



Highland Park CCRC Happenings

Jan. 26th – Feb. 8th, 2024

Announcements!

SENIORS Complete Your FAFSA/ MN DREAM Act!

Want money for college? Then you MUST complete the FAFSA/ MN Dream Act application. Seniors can begin to file their 2024-2025 FAFSA/MN Dream Act application starting **January 2024**. To file a FAFSA/MN Dream Act application, students and parents are required to report their 2022 income and tax information. When applying for federal or state financial aid with the FAFSA, you must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or an eligible non-citizen. Undocumented students can apply for state financial aid by accessing the online MN Dream Act - State Financial Aid application.

UPCOMING FAFSA/ DREAM ACT EVENTS

- **FAFSA/ MN Dream Act Completion Raffle**
 - Starting on Wednesday, January 17th, Mr. Carlson & Ms. Baheriy will begin raffling off **\$50 VISA Gift Cards** to students who have completed the FAFSA or MN Dream Act
 - In order to enter the raffle, students must show proof that they've completed the FAFSA or MN Dream Act to Mr. Carlson or Ms. Baheriy
 - **Every Wednesday from January 17th – March 6th**, we will draw a random name and that student will receive a \$50 VISA Gift Card!

Thinking College Early Fair

Come plan for your future at the annual Thinking Career and College Early Fair on Saturday, February 17th at Harding High School! At this unique event, you'll have the chance to meet with HBCU representatives and alumni, college admissions staff, and local employers. There will also be musical performers and an HBCU panel!

What: Thinking Career and College Early Fair

Who: All students grades 6-12 (childcare will be provided)

Where: Harding High School

When: February 17th from 10:30-1:30 PM

Students who attend the fair will have the chance to apply for the [fall HBCU college tour!](#)

Right Track Summer Job Opportunities

Right Track is accepting applications for their summer jobs and have job openings in a variety of fields, including: parks & rec, libraries, business, finance, healthcare, law, and more! Pay is

\$13 - \$15/hour and students must be 14-21 years old to apply. Check out [this flyer](#) for more information.

Application Link: [CLICK HERE](#) Application Deadline: **February 29th**

Genesys Works Internship Opportunity

Are you a high school junior? Do you want to earn up to \$16,000 during your senior year while also earning school credit, developing a professional network, and gaining valuable work experience? If so, Genesys Works, a non-profit youth development organization based out of downtown St. Paul, is accepting applications from eligible juniors for the 2025 internship program!

If accepted, you will participate in training over the summer and before being placed in a paid internship at a company in the metro area—US Bank, 3M, Target, Medtronic, and many others! If you have questions about the internship, check out the FAQ page on the Genesys Works website or come see Mr. Carlson in the CCRC.

Application Link: [CLICK HERE](#) Application Deadline: **March 4th**

ACT Test Prep with Xello

FREE ACT Prep programming is offered to all Saint Paul Public School 11th graders through the Methodize ACT Prep program on Xello.

Methodize is a self-paced online ACT prep program that offers full length practice tests, vocabulary builders and evaluation tests. These resources allow students to better understand what areas they may need more practice with when taking the ACT.

Using Methodize can improve your ACT score and build your testing confidence. We highly encourage all students who are planning to take the ACT to do ACT prep through Methodize or other out of district programming. [Click here](#) to view Ms. Baheriy's ACT test prep and Methodize presentation.

MN Bilingual Seals and Certificate Testing

If you can read, write, speak and understand another language, you may be eligible to earn up to 20 free college credits at any MN State College or University! Be recognized for your language ability and start your college career off right. Take a Seals of Bilingualism Assessment!

This test is open to 10th, 11th & 12th graders. Testing will occur at Highland from February 13th - 16th 2024.

Assessments are available in: Amharic, Arabic, ASL, Bulgarian, Czech, Dakota, Dari, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lakota, Mandarin Chinese, Ojibwe, Oromo, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tamil, Ukrainian, Vietnamese

Interested in signing up or learning more?! [CLICK HERE](#).

Deadline to sign up is January 31st!

