

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Germantown High School

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- ▶ There are several places you can look for scholarships:
  - ▶ Germantown Community Scholarship Fund
  - ▶ Career Cruising
  - ▶ National databases/search engines
  - ▶ Postsecondary institution websites
  - ▶ Parents' employers

# GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

# GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ▶ Applications for the 2018 GCSF will become available during the first week of January
- ▶ Students must complete two steps:
  - ▶ Complete the scholarship workbook
    - ▶ The workbook will be available online
  - ▶ Enter workbook information into the scholarship database one evening at GHS
    - ▶ Will be sometime the week of February 5th
- ▶ Students will receive notification of their awards the week of March 19th
- ▶ Scholarship awards night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th
- ▶ Here is a link to LAST YEAR'S scholarship application:
  - ▶ <http://www.germantownscholarship.org/Site/PDFs/2017%20Scholarship/2017%20GHS%20Application%20Workbook.pdf>

# CAREER CRUISING

The background features a dark blue field on the left and a complex, layered geometric pattern of various shades of green on the right. The green shapes are angular and overlapping, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is modern and professional.

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- ▶ There are two places you can look in Career Cruising for scholarships
  - ▶ Financial Aid Selector
  - ▶ Local Scholarships
- ▶ You will need to log into your Career Cruising account
  - ▶ Remember that you need to be logged into your GHS Google account first
- ▶ Go to “My Plan”
- ▶ Click on “My Scholarships and Financial Aid”

# CAREER CRUISING

- ▶ Click on “Find Scholarships”
  - ▶ Under “Financial Aid Selector,” click on “Start Selector”
    - ▶ The system will ask you a series of questions related to:
      - ▶ Personal Information
      - ▶ Citizenship and Residence
      - ▶ Background
      - ▶ Academic History
      - ▶ College Information
      - ▶ Interests & Talents
      - ▶ Military Service
      - ▶ Corporate & Volunteer Experience
    - ▶ Once you have entered your information, you will receive a list of matching scholarships
      - ▶ Just like other schools, careers, etc. in Career Cruising, you can save scholarships to your plan so that you can return to them at a later date

# CAREER CRUISING

- ▶ Click on “Local Scholarships”
- ▶ You will see a list of scholarships that GHS has received information on
- ▶ Scholarships will be listed with such details as:
  - ▶ Name
  - ▶ Deadline
  - ▶ Amount
  - ▶ Eligibility Criteria
  - ▶ Application procedure
  - ▶ Links to websites and applications OR materials will be attached for download
- ▶ The local scholarship list will be updated weekly, so you will need to check back often



# NATIONAL DATABASES/SEARCH ENGINES

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- ▶ The following websites can also be used to search for scholarships:
  - ▶ <https://www.fastweb.com/>
  - ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/>
  - ▶ <https://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/>
  - ▶ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

# POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WEBSITES

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- ▶ [UW - Washington County](#)
- ▶ [UW - Eau Claire](#)
- ▶ [UW - Green Bay](#)
- ▶ [UW - La Crosse](#)
- ▶ [UW - Madison](#)
- ▶ [UW - Milwaukee](#)
- ▶ [UW - Oshkosh](#)
- ▶ [UW - Parkside](#)
- ▶ [UW - Platteville](#)
- ▶ [UW - River Falls](#)
- ▶ [UW - Stevens Point](#)
- ▶ [UW - Stout](#)
- ▶ [UW - Superior](#)
- ▶ [UW - Whitewater](#)

# POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WEBSITES

- ▶ [Alverno College](#)
- ▶ [Bellin College](#)
- ▶ [Beloit College](#)
- ▶ [Cardinal Stritch University](#)
- ▶ [Carroll University](#)
- ▶ [Carthage College](#)
- ▶ [Concordia University](