

# Marvin Ridge High School

## November & December 2015 Scholarship Newsletter

Reminder: You must let Mrs. Pierce know if you are interested in any of the scholarships requiring you to be nominated by MRHS. The deadlines to express interest are listed in the information below!

**\*\*\*Be sure to report (bring a copy to guidance) all scholarships to Mrs. Pierce as you receive them even if you do not plan to use them!**

### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

As you apply to colleges, please be sure to check the college/university website for a listing of scholarships and deadlines. You will also want to research deadlines for applications, FAFSA information, and check to see if they require the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE.

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES AND RESOURCES

[www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) [www.wsfoundation.org](http://www.wsfoundation.org) [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) [www.appex.com](http://www.appex.com) [www.scholarshipplus.com](http://www.scholarshipplus.com) [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
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[www.studentawardsearch.com](http://www.studentawardsearch.com)  
[www.scholarshipsaz.org](http://www.scholarshipsaz.org) [www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com) [www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com](http://www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com)

### **\*\*\*NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AT A GLANCE\*\*\***

October 31 – Eagle Scout Academic & Merit Scholarships

November 1 – First deadline for Rob Brown Scholar Program

November 1 – VFW – Voice of Democracy Contest

November 1 – deadline to be nominated for Congressional Service Academy

November 3 – Prudential Spirit of Community Award

November 5 – Eugene McDermott – University of Texas at Dallas Priority Deadline

November 11 – Intel Science Talent Search

November 13 – The Robertson Scholars Program – UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University

November 15 – University of South Carolina Top Scholars

November 15 – Emory Scholars Program

November 15 – Goizueta Scholars Program –Emory University

November 15 – Yvar Mikhashoff Trust for New Music Scholarship

November 15 – Mesothelioma Memorial Scholarship

November 15 – Erskine College Presidential Scholarship

November 30 – American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest

December 1 – Do Something.org

December 1 – Self nomination deadline for NCSU's Centennial Scholars Program

December 1 – Boston University Trustee Scholarship

December 1 – Villanova Presidential Scholarship

December 1 – Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

December 1 – W.H. Plemmons Leader Fellows – Appalachian State University

December 1 – T. Johnson Honor Scholarship – Washington and Lee University

December 1 – Presidential Scholars – Randolph College

December 1 – Ingram Scholarship – Vanderbilt University

December 4 – Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

December 8 – Lyceum Scholars Program – Clemson University

December 15 – Burger King Scholars Program

December 15 – East Carolina University Academic Scholarship Program

December 15 – AXA Achievement Scholarship

December 15 – Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship – Vanderbilt University

December 15 – Chancellor's Scholarship – Vanderbilt University

December 16 – Stacey Palasek Memorial Scholarship

December 18 – NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Ongoing – SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes

Ongoing – Wells Fargo CollegeSTEPS Sweepstakes

### **\*\*\*November & December Scholarship Deadlines\*\*\***

**Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship**

This scholarship application is open to all current Eagle Scouts that have received credentials from the national office. By filling out this application it will qualify you for the Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarship Endowment, the United Health Foundation, and the National Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund. **Applications are due no later than October 31, 2015.** For more information and requirements go to [http://www.nesa.org/2015\\_scholarships.html](http://www.nesa.org/2015_scholarships.html) .

#### **Ron Brown Scholar Program**

This \$40,000 scholarship opportunity requires an application that includes SAT/ACT scores, a parent section, and a guidance counselor section. Early applications for this scholarship should be received by **November 1st**. Final application deadline is January 9th, 2015. Qualifications to apply for this scholarship are: Applicant must be African-American, a U.S. resident, and a high school senior at the time of their application. For an application, go to: <http://www.ronbrown.org/apply>

#### **VFW – Voice of Democracy Contest**

**WHO CAN ENTER:** The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. **HOW TO ENTER:** Visit <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Programs/> for application and information. The deadline to enter the program is **November 1**. The theme is: **My Vision for America**. Students should record their reading of the draft on a CD or flashdrive. The recording can be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds). Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to a CD, they can submit their typed version, CD and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post by the **November 1 deadline**.

