

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

As we near the end of the school year, please remember that the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria advisers remain available for support. Whether you're a high school senior hoping to discuss your plans after high school or a college student working through financial aid verification, we are here to help. You can reach an SFA staff member between the hours of 8:30 to 4:30 on Monday through Friday. To make an appointment with an SFA adviser, please click [this link](#).

JUNIORS:

- **It's time to finalize your list of colleges** - The Scholarship Fund would be happy to talk through your list of potential colleges with you and help you choose colleges that:
 - **Offer your major of interest:** Not sure what you want to study? Take your career and personality assessments in [Naviance](#)!
 - **Match your GPA & SAT/ACT scores:** Take a look at the average GPA and SAT/ACT score for admittance to 4-year public and private colleges in the state of Virginia [here](#) and check out the scattergrams in [Naviance](#).
 - **Will be affordable for your family:** Use the [Net Price Calculator](#) to get a personalized price for each college on your list. The Net Price Calculator will take into account your family size, income, and grades and calculate how much your family is eligible for in financial aid and scholarships at that particular school.
- **Looking for all-expense paid college visits?** - Many colleges sponsor high achieving students from traditionally underrepresented groups, students who are the first generation in their family to attend college, and/or students from families with limited financial resources. Some of these programs are also open to undocumented or DACA students. Many of these programs will take place in the summer or fall. Some colleges have not yet determined if their programming will be in-person or virtual. Participation in these visits often gives you a competitive edge in the admissions process, so check out this sampling of opportunities and contact Ms. Samuel at college@acps.k12.va.us to learn more.
 - [University of Virginia](#): Apply for Hoos First Look by June 14th
 - [Smith College](#): Apply for Women of Distinction (Virtual Program) by June 18th
 - [Swarthmore College](#): Apply for Discover Swarthmore by July 7th
 - [Williams College](#): Apply for Windows on Williams by Deadline 1 (July 10th) or Deadline 2 (August 31st)
 - [Amherst College](#): Apply for Diversity Open House by 1 PM (EST) on September 1st

SENIORS:

- **Decided?** - Congratulations to the T.C. students who have committed to college or alternative postsecondary pathways. Please know that the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria remains available to you as a resource now, throughout the summer, and throughout your time as a college student/TC alumni. If you'd like to discuss your

financial aid package, payment plans, taking out loans, or other postsecondary topic, make an appointment with an SFA adviser at [this link](#).

- **Still deciding?** It's not too late to submit the FAFSA and apply for colleges (particularly NOVA)! If you are still unsure of what your postsecondary plan is, please don't hesitate to reach out to SFA staff to discuss your options.

TC ALUMNI:

- **Don't forget to renew FAFSA**- Need help submitting your FAFSA for next school year or completing financial aid verification paperwork? You are more than welcome to still reach out for help!
- **Scholarship Fund of Alexandria renewal application is open**– If you've received an SFA Scholarship as a senior, please be sure to apply for SFA's Renewal Application ([linked here](#)). The priority deadline for this application is July 15th. Please contact scholarships@acps.k12.va.us with any questions!

Below is a list of upcoming scholarships. Local scholarships are indicated by **pink text**.

May

1. [NCBW100 Scholarship](#) – May 1, 2021- **\$1,000 scholarships available to African American seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must be a resident and graduating within a public high school in one of the following counties: Arlington County, Fairfax County, and the City of Alexandria.**
2. [Kids' Chance of Virginia Scholarship](#) - May 1, 2021– **Scholarship available to the children of Virginia workers who have been killed or severely or fatally injured in a workplace-related accident. Applicant must be between the ages of 16 and 25. Value of scholarship is unknown.**
3. [Debra Deneise Smith Foundation Scholarship](#) - May 1, 2021 - **Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors attending high school in Alexandria or Fairfax City. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75, as well as the endorsement of their school counselor on their application attending they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program.**
4. [OAR Scholarship](#) - May 3, 2021 - **\$3,000 scholarship open to students across the autism spectrum.**
5. [Thermo Fisher Scientific Scholarship](#) - May 5, 2021 – **Scholarships varying in value from \$5,000 - \$10,000 for current college students with 3.0+ GPA who have declared a major of biology, chemistry, biochemistry, or related life science field.**