HBCU College Tour 2024

If you're interested in learning about and visiting HBCUs around the country, sign up to attend the Progressive Baptist Church HBCU Tour! This is a great opportunity to explore HBCUs in person!

Tour is open to students currently in grades 7-11. **SPACE IS LIMITED AND SPOTS FILL QUICKLY!** If interested in participating **application opens on 1/21/24**

[Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

Colleges in the Northland Virtual Presentation

Colleges in the Northland is a virtual presentation that will be hosted by reps from Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, Lake Superior College, Northland College, St. Scholastica, University of Minnesota-Duluth, and University of Wisconsin-Superior. Students will learn about each institution's majors, clubs, sports, and scholarship opportunities on top of hearing about college life in the northland. This presentation will take place on **January 31st at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Business of Music Workshop at Best Buy Teen Tech Center

Keystone will be hosting a Business of Music workshop with Bionik! This workshop will be focusing on the business aspect of music and will happen every Wednesday beginning on Feb 7th till April 17th, 4:30PM - 6:30PM. Space is limited to the first 15 students. **This is a free workshop!** [Click here](#) to learn more and [click here](#) to sign up!

MITY Enrichment Summer Program

MITY Expand Your Mind (EYM) provides exciting learning opportunities within a stimulating, new environment. EYM students from around the world will join like-minded students as they experience life together on a college campus, challenging themselves academically during this two-week summer program. This program provides students: one class per session, allowing deep exploration into each student's preferred topic of interest, exceptional teachers who are inspiring and enthusiastic, student interaction and friendship building opportunities, individual attention so each student feels welcomed to learn, unique and experiential classroom activities help students remain engaged and motivated, opportunities to socialize with fellow students from across the US and around the world. The option of living away from home, as students are able to experience life in college dorms with peers and staff supervision. [Click here to learn more about MITY.](#)

Bank of America Student Leaders Program- PAID Internship!

As a Student Leader, you will participate in an eight-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where you will learn first-hand about the needs of your community and the critical

role nonprofits play. In addition, you will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills. Each Student Leader will attend the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. where you will learn how government, business and the nonprofit sector work together to address critical community needs. [Click here to learn more and to apply!](#)

ProCSI Summer Camp at UW- Madison

ProCSI (Promoting the Computational Science Initiative, pronounced "proxy"), is an annual, week-long program that is offered, free of charge, at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. The camp is open to all students, however, first-generation and/ or minority high school students going into their 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with an interest in engineering are encouraged to apply. ProCSI participants attend lectures on a range of engineering-related topics, go on tours of campus, and experience campus life during this fun-filled week. Students will be provided with meals at a university dining hall and reside in the dorms, both at no cost.

[Click here to apply and learn more!](#) **Deadline to apply is March 29th.**

Wallin Scholarship

The Wallin Scholarship program supports students throughout their college experience by providing them with the following:

- An advisor to help students navigate college
- Mentors and internships to connect students to career paths
- Donor connections so students get to know the people who've invested in their scholarship
- Up to \$16,000 in scholarship funding for four years.

To be eligible to apply you must meet all of the following criteria: minimum 3.0 GPA, attend a private/public non-profit four year college in MN, IA, SD, ND or WI or any HBCU immediately after high school (no gap year) and [demonstrate financial need](#).

[Click here to learn more!](#) **Deadline to apply for scholarship is February 1st!**

Xello College App Transcript and Letter of Recommendation Directions

Seniors! When applying to colleges you may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation and/or an official transcript. To request either of these you will use Xello! [Click here to see directions and videos on how to submit these requests!](#)

Job/Internships & Other Career Opportunities!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current jobs/internships & other career opportunities! This list will be updated throughout the year, so check back frequently

Note Employers and organizations reach out to counselors to share job and volunteer opportunities. We list the opportunities above as a resource for students. Highland does not endorse one business or organization over another and students seeking employment or experience should do so on their own free will. Highland does not accept responsibility beyond the sharing of information above.

Testing Information!