#### **Congressional Service Academy Nominations**

**Amount:** All educational expenses are paid. **Criteria:** Young men and women interested in attending the United States Service Academies are required to seek out a nomination from their United States Congressional representative. A nomination is based on a “whole-person” evaluation. This evaluation includes: moral character; scholarship (high school record, class rank, SAT and/or ACT scores); leadership (organized activities, student body & class government, extracurricular activities, scouting, church, community involvement, work); physical aptitude; medical fitness; and overall personal goals and motivation. Each applicant seeking nomination must meet the following academy eligibility requirements by July 1 of the year you seek admission: must be a US citizen; must be at least 17 (each academy has a minimum age requirement); must be unmarried; and must have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents. **Deadline: November 1, 2015 by 5:00 pm.** **How to Apply:** Visit <http://www.burr.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=ConstituentServices.AcademyNominations> to download application.

#### **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award is for outstanding community service, particularly a self-initiated project or endeavor. Students are eligible for state and national awards, usually totaling \$1,000 or more. Winners are also awarded with a beautifully engraved medallion and a trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, DC next spring. To apply, students must apply online by visiting **Spirit of Community Home Page:** <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc/301>. **The application due date is November 3.**

#### **Eugene McDermott Scholars Program – University of Texas at Dallas**

**Amount:** The McDermott Scholars Program covers all expenses of an academic education at The University of Texas at Dallas, in concert with a diverse array of intensive extracurricular experiences, including internships, travel, and cultural enrichment. **Criteria:** McDermott Scholars are selected on their promise of being leaders for Dallas, the United States, and the world community during the 21st century. Eligibility requirements include: 1450 or higher on the two part SAT (verbal and math); 2100 or higher on the three part SAT; 33 or higher on the ACT; class rank in the top five percent of their graduating class; First-time college freshman; AP, IB, CLEP, and Dual-Credit acceptable; Long records of community volunteerism and leadership in school; Broad and eclectic interests in science, literature, and the arts; and Social skills to interact easily with adults as well as peers. The McDermott Scholars program provides select students with a rigorous and personalized education as well as intensive extracurricular activities. **Deadline: The McDermott Scholars application must be completed and submitted online**

**by November 5 for “Priority Applicants” Applications are accepted until January 5. How to Apply:** Please visit <http://pages.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/the-mcdermott-award/> for more information and to complete an application online. McDermott Scholars applicants must apply to UT Dallas before January 5. Please send a sealed official copy of your high school transcript (in addition to any transcript set to UT Dallas) to the McDermott Scholars office prior to submitting the online application. Mail additional transcript to: The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program - UT Dallas, 800 W. Campbell MC17, Richardson, Texas 75080.

### **Intel Science Talent Search 2016**

The Intel Science Talent Search (Intel STS), a program of Society for Science & the Public, is the nation’s most prestigious pre-college science competition, providing an important forum for original student research. Alumni have made extraordinary contributions to science and hold more than 100 of the world’s most distinguished science and math honors, including the Nobel Prize. Annually, more than 1,700 high school seniors from around the country conduct independent science, math or engineering research and complete an entry for the Intel STS. The Intel STS recognizes 300 student semifinalists and their schools by awarding each \$1,000. Forty student finalists are then invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in final judging, display their work to the public, and meet with notable scientists and government leaders. Each year, Intel STS semifinalists and finalists compete for \$1.25 million in awards, with a top award of \$100,000. Please visit our website ([www.societyforscience.org](http://www.societyforscience.org)) to learn more about the program and to view the application. Adults should use the last name “Test” when opening an account. **Deadline: November 11.**

