



# Highland Park CCRC Happenings

## Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### College Admission Visits and More!

College visit season is here! Colleges & programs from all over the United States will be visiting Highland throughout this fall and early winter. This is your time to meet with admission counselors to ask questions about their college, application and acceptance requirements. Listed below are the colleges and programs that will be visiting the next 2 weeks. Click on link below to sign up for a visit!

#### Upcoming Visits:

##### **Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Univ. of Northwestern- St. Paul                      9:05am (Middle of 1B)

##### **Thursday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mpls College of Art & Design                      10:30am (Middle of 2B)

##### **Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Wallin Scholarship Info Session                      10:15am (Middle of 2B)

[Click here to RSVP/ Sign Up for a Admission Visit and to see the Highland Park Admission Visit Schedule!](#) *Note: This schedule is updated regularly.*

### Announcements!

#### Office of Equity Youth Ambassadors

The SPPS Office of Equity is looking for students interested in being Youth Ambassadors this year! Interested students will receive training on 6 Saturdays and one evening just before the Equity Summit this spring! **Students will receive a stipend of \$375!**

First session is Saturday December 16, 2023 from 12-4. **Applications are due to us by Sunday night November 26, 2023.** Students must be 16 years old to apply.

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

#### Construct Tomorrow Field Trip

We'll be taking up to 50 Highland Park students on a field trip to the [Construct Tomorrow Event](#) at the St. Paul RiverCentre on **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.** This is an awesome event for students to learn more about job opportunities in the construction and building trades industries! **Students can pick-up a Permission Slip from Mr. Carlson in the CCRC and should turn it in before November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Wallin Scholarship Info Session- Weds. Dec. 6th**

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](#).

If interested in learning more, [click here to sign up for the Highland Park Wallin Scholarship info session taking place Wednesday, Dec. 6th!](#)

**Deadline to apply for scholarship is February 1st!**

## **Financial Aid Info Night- Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a financial aid information session during Parent Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the library**. We'll be sharing more information about how 12<sup>th</sup> grade students/families can prepare for the financial aid process, provide support with creating FSA IDs for the FAFSA, and answer questions related to financial aid. Financial aid resources can be found on the Highland Park CCRC website [here](#).

## **3M Skilled Trade Program**

3M, in partnership with Minnesota State, announces the availability of two scholarships for students interested in the skilled trades. Each scholarship will be for up to \$15,000 over two years at any of the Minnesota State colleges and universities, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. [Click here to learn more and to apply!](#) **The deadline to apply for the scholarship is January 15, 2024.**

## **District Career Pathways Program for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders- Spring Semester**

Interested in taking a Career Pathway class next semester? [Check out this link](#) to find more information about the Pathways Program and the classes that will be offered.

## **TRIO Upward Bound is Recruiting 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

TRIO Upward is a College Access Program that helps students plan for college and their career! This program offers tutoring services, individual advisors, college planning curriculum, a summer camp opportunity and participants will get PAID!!! We are recruiting in the month of October. If you are interested, *complete the interest form ASAP and stop by CCRC for questions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.!*

[Click here to view a video about UB!](#)

[Click here to complete our interest form!](#)

### **ActSix FULL RIDE Scholarship Due 11/28**

ActSix is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, ActSix will select 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for **full scholarships to the following colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College Moorhead and University of Northwestern.**

Applicants are encouraged to have a 3.0 gpa or higher and while ethnicity and family income are considered as factors in selecting an intentionally diverse group of scholars, there are no income restrictions, and students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply for ActSix. [Click here to learn more about ActSix.](#)

### **SENIORS Complete Your FSA ID**

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 **December 2023**. 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.

BEFORE completing the FAFSA students and families **MUST** sign up to have an FSA ID. The FSA ID (account username and password) allows students and parents to identify themselves electronically to access Federal Student Aid websites. [Click here to create an FSA ID!](#)

### **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

### **Upcoming Post-Secondary & Volunteer Opportunities!**

Event Name	Description	When & Where	Notes
LEDA's Princeton University	Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a <b>FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer</b> institute program	<b>Deadline to apply is December, 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.</b>	<a href="#">Click here for more information and to apply!</a>

<b>Summer Institute</b>	at Princeton University. At this summer program students will receive leadership training, college guidance, ACT/SAT prep and more. Students will continue to have access to program resources during their senior year of high school and college.	Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.	To be eligible for the program a student must be an 11 <sup>th</sup> grader, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less than \$90,000. Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5, are enrolled in rigorous coursework, and have demonstrated leadership.
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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**

<b>ACT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
March 12 <sup>th</sup> (All Juniors optional test at Highland, REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE IN SCHOOL)		
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>

**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](https://actstudent.org). Visit the CCRC to get help registering. Juniors do NOT complete online registration for the March 12<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**The Schoolhouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship-** Our program is one of the nation's only national scholarship programs specifically serving youth that have experienced homelessness. The goal of our program is to provide financial assistance and staff and peer support to ensure that you are successful in getting to and through higher education and into the workforce. *(Deadline 11/24/23)*

**Act Six Scholarship-** Act Six is Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need urban leadership award. For Fall 2023, Act Six will select between 38 of the Twin Cities' diverse urban leaders for full scholarships to six partner colleges: Augsburg College, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Concordia College- Moorhead and University of Northwestern. *(Deadline 11/28/23)*

