

Scholarship Description

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a Howard County High School student currently in their senior year, with a strong commitment to community involvement, academics and sportsmanship. This scholarship is offered in memory of and to honor Aaron Worley.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Aaron Worley Scholarship** must:

1. Attend High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
3. 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 **Aaron Worley Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/Comments:
 - a. What impact will this scholarship will have on your educational plans and career goals,
 - b. Describe a community service project/volunteer work you've been involved in and describe the impact this project had on you and the community you served,
 - c. Describe a time when you exemplified "team spirit" or "sportsmanship," with a team or group activity (such as band, dance, choir, church youth group) you participated in;
 - d. Provide a statement of financial need;
3. A resume that highlights volunteer/community services and non-academic awards and achievements;
4. One confidential personal letter of recommendation;
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
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.