



# Highland Park CCRC Happenings

## Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21<sup>st</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:**

##### **Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Winona State Univ.            9:05am (Middle of 1B)

##### **Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Harvard College            1:43pm (Start of 4B)

**[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!**

#### **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 14th 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](#).

#### **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.

#### **Ready, Set, FAFSA**

Join the MN Office of Higher Ed this January for a series of financial aid webinars created specifically for students and families to help them prepare for the financial aid process. All sessions will be approximately one hour long with a short presentation from financial aid experts followed by time for questions from the audience.

All sessions will have simultaneous interpretation available in Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. **Participants who attend at least one session will be eligible to win a \$1000 scholarship.**

[Click here to learn more and to register for one or more of the events!](#)

### **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!**

### **HBCU College Tour 2023**

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!](#)

### **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
<b>LEDA's Princeton University Summer Institute</b>	Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) offers a <b>FREE all expenses paid 5 week summer</b> institute program 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.	<b>Deadline to apply is December, 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.</b>  Meals, lodging, and transportation to and from campus will be paid for by the university.	<a href="#">Click here for more information and to apply!</a>  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.

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>
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](http://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!**

**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)*

**Equitable Excellence Scholarship-** Every year, students across the country work hard to make a positive and lasting impact in their communities and beyond. And every year, we award \$1.8 million in college scholarships to hundreds of these remarkable young people throughout the nation. Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. Minimum 2.5 GPA required. *(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. AIPA 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)*

**Travelers EDGE Scholarship Program-** Travelers EDGE® – Empowering Dreams for Graduation and Employment – is an innovative educational opportunity developed by Travelers. The program provides college students with financial, academic, professional development and mentoring support while preparing students for a career at Travelers or the insurance and financial services industry. Specific college and major requirements. *(Deadline 1/11/24)*

**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)*

**3M Skilled Trade Program Scholarship-** 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 *(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)*

**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)*

### **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](#)