ACT 2023-2024 Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
February 10 th	January 5 th	January 19 th
March 12 th (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 th	March 8 th	March 22 nd
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 17 th
July 13 th	June 7 th	June 21 st

ACT Update: I strongly encourage all students research their prospective colleges' guidelines/ requirements regarding the ACT. At the start of COVID many colleges changed their ACT requirements due to testing limitations. Many colleges have announced they will continue being test-optional (will not require the ACT test) for the class of 2024 and some have eliminated the requirement indefinitely.

Register to Test

Register for the ACT at actstudent.org. Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12th test. Registration for this test will happen on paper and in school.

Free Online ACT Prep Resources

Check out these FREE ACT preparation resources:

- FREE Virtual Practice Tests
- ACT Academy
- ACT Study Guide
- The Princeton Review Free Practice Tests

Scholarships!

Public Housing Authority Scholarship- In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award one scholarship one for \$7,000 and two for \$5,000 to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency. *(Deadline 1/26/24)*

Union Plus Scholarship- The Union Plus Scholarship awards are presented annually to union members or members of their families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. *(Deadline 1/31/24)*

SSA Native American Scholarship- The Native American Scholarships Fund is an endowment established to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. Scholarships are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in the Americas, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous Pacific Islanders. *(Deadline 1/31/24)*

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarships- Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine,

nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. *(Deadline 1/31/24)*

DAR American Indian Scholarship- A one-time \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to Native American college and technical students of any age, any tribe and in any state who have financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.25 based on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scaled used by the applicable educational institution. Applicants must be Native Americans and must be able to prove membership in a tribe that is recognized at a state and/or federal level. These awards are available for vocational training or college/university undergraduate or graduate students. Preference is given to undergraduate applicants. *(Deadline 1/31/24)*

Wallin 4 Year Scholarship- Minimum eligibility requirements are: minimum 3.0 GPA, attend a private/public non-profit four year college in MN, IA, SD, ND or WI or any HBCU immediately after high school (no gap year) and [demonstrate financial need](#). Wallin winners receive \$4,000 a year for four years, get access to a professional advisor, get college to career programming and donor partner connections. *(Deadline 2/1/24)*

EngineerGirl Writing Contest- Open to students in grades 9-12. Applicants are required to write an essay on the given topic. First place winner will receive \$500. *(Deadline 2/1/24)*

Expedition Foundation's 2024 Scholarship- The \$1000 student award is for graduating high school seniors. You must be a member of Expedition Credit Union (formerly United Educators Credit Union), or the child, grandchild, or dependent of a member to be eligible for the award. You must be planning to attend a university, college, or community college in the fall of 2024. It is not necessary to demonstrate a financial need for the award. *(Deadline 2/2/24)*

Emmy Student Scholarship- We offer \$1,500 scholarship grants to students planning to major in journalism, broadcasting or electronic media at an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Scholarships are open to high school seniors and college/university sophomores & juniors or graduate students living or attending school in the five-state area served by the Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. *(Deadline 2/2/24)*

The AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship- The American Meteorological Society is pleased to announce the AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship program, open to all high school students and designed to encourage study in the atmospheric and related sciences. Serving as a unique example of various sectors of our field joining together to support young, talented minds, the scholarships are being sponsored by partners in industry, as well as through named scholarships either established by an AMS member or in memory of someone. The sponsors of these scholarships have all recognized the importance in encouraging young people to enter into the atmospheric and related sciences and thus have made generous contributions in support of the AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program. *(Deadline 2/3/24)*

Legacy Awards- Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Children and grandchildren will compete separately against other children and grandchildren in their state. *(Deadline 2/5/24)*

Point Foundation Community College Scholarship- The Point Community College Scholarship empowers LGBTQ community college students to fulfill their ambitions in college. Whether you are eager to earn an associate degree and join the workforce or you intend to transfer to a four-year college or university, Point can provide financial aid and mentoring to help you achieve your educational goals. *(Deadline 2/8/24)*

