of scholars. Recommendations will be submitted by November 1, 2009.

COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a truly motivated, dedicated, involved high school senior, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million a year in scholarships to 250 deserving students just like you. Apply online today. A few minutes of your time could help get you through college and beyond. Deadline to receive completed applications: October 31. For additional information go to www.coca-colascholars.org

The Realtors Outreach Fund of the Ellicott City, Enchanted Forest Office of **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** is proud of their annual tradition of providing two scholarships of \$1,000 each to two deserving Howard County high school college-bound seniors. The scholarship is in celebration of the life of Christian Herrera, son of Anne Herrera Franklin-a realtor in the office. Applicants must be residents of Howard County attending a Howard County high school and graduating in 2009. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, show involvement in community and/or school activities and demonstrate leadership skills. Applications are available in the counseling center and must be received by April 5, 2010.

The Horatio Alger Association is pleased to be accepting applications from high school seniors of the Class of 2010 for the 2010 Horatio Alger Scholarships.

The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs are as follows:

- enrollment full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2009, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- a strong commitment to pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution.)
- critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided);
- involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- United States Citizenship.

To apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, the following items must be completed and postmarked **by October 30, 2009**:

- Applicants must submit an online application (<http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>)
- Applicants must submit at least one letter of support. Applicants must be logged in to the application process to complete this. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.
- All applicants must submit an official High School transcript with legend *that includes senior year classes*.
- Applicants must complete and **mail** the certifications form after downloading it from the website. They must be logged in to the application process to download the form. *The form must be signed by the applicant, parent/guardian, and the applicant's principal or vice principal prior to mailing. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.*
- All applicants must provide a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's 2008 individual federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security Tax Form). *If their parent/guardian's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is a negative number, please submit copies of their parent/guardian's federal individual tax return for the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008. If their parent/guardians were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies showing the amount of any government benefits, such as food stamps or Public Assistance documents. Faxes/emails will not be accepted.*

Supplemental materials should be mailed to: Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs PO Box 4030 Iowa City, IA 52243-4030 Phone (866) 763-9228

Required Forms

On-line application

Certification forms from the website (be sure it has the proper signatures)

Letter of support

Parent/guardian's 2008 individual federal tax return

Official High School transcript that includes senior year classes

If qualified, you are automatically considered for both scholarships!!

105 \$20,000 Scholarships Awarded

As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs in the country, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others.

The National Scholarship Program is awarded to eligible students in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. National Scholars receive an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. during the spring of their senior year to participate in the National Scholars Conference.

Maryland: Only available for the following counties: Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's

25 \$2,500 Scholarships Awarded

https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/program_metro.cfm

Scholarships awarded to deserving students from the Washington, D.C. metro area in the following counties:

The Horatio Alger District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the counties listed above who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed before and be a resident one of the following counties: District of Columbia; **Anne Arundel, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's in Maryland**; or Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of falls Church, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, Fairfax, or Prince William in Virginia.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is the deadline for submitting applications?** The deadline to submit an online application is October 30, 2009. All supplemental materials must be postmarked by this date as well.
- **I missed the deadline. Can I still apply?** Due to the large number of applications submitted, no applications will be accepted after the deadline.
- **Is there a fee to apply?** No. There are no fees to apply for Horatio Alger Association scholarships.
- **Are paper applications accepted?** Paper applications are not accepted. In extreme circumstances, students may request a paper application from the Horatio Alger Association at HoratioAlger@act.org.
- **I am a home-schooled student, can I apply?** Yes. To apply as a home-schooled student you will need to enter 970000 for the CEEB code (note this is not an official College Board code).
- **I received a General Education Diploma (GED), can I apply?** Yes. If you are no older than 19 years of age and will have received your GED by June 30, 2009, you may apply. Please enter 980000 for the CEEB code (note this is not an official College Board code)
- **Is there a minimum SAT or ACT score requirement?** No. The Association does not require a minimum score on the SAT or ACT.
- **What if my SAT or ACT score changes after I submit my application? Should I update you on my scores?** No. The scores that you submitted before October 30 are sufficient.
- **Is there a minimum Grade Point Average requirement?** Yes. All applicants must have and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- **Do I have to be a United States citizen to apply for a scholarship?** Applicants are required to be a U.S. citizen.
- **Is there an income limit?** Financial need is an important factor in awarding scholarships. If you believe that you would qualify for financial aid for college, we would encourage you to apply. (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided)
- **Whose income should be listed if my parents are separated or divorced?** You should list the income of the parent/guardian with whom you lived for most of this past year. If you are not listed on that tax return, please include a note that briefly explains the situation.
- **What should I do if my parents do not file an income tax return?** If your parent/guardian does not file income taxes, please provide the Association with alternative documents such as: W-2 form, 1099 SSA (Social Security Income forms), and additional forms explaining income. If you have any questions about appropriate forms, please contact the Association at HoratioAlger@act.org.
- **I am a foster child or ward of the state, what do I list for income?** If you are in foster care or are a ward of the state please enter \$0 in the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) field. Please explain your situation in your application essay and answer "yes" to the question of are you or have you been in foster care or a ward of the state?
- **What essays are required on the application?** There are three required essays. The first essay of 50-100 words must describe the educational and career goals of the applicant. Next, applicants must explain the adversities that they have encountered in a short essay of 250-350 words. Applicants must also provide a personal statement of 150-200 words in which they compare elements of an Association Member's life with their own. Biographies of all living Members are located on the Horatio Alger website. The applicant is also asked to describe his or her leadership role in an extracurricular activity