### **The Robertson Scholars Program – UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University**

**Amount:** Full tuition at Duke/Full tuition, room, board, and stipend at UNC-CH; resources at both schools, summer opportunities, semester at sister campus, laptop, other extras **Criteria:** The Robertson Scholars Program combines the best of two exceptional universities. Top seniors applying to UNC-Chapel Hill and/or Duke University are encouraged to submit the Robertson Scholars Program application. The application is available online at <http://my.robertsonscholars.org/application> and must be submitted by 11:59 pm on **November 13**. Scholars are selected based upon the following: Behavior that is grounded in strong ethical principles, superior academic achievement and intellectual curiosity, strong leadership potential, active commitment to helping others and to community service, courage, and collaborative spirit. \*\*\*Students who have applied to the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program **are not eligible** to apply for the Robertson at UNC-Chapel Hill, but they may apply to be considered for the Robertson at Duke.

### **University of South Carolina Top Scholars**

Admissions consideration requires excellent high-school grades and strong scores on the SAT or ACT. If you complete the admissions application online, and your self-reported scores are high enough, you will be invited to apply for the Honors College and top scholarships at the point of application. You must submit the freshman application and Honors/Top Scholars supplement by **November 15th**. All supplemental materials (including application fee official fee waiver, official high-school transcript(s), test scores, two letters of recommendation, and personal statement) must be postmarked or submitted by **November 15th** as well. For more information, visit <http://sc.edu/topscholars/default.html>

### **Emory Scholars Program - Emory University, GA**

**Amount:** Covers four years of undergraduate study and ranges from two-thirds tuition to full tuition, room & board, and fees. **Criteria:** Students must have outstanding records of academic achievement, possess extraordinary personal qualities, and have made significant contributions to their class, their school, and their community. While at Emory, scholars may participate in an extensive program of educational enrichment including independent research; they may receive stipends to enjoy cultural and social events; they may use awards to study abroad during the school year; and in their summers, they may participate in diverse service-learning opportunities. **How to Apply:** To be considered for the Emory University Scholars Program (including the Woodruff, Oxford, and Goizueta Scholarships), students must select one of Emory's three admission decision plans (Early Decision I, Early Decision II, or Regular Decision). Students must submit all required application materials by the **November 15** Emory University Scholars Program deadline—if your selected admission plan is ED II or RD. Students applying ED I may apply for the Scholars program, but need to meet the November 1 deadline for all materials. Full instructions can be found via the "Questions" section of the Emory University supplemental "My College" page on the Common Application.

### **Goizueta Scholars Program - Emory University, GA**

**Amount:** Covers four years of undergraduate study, including study-abroad options, and will range from two-thirds of tuition to full tuition and fees. **Criteria:** Students must have a demonstrated interest in business, as evidenced by engagement in entrepreneurial activities, participation in internships, membership in business clubs, and/or involvement in business-related conferences, competitions, and similar offerings. Leadership and community service are also important components in the selection process, and candidates who bring diverse perspectives and background are of special interest. **How to Apply:** To be considered for the Goizueta Scholars Program, students must select one of Emory's three admission decision plans (Early Decision I, Early Decision II, or Regular Decision). Students must submit all required application materials, including the additional Scholars Essay, by the **November 15** Emory University Scholars Program deadline.

### **Yvar Mikhashoff Trust for New Music**

**Amount:** \$3,000.00 to composer/\$3,000.00 to pianist. **Criteria:** Goal of the competition is to encourage the composition and performance of new works for solo piano reflecting and continuing the legacy of the distinguished American pianist, Yvar Mikhashoff. **Deadline:** Application for both composer & pianist must be submitted jointly by **November 15**. **How to Apply:** Please visit website for more information, [www.mikhashofftrust.org](http://www.mikhashofftrust.org).