Hon. Jeff Morris Scholarship- Be an undergraduate or graduate student studying renewable energy (in any sense, including economics, law, public policy, energy storage, demand response, grid-interactive efficient buildings and load flexibility, advanced grid modernization, greening of the grid, etc.) at any college or university in Oregon or Washington; or, be studying outside of Oregon and Washington, but be from one of

those states, and intend to return to the Pacific Northwest after studies are complete; or, be a Native American or Alaskan Native student. *(Deadline 2/15/24)*

Groth Music Scholarship- The purpose of this fund is to award annual post-secondary scholarships for qualified students desiring to matriculate and pursue careers in music performance, music education, or music therapy. *(Deadline 2/22/24)*

AMS Scholarship for Underserved Communities- The AMS Scholarship for Underserved Communities will award funding to students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students. Funding for the scholarships is provided through donations made to the AMS Annual Giving Program. The \$6,000 two-year scholarship is for \$3000 per year during freshman and sophomore years *(Deadline 2/23/24)*

Indian Health Services Scholarships- The Indian Health Service (IHS) offers three scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native students in order to educate and train health professionals to staff Indian health programs. We strive to develop our next generation of leaders, as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian and Alaska Native students. *(Deadline 2/28/24)*

TheDream.us National Scholarship- Applications are open to undocumented immigrant students with or without DACA or TPS who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before Nov. 1, 2018. The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees at one of our Partner Colleges up to a maximum of \$33,000 for a bachelor's degree. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

I am Black History: Pioneer Essay Contest- MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC is pleased to announce their 3rd Annual "I Am Black History" Pioneer Essay Contest. The last day documents and the essay will be accepted is Thursday February **29, 2024/11:59 P.M.** The contest is open to high school student's grades, 9th-12th grade in the United States of America. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

Distinguished Raven FAC Memorial Scholarships- This scholarship program is meant to provide educational assistance to the descendants of those the Ravens supported in their fight for the defense of their country. This assistance is intended to encourage the individuals to further their education and to reward the qualities that the Ravens and Laotian/Hmong forces admire. The funds are provided directly to the recipient to assist with tuition, lab fees, books, and other direct educational expenses. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

MARvelous Education Fund- If you are planning to pursue higher education and are looking for ways to cover the cost, the Jewish Community Center's (JCC) MARvelous Education Fund can help. The fund will award a \$5,000 scholarship to one recipient and is open to all Minnesota JCC members and staff. Preference is given to JCC involvement, academic achievement and financial need. *(Deadline 2/29/24)*

Youth Volunteer Scholarship- All All youth volunteers currently in grades 11 - 12 during the 2023-24 school year and have completed a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with one or more seniors by the date of submission are eligible to apply. Prior applicants who have not yet received a scholarship are encouraged to re-apply. Eligible applicants have spent time impacting the lives of seniors in a care facility, independent or assisted living, a senior day program, or in one's neighborhood or community. Volunteer hours may be spent the following ways: companionship visits, helping with household chores, raking leaves, shoveling snow, grocery shopping, transportation to appointments, etc. Eligible applicants must reside in the seven county Twin Cities metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington) or the western Wisconsin counties of Pierce or St Croix. *(Deadline 3/1/24)*

Vernetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship- The Vernetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund was formed in late 1987 in honor of our departed sister, Vernetta Wilson, an active member of the community whose passion in life was working with young adults. She instilled in them a sense of self-esteem and academic pride. She was

fulfilling her dream of helping African American youth pursue higher education when she died suddenly of cancer on July 18, 1987. The Vernetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship is part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter's larger commitment to provide encouragement and support to African-American students who choose higher education as their goal. Award amounts and number of awards vary annually, depending on funds available. *(Deadline 3/1/24)*

USPAACC 2023 Scholarship- The goal of the USPAACC Scholarship is to help students pursue their aspirations and be an inspiration for future generations of Asian Americans. *(Deadline 3/1/24)*

USDA 1890 National Scholars Program- The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is aimed at increasing the number of students from rural and underserved communities who study food, agriculture, natural resource and other related sciences. The scholarship provides recipients with full tuition, fees, books, room and board. Scholars attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. The scholarship may also include work experience at USDA. *(Deadline 3/1/24)*