in short answer form. All three essays and the short answer must be completed for an application to be considered.

- **Can I use a Horatio Alger Association scholarship at any college and for any major?** All scholarships may be used at any accredited institution where credits can be earned towards a bachelor's degree. Scholarships may be used at community and junior colleges during the first two years. All scholarship recipients may pursue any major of their choice leading to a bachelor's degree.
- **If I am awarded a Horatio Alger Association Scholarship, how do I get my money?** Disbursement information will be sent to you each year in May. You will be asked to go online and request your funds for the upcoming year at that time. We send the check directly to your college to be credited to your account. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and fees, on-campus room and board, books and summer school.
- **If I am awarded other scholarships or financial aid, does it affect my eligibility for a Horatio Alger Association Scholarship?** No. The only exception is if you receive a scholarship that covers all of your expenses. We would then ask that you notify the Association so that we may re-award the scholarship funds.
- **When are the winners notified? Are applicants who have not won also notified?** Only awardees will be notified personally. Everyone may view the names of the recipients when they are posted online in January.
- **Where does funding for Horatio Alger Association Scholarships come from?** Horatio Alger Association Scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Association's Members, Life Partners, and Friends of the Association.
- **Are there any other scholarship programs that I may be eligible for?** There are many additional sources of scholarships and financial aid available. Visit www.fastweb.com and www.wiredscholar.com for more scholarship listings.
- **I am eligible for more than one scholarship that the Association offers. Do I have to fill out more than one application?** No. You only have to submit one application to receive consideration for all of our scholarship programs for which you are eligible.
- **If I filled out my application online, how do I submit the supplemental materials (certifications form and tax form)?** After completing the online application, students must submit the supplemental materials by mail to: Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs, PO Box 4030, Iowa City, IA 52243-4030, Phone (866) 763-9228. This paperwork should be submitted together and should be postmarked by the application deadline (meaning it must be in the mail by October 30th).

The Baltimore Regional Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-BRC) is pleased to announce its Barbara Balter Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship program. This year, we will award a scholarship to two female high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial talents and live in the State of Maryland. The scholarship award amount is \$1,000.

Students interested in being considered should complete the Scholarship Application available at http://nawbomaryland.org/wh_scholarship.html and provide a description of their business or entrepreneurial project. Eligible applicants will meet the following criteria:

- **Be a female high school senior planning to attend a university, community college or trade school in 2010**
- **Be a graduating senior in Fall 2009 or Spring 2010**
- **Have taken or be scheduled to take the SAT examination**
- **Submit a fully completed scholarship application**
- **The business or entrepreneurial project must be ongoing or have occurred in the past and demonstrate "Entrepreneurial Spirit"**
- **Attend the NAWBO-BRC Scholarship Awards Ceremony**

Scholarship applications should be mailed to the address located on the application and must be **postmarked no later than March 12, 2010**. We recommend each applicant retain a copy of their entry information and notify us should they not receive an acknowledgment letter within two weeks of mailing the entry. The evaluation committee will consist of members of NAWBO-BRC. Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 16, 2010, and the awards will be presented at our Scholarship Awards Ceremony in June 2010 (specific date and location TBA).

Past scholarship recipients include young women who have:

- Raised and sold sheep,
- Designed and sold hand-made jewelry,
- Provided a food program for the homeless,
- Created and implemented a Spanish speaking program for children.

For additional information regarding NAWBO-BRC's scholarship program, please call me at **410-825-2378** or e-mail **Jola Wodka** at jwodka@baltimoresbest.net.

The National Commission for Cooperative Education is pleased to announce the National Co-op Scholarship Program. To qualify for a merit co-op scholarship, students must complete all required admissions materials and be accepted for the 2010-2011 academic year at one or more of the ten NCCE Partner Colleges & Universities. They include Drexel College, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Information about this year's scholarship program and a complete application on-line are available at www.co-op.edu. The scholarship deadline is February 15, 2010.