### **Mesothelioma Memorial Scholarship**

Established in 2003, this \$500 scholarship is offered four times per year to honor the thousands of people who have died from mesothelioma, as well as the thousands of patients who are newly diagnosed with the disease every year. Open to all students who are currently attending or planning to attend a post-high school educational program. Deadline: November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 15. How to apply: please visit their website to apply:  
<http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/scholarship/meso/mesothelioma-memorial.php>

### **Erskine College – Presidential Scholarship**

**Amount:** Four year total of \$150,000.00. **Criteria:** Highly motivated and creative individuals whose activities reflect qualities of leadership and service in their respective schools, churches, and communities. The committee will work with two applications: the application for admission to Erskine College and the Presidential Scholarship Application. The committee members will look at the following factors: outstanding academic performance in high school; intellectual curiosity; school, church, and community involvement; leadership skills; creativity; and fit with Erskine's commitment to connect student through Christ, learning, and life. The Presidential Scholarship Application is a separate application from the application for admissions. Please visit their website at <http://visit.erskine.edu/apply/presidential-scholarship/> and click on Financial Aid to find all scholarship information. **Deadline: November 15**. **How to Apply:** Please visit [www.erskine.edu](http://www.erskine.edu) to complete an application.

### **American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest**

The purpose of the Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Eligible participants shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States of America. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of twenty years on the date of the National contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school in which a curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12. A prepared oration in the Oratorical Contest must be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must not take up fewer than eight minutes or more than ten minutes for delivery. The oration must be delivered in the English language. The assigned topic of discourse must not consume fewer than three minutes or more than five minutes for delivery. The purpose of the assigned topic of discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution of the United States of America.

For more information about this award, please visit: <http://nclegion.org/orate.htm>. To apply: candidates must notify Waxhaw American Legion Post 208 Oratorical Chairman, Mike Hillhouse ([pmhillhouse@gmail.com](mailto:pmhillhouse@gmail.com)) by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** about their intent to participate in the contest.

### **NC State University Centennial Scholarship – through College of Textiles**

Every high school and home school can nominate up to two candidates for the Centennial Scholars Program. **The MRHS nominees are decided in October; please complete a nomination questionnaire in guidance by October 16<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in being nominated!** Full instructions will be sent to every nominee. Between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, any student, not already nominated, who feels he/she meets or exceeds the selection criteria may nominate themselves by writing or e-mailing the College of Textiles to request access to the online application. Telephone calls will not constitute a self-nomination. There is no limit to the number of self-nominees coming from any one high school. Self-nominees should email [kent\\_hester@ncsu.edu](mailto:kent_hester@ncsu.edu) for more information. All completed Centennial Scholarship applications should be submitted online (or by hard copy) to the College of Textiles by 5:00pm on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Following an exhaustive selection process, finalists will be notified and invited to attend the Centennial Scholars weekend and interviews (typically in late January). The top ranked candidates will be offered NCTF Scholarship, and the next, NCTF Prestige Scholarships.

### **DoSomething.org Scholarships**

Care about social change? Visit Do Something.org for various campaigns you can get involved in and enter to win various scholarships. Learn more and Apply at [www.dosomething.org/scholarships](http://www.dosomething.org/scholarships). **Deadline: December 1.**

### **Boston University Trustee Scholarship**

For over three decades, the Boston University Trustee Scholars Program has attracted students with outstanding academic ability and the potential to inspire fellow students to excel. Trustee Scholars are selected by a faculty committee from a pool of applicants who have been nominated by principals and headmasters of high schools around the world. Each Scholar receives a renewable scholarship covering full undergraduate tuition plus orientation and undergraduate student fees for four years. Trustee Scholars are typically in the top ten percent of their class and are also very active leaders in their schools and communities. **Nominations, essays, and applications must be submitted by December 1.** All applications and nomination materials are available online at <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/costs-aid-scholarships/scholarships/trustee/>