6. [TMCF / McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarship](#) - May 10, 2021 – Scholarships of up to \$15,000 for the 2021-22 academic year for HBCU college students in the 2021-22 academic school year. Applicants must have a 2.7+ GPA, demonstrate leadership abilities and financial need, and be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
7. [Alexandria Sportsman's Club Scholarship](#) - May 10, 2021 – \$2,000 scholarship available to applicants who have played at least one season of a varsity sport. Applicant must be a current senior at one of the four Alexandria City high schools: Bishop Ireton High School, Episcopal High School, St. Stephen & St. Agnes School, or T.C. Williams High School.
8. [DMV Young Professionals Scholarship](#) - May 15, 2021 by 5 PM – \$2,000 scholarship available to high school seniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 who are residents of Washington D.C., Maryland, or Virginia.
9. [The Crew Scholarship](#) - May 15, 2021 – \$500 scholarship available to African-American seniors who are residents of Washington D.C., Maryland (Prince George's Charles, or Montgomery Counties), or Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington, or Fairfax Counties). Applicants must be U.S. citizens with at least a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA who are 23 years old or younger.
10. [Whitaker Foundation Art Scholarship Program](#) - May 15, 2021 - \$2,000 scholarship for art students (with a special emphasis on Art History or Museum Studies).
11. [Alexandria Old School Alumni Scholarship](#) - May 17, 2021 - Open to current TC Williams seniors with 2.5+ GPA.
12. [Workday VIBE Scholarship](#) - May 18, 2021 – Renewable scholarships ranging from \$5,000 - \$15,000 for African-American/Black or Hispanic/Latino high school seniors or current undergraduates who are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in the following field(s): Human Resources, Finance, Information Systems, Computer Science, Business Administration, Sales, or other related field of study.
13. [Leslie Kent Memorial Community College Scholarship](#) - May 20, 2021 - \$2,500 renewable scholarship for graduating seniors matriculating to a community-college with the intention of completing their education through a guaranteed admissions agreement with a 4-year institution. Seniors must have documentation of an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) between \$6,000 and \$10,000 as reported on the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
14. [B. Davis Scholarship](#) - May 22, 2021 - \$1,000 leadership essay contest open to high school juniors and seniors.
15. [Gerry Bertier Scholarship](#) - May 24, 2021 – Scholarship award up to \$1,000 for students with disabilities who are residents of the city of Alexandria or a student at a school located in Alexandria.

16. [Cameron Impact Scholarship](#) - May 24, 2021 (Early Application Deadline) - Students with strong leadership skills, extensive community service and extracurricular experiences, and 3.7+ unweighted GPA should consider applying to the Cameron Impact Scholarship, a 4-year full-ride, merit-based scholarship.
17. [Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship](#) - May 31, 2021 - \$1,000 scholarship open to high school juniors graduating in 2022 with 2.5+ GPA who participate in team sports.
18. [American Indian College Fund](#) - May 31, 2021 - Open to any Native American U.S. citizen that is a member or descendant of a state or federally recognized tribe with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
19. [Mary Blackwell Barnes Scholarship](#) – May 31, 2021 – Open to female students who will be college sophomores or higher (including graduate students) in the fall of 2021. Must be students at VA or DC colleges who display interest in the field of public finance whether in the sector of finance, government, nonprofits, or public law.

June

1. [Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship](#) – June 1, 2021 – \$1,500 scholarship open to students applying to or currently enrolled in cosmetology or barbering schools.
2. [American Indian Nurse Scholarship](#) - June 1, 2021 - \$3,000 per year renewable scholarship. Candidate must be at least 1/4 American Indian and enrolled in a nursing program.
3. [Prism Foundation \(formerly GAPA foundation\)](#) - June 9, 2021 - \$1,000 to \$5,000 scholarships open to high school seniors and current college students who have history of activism within either the Asian Pacific Islander and/or LGBTQ+ communities. Applicants do not have to identify as Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, or LGBTQ+ to apply, as long as they have a history of work and impact within one or more of these communities.
4. [A&F Scholarship](#) - June 12, 2021 - \$1,000 scholarship open to high school juniors and seniors as well as current college students. Students must write an essay between 500 and 1,000 words on the following topic: Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.
5. [Narrative Prize](#) - June 15, 2020- \$4,000 prize awarded for the best short story, novel excerpt, poem, one-act play, graphic story, or work of literary nonfiction published Narrative.
6. [American Muscle Automotive Student Scholarship](#) - June 15, 2021 - \$2,000 scholarship open to high school seniors and current college students pursuing an automotive themed

major.

7. [Big Sun Athletic Scholarship](#) – June 19, 2021 - \$500 scholarship open to high school seniors who are student athletes.
8. [Probo Medical Scholarship](#) - June 21, 2021 - Essay contest on medical technology; \$500 scholarship open to current college students and high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA.
9. [Ethiopian Heritage Scholarship](#) - June 25, 2021 - \$1,000 renewable local scholarship. The Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C. Ethiopian Heritage College Scholarship Fund was created in 2008 to support college-bound high school seniors in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The purpose of the fund is to find and then assist youngsters with few financial resources in their pursuit of higher education and a much-desired college degree.
10. [Automotive Hall of Fame](#) – June 30, 2021 – Open to high school seniors and college students interested in an automotive career with 3.0+ GPA.
11. [Power & Energy Society Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2021 - \$2,000- \$3,000 renewable scholarships open to current college students considering a career in electric power and energy engineering.
12. [Alfred Street Baptist Church Scholarship](#) - June 30, 2021 - \$1,000 - \$5,000 scholarships open to high school seniors who are US citizens, have a 2.75+ GPA, community service involvement, and financial need. Applicants must be graduating from a high school in the Washington, DC metropolitan area or be a member of the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

Additional Scholarship Sources

- [United Negro College Fund](#): Various scholarships available for college-bound African-American students
- [FastWeb](#): Scholarship search engine
- [Scholarship Sharing](#): Virginia-based scholarship search engine

As usual, please feel free to contact me with any questions! Please feel free to make an appointment using [this link](#) to discuss any of the topics below.

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Analyzing financial aid award letters
- Writing college and scholarship essays
- Building a résumé
- Financial aid options for undocumented students

Best,

Ms. Samuel