

## Scholarship Description

These two \$500 scholarships are available to Long Reach High School students either pursuing a career in education or who have been involved in fine arts in the school or community.

These scholarships are offered in memory of Mary-Kathryn Abernathy.

## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Mary-Kathryn Abernathy Memorial Scholarship** must:

1. Attend Long Reach High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Plan to pursue a career in education as a teacher of any subject OR have been involved in fine arts in school or in the community;
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 Criteria

Applications for the **Mary-Kathryn Abernathy Memorial Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following statements/questions:
  - a. Describe your fine arts experience – OR – your career goals as an academic teacher of any subject.
  - b. What is the impact this scholarship will have on your career plans and educational goals?
  - c. Provide a statement of financial need.
3. One confidential personal letter of recommendation;
4. One confidential letter of recommendation from an academic teacher;
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 Long Reach High School administration, in compliance with Foundation policy, will recommend awardees to the Community Foundation of Howard County for final review and approval. All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Compliance with eligibility criteria;
2. Student essay;
3. Confidential personal letter of recommendation;
4. Confidential letter of recommendation from an academic teacher;
5. Student's Transcript and Senior Grades; and,
6. Financial need will be considered.

## 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.