### **Villanova University Presidential Scholarship**

The Presidential Scholarship is a renewable, merit-based award covering full tuition, room, board (up to 19 meals-per-week plan), general fee, and the cost of textbooks for eight consecutive semesters. Representing diverse intellectual, social, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, Presidential Scholars are transformational leaders both on and off campus who have demonstrated a love of learning and a commitment to enhancing both their local and broader civic communities. The average HS GPA among Presidential Scholarship finalists for the Class of 2015 was 4.37/4.00 on a weighted scaled, the average combined SAT score was 1400/1600, with ACT scores averaging 31/36; however there is no minimum grade point average or standardized test score requirements for Presidential Scholarship eligibility. The selection Committee takes a holistic approach in reviewing applicants and looks at multiple criteria including academic achievement, civic engagement, creativity, expertise in a particular field, leadership, and resiliency. In order to be considered for the scholarship, students must be nominated by their high school guidance counselor or principal and must submit a completed application for admission by **December 1, 2014**. Upon nomination, students will be given further instructions on how to apply for the Presidential Scholarship. Please visit <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/vpaa/orgp/research/curf/pressscholar.html> to access more information or see Mrs. Pierce in guidance to be nominated.

### **Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)**

**Amount:** Covers full tuition, fees, and books. **Criteria:** Students must be US Citizens, graduate from high school, be 17 years of age before scholarship activation, meet appropriate physical fitness standards, must not be a single parent NO high school

JROTC experience is required. **Deadline: December 1.** **How to Apply:** Please visit [www.AFROTC.com](http://www.AFROTC.com) for a complete application.

#### **W.H. Plemmons Leader Fellows – Appalachian State University**

**Amount:** \$1,500 per year **Criteria:** Four year in-depth experience aimed at creating successful leaders. The program attempts to identify entering freshman who have demonstrated leadership and successful involvement in their high school or community. Their most recent incoming class of Plemmons Leader Fellows had an average 1265 SAT (math + critical reading) and 4.81 weighted GPA. An interview is required for students who will be considered. **Deadline: December 1.** **How to Apply:** Please visit the Appalachian admissions website for more information. *Must apply to Appalachian State by November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to be considered.*

#### **T. Johnson Honor Scholarship – Washington and Lee University**

**Amount:** Full-tuition at Washington and Lee University. **Criteria:** This scholarship was established to recognize students who excel in the classroom and rank at the top of their class, yet are also campus leaders and substantial contributors to their schools' communities. **Deadline: December 1; an admissions application to the University is also due at this time.** **How to Apply:** Please visit [http://go.wlu.edu/johnson\\_apply](http://go.wlu.edu/johnson_apply) for more information and to submit an application. Students must complete both an admissions essay and a Johnson Scholarship application essay.

#### **UNC Greensboro Blue and Gold Scholarship**

**Amount:** Ranges from \$1,500 to full tuition, fees, room, and board. **Criteria:** Successful candidates generally present a minimum SAT score of 1200 (combined math and critical reading) or an ACT score of 27, and a minimum high school GPA of 3.5. The application is available in mid-September on the Financial Aid Web site ([fia.uncg.edu](http://fia.uncg.edu)), and all application materials may be submitted online. **Students must have a complete UNCG admissions file by December 1 and a Merit Awards essay completed to be considered for this scholarship.** **How to Apply:** Please visit [fia.uncg.edu](http://fia.uncg.edu) to complete an online application.

#### **Presidential Scholars – Randolph College**

**Amount:** Varies. **Criteria:** Applicants must be high school seniors; 3.5 GPA or higher; strong college prep curriculum with advanced coursework undertaken (AP or IB); top 20% of class; 1300+ SAT scores (Critical Reading and Math) or 29+ ACT scores; demonstrated leadership in school and community. **Students must submit a completed Randolph College application by the Early Action I deadline of December 1.** **Deadline: December 1.** **How to Apply:** Please visit their website for more information and to apply online: [http://web.randolphcollege.edu/presidential\\_scholars/](http://web.randolphcollege.edu/presidential_scholars/)

#### **Ingram Scholarship Program – Vanderbilt University**

The Ingram Scholarship program recognizes students who demonstrate a willingness and ability to combine a successful business or professional career with a lifelong commitment to finding solutions to critical societal problems. The program supports students who are committed to developing their personal roles in the solution to societal problems and who have the maturity and initiative to lead positive social change. Application due **December 1.** Visit [Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships](http://Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships) to apply and for more information.