**MN Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Council-** The council will be awarding \$18,000 in \$1,000 individual scholarships - providing 18 Minnesota credit union members the opportunity to cut the cost of college. Any member of a Minnesota Credit Union Network affiliated credit union pursuing post-secondary education in the fall 2024/spring 2025 *OR* is a high school senior graduating in 2024 is eligible to apply. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**The NHS Scholarship-** Since 1946, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has awarded more than \$23 million in scholarships to outstanding NHS seniors. This year, we are awarding \$2 million in scholarships to 600 students. Each year, scholarship recipients are selected based on their demonstration of the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. *(Deadline 11/30/23)*

**Barbra Lotze Scholarship for Future Physics Teachers-** The AAPT Board of Directors offers scholarships for future high school physics teachers. These scholarships, supported by an endowment funded by Barbara Lotze, are available only to U.S. citizens attending U.S. schools. Successful applicants receive a stipend of up to \$3,000 and a complimentary AAPT Student Membership for one year. The scholarship may be granted to an individual for each of four years. Applicants must declare their intent to prepare for a career in physics teaching at the high school level and must be a U.S. Citizen. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Ron Brown Scholar Program-** The Ron Brown Scholarship honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Dell Scholarship Program-** Provides 500 \$20,000 scholarships and laptop to high school seniors with an unweighted 2.4 gpa or higher, who demonstrate financial need/ Pell Grant eligible, are attending a 4 year college in fall 2024, are a US citizen or permanent resident and are participating in an approved college readiness program for 2 years total in 11th & 12th grade such as AVID, Upward Bound, College Possible and Genesys Works. *(Deadline 12/1/23)*

**Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship-** A program that recognizes students who are driving awareness and mobilizing youth to be catalysts for innovative models that provide solutions to eliminate hunger in the U.S. Scholarship winners receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for their hunger-related charity. *(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship-** The Point Flagship Scholarship empowers LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees at accredited colleges in the United States. *(Deadline 12/5/23)*

**WTS/MSES Workforce Development High School Scholarship-** MSES (Minnesota Society of Engineers and Surveyors) in partnership with WTS Minnesota, is sponsoring the WTS/MSES Workforce Development

Scholarship. WTS and MSES encourage new professionals and students to pursue careers in transportation. The WTS/MSES Workforce Development Scholarship is intended to be awarded to girls pursuing high school studies in transportation, science, technology, engineering, and math. *(Deadline 12/15/23)*

**WTS Dan Meyers High School Scholarship-** WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging new professionals and students to pursue careers in transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Minnesota Dan Meyers High School Scholarship to girls pursuing high school studies in transportation, science, technology, engineering, and math. *(Deadline 12/15/23)*

**Racial Justice Oratorical Contest-** Minneapolis College students and high school seniors and juniors from Metro Area Public High Schools are invited to submit a 500- to 1000-word speech or performance piece in response to the following questions and prompt. One \$1000 scholarship prize will be awarded to a high school senior from the Metro Area. —"It is democracy turned upside down."—what does Dr. King, Jr. mean by this statement? - Why is voting a sacred right, and how does denial of the vote betray the highest mandates of our democratic traditions?- Does Dr. King overestimate the ballot's corrective re do contemporary examples make you hopeful or discouraged about racial justice? *(Deadline 12/18/23)*

**The Leadership Scholarship-** Our awards aim to financially support students in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area who have supported their communities by contributing their time and energy to make their communities better places to live. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled full time in your last two years of high school, or your first year in college. You must either be currently living in affordable housing in Minnesota, or have lived in affordable housing in Minnesota in the past. *(Deadline 12/31/23)*

**The "No Sweat" Scholarship-** The Cirkled In "No Sweat" Scholarship is a \$2500 CASH scholarship you can use for any educational purpose, from books to summer camp. In just two steps, you're in! Apply by signing-up for a Cirkled In account and then complete your portfolio. *(Deadline 12/31/23)*

**GE- Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program-** The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. *(Deadline 1/2/24)*

**AIPA Scholarship Program-** AIPA is the nation's largest non-profit provider of college scholarships to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA). Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$20,000 awards. APIA Scholars provides scholarships to underserved APIA students with a special focus on those who: Live at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status; Are the first in their families to attend college; Are representative of the APIA community's diversity, (geographically and ethnically), especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity; and Have placed a strong emphasis on community service and leadership as well as solid academic achievement. *(Deadline 1/9/24)*

**The Jackie Robinson Scholarship-** The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships for over four years to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. *(Deadline 1/10/24)*

**John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest-** Essay contest open to students in grades 9-12. Applicants must submit an essay that describes and analyzes an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. Awards range from \$100-\$10,000. *(Deadline 1/12/24)*

**WCF Scholarship-** The annual National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship awards students completing twelfth grade (or final high school year) in 2023 who are planning careers in government service. Scholarship applicants must be citizens of the United States. The Trustees and Members of the Foundation, mindful of the significance of the important event in our nation's history that occurred at Washington Crossing,

Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, believe that if our country is to continue to progress, we must have thoroughly trained, dedicated young people to carry on our government's work in future years. *(Deadline 1/15/24)*

**Mondale- Quie Essay Contest-** The contest is open to Minnesota high school students in grades 11 and 12 who attend a public or private school (including charter and alternative-learning programs) or who are home schooled in Minnesota. *(Deadline 1/16/24)*

**United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship** - Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. *(Deadline 1/19/24)*

**C-Span Student Cam Documentary Competition-** StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. This year we are celebrating our 20th anniversary of the competition and for 2024, we are asking students in grades 6-12 to create a short (5-6 minute) video documentary on a topic that relates to the competition theme, "Looking Forward while Considering the Past." *(Deadline 1/19/24)*

**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)*

### **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](#)