James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund- For the sons, daughters and financial dependents of Teamster members (including the BMWED, BLET, GCC and TCRC). Academic scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college or university and Training/Vocational program awards of up to \$2,000 for use at community colleges and trade schools.*(Deadline 3/1/24)*

ACS Scholars Program- The ACS Scholars Program awards renewable scholarships to underrepresented minority students majoring in undergraduate chemistry-related disciplines, and are also intending to pursue careers in chemistry-related fields. *(Deadline 3/1/24)*

AAUW Scholarship- Four-year college scholarship for young women who are graduating high school seniors of accredited public or private schools in the St. Paul Metro Area. Scholarships are based on student's financial need, academic excellence (in the top 20% of graduating class), school and/or community volunteer activities, a teacher recommendation, personal essay, and a personal interview. Scholarship amount is \$4,000 and is renewable for up to 8 consecutive semesters. *(Deadline 3/5/2024)*

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)- Each year, the NRAEF awards more than \$1.2 million in scholarships to individuals pursuing a post-secondary degree in the restaurant, foodservice, and hospitality industry. *(Deadline 3/11/24)*

PFund Scholarship- Our scholarship program awards LGBTQIA individuals for their commitment and leadership within LGBTQIA communities. Scholarships support post-secondary academic programs as well as non-scholastic leadership development opportunities.*(Deadline 3/11/24)*

UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program- UCB will award 30 scholarships of up to \$5,000 and 3 scholarships of up to \$10,000 to people living with epilepsy, their family members, and caregivers pursuing higher education. *(Deadline 3/15/24)*

The Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation Scholarship- This scholarship is for high school seniors and students who will be attending a college or university in the United States as a freshman during the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicants who are currently not seniors in high school (e.g., students who are taking a gap year or adults returning to school), but applicants who will be considered incoming freshmen are eligible to apply. Applicants should have demonstrated outstanding personal achievements, academic merit, leadership qualities and/or community service. *(Deadline 3/15/24)*

Horatio Alger State Scholarship- As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced

and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as have critical financial need.

(Deadline 3/15/24)

Catch a Break Scholarship- The Catch a Break!® Scholarship Program was established to assist highly motivated Minnesota residents who have faced challenges in life and learned from them, and are now enrolling for the first time in post-secondary education. Scholarships are offered for full-time study at an accredited public four-year college or university in Minnesota for the entire academic year. *(Deadline 3/15/24)*

Heartland Business Systems Scholarship- Up to four recipients will be eligible to receive the Heartland Scholarship. Recipients will each receive \$2,500 to put towards continuing education. Students must have a 3.5 minimum GPA and intend to continue education at an accredited two – or four- year university or technical school, with an intended major in an Information Technology field. *(Deadline 3/30/24)*

Nari Cares MN Scholarship- NARI Cares Minnesota is pleased to announce that \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to three 2024 graduates from area MN High Schools. The scholarships will be awarded in \$500 increments renewable for two semesters. Student must be pursuing a post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational or vocational institution relating to the field of construction or related trades in the Summer or Fall of 2024. *(Deadline 3/30/24)*

Starbase Scholarship- STARBASE Minnesota, located on the 133rd Airlift Wing in St. Paul, MN, and the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, has helped inspire and educate more than 80,000 Twin Cities' youth in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) since 1993 in five-day programs. Former STARBASE Minnesota students who attended during the school year and who are enrolled in post-secondary education are encouraged to apply throughout the year. STARBASE Minnesota scholarships are one-time \$1,000 awards, and will be presented directly to the recipient. SPPS Elementary Schools that participated in STARBASE: American Indian Magnet, Battle Creek, Cherokee Heights, Como Park, Crossroads, Eastern Heights, Farnsworth, Four Seasons, Frost Lake, Hamline, Hazel Park, Highwood Hills, Jie Ming, Randolph *(Rolling Deadline)*

More Scholarships

- Your college's scholarships- search your college's financial aid website for scholarships your college offers!
- [Big Future College Board](#)
- [Niche](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Scholarship.com](#)
- [Fastweb](#)