#### **Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

Each year, the Elks National Foundation gives out 500 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen is eligible. Male and female students compete separately for identical awards. *\*\*To apply, students must complete and submit the application, which can be found online at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>. The application, an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores, Counselor Report, and Copies of Exhibits must be submitted to Elks Lodge of Charlotte, 5118 Princess Street, Charlotte, NC 28269. If you have questions please contact 980.207.4620.* **The application is due by December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Lyceum Scholars Program at Clemson University**



The Lyceum Scholars Academic Program is America's first and only university-based academic program dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society. Lyceum professors will create a philosophic community based on a classical form of education patterned after Socrates' apprenticeship model. Lyceum scholars will be placed in a small learning community of 5-10 students, and faculty tutors will closely monitor and guide their intellectual development for their entire four-year education. Lyceum Scholars will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship renewable each year. For more information and to apply by **December 8**, visit <http://www.clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum.html>

### **Burger King Scholarship Program**

\$1,000, \$5,000, and \$25,000 scholarships are now available to all eligible high school seniors and Burger King employees (students DO NOT have to be employed at Burger King to be eligible for the scholarship; however, Burger King employees may be eligible). . **Application period is October 15th – December 15th.**

To learn more details and how to apply visit <http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram>

### **East Carolina University Academic Scholarship Program**

**Amount:** Varies. **Criteria:** Scholarships are only available for freshmen starting in the fall semester and students must have a minimum of a 3.5 unweighted GPA and a minimum of an 1800 on the SAT and/or 27 on the ACT to apply. Applications must be received in admissions office by November 15 to be considered for scholarships. After that time, their admissions office will send the student scholarship applications, if eligible. **Deadline: December 15.** **How to Apply:** For more information and a listing of the various scholarships, please visit their website: <http://www.ecu.edu/honors/>

### **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

**Amount:** 52 - \$10,000.00 State Winners and 10 - \$15,000.00 National Winners for a possible total of \$25,000.00. **Criteria:** Seniors must be a US Citizen or legal resident, plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the US, have demonstrated ambition and self-drive as evidence by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace, and be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement. **Deadline: December 15.** **How to Apply:** Please visit their website for more information and for an application <http://www.axa.scholarshipamerica.org/>

### **The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship Program – Vanderbilt University**

The Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship program, Vanderbilt's largest academic merit scholarship program, recognizes students who combine outstanding academic achievement with strong leadership and contributions outside the classroom. **Application due December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Visit [Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships](http://Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships) to apply and for more information.

### **The Chancellor's Scholarship Program – Vanderbilt University**

The Chancellor's Scholarship program honors students with outstanding academic records who have worked to build strong high school communities by bridging gaps among economically, socially, and racially diverse groups. Chancellor's Scholars also will have demonstrated significant interest in issues of diversity education, tolerance, and social justice. **Application due December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Visit [Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships](http://Vanderbilt.edu/scholarships) to apply and for more information.

### **NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award**

Are you a young entrepreneur? Do you know a young entrepreneur? Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation. Visit [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA) for more information and to apply online between **October 1 and December 18.**

### **SunTrust Sweepstakes**



\$1000 awards; Deadline: **Enter October 30<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need. Fifteen chances to win with one winner chosen every two weeks from September to May. Complete the scholarship sweepstakes application on SunTrust's website at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info)

### **Wells Fargo CollegeSTEPS Sweepstakes**

When you sign up to receive college planning and money management information from Wells Fargo's CollegeSTEPS Program, you'll automatically be entered in the CollegeSTEPS Sweepstakes for a chance to win \$1,000. Enroll at **[wellsfargo.com/collegesteps](http://wellsfargo.com/collegesteps)** and you'll be automatically entered in the CollegeSTEPS Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes winners are chosen through random drawings, giving you a chance to win \$1,000. A total of 200 \$1,000 prizes will be awarded (100 to high school students, 100 to college students). Once you sign up, you're automatically entered in future drawings until you no longer meet the eligibility criteria. If you are a winner, you'll be notified by email within two weeks of the drawing dates. Eligible students may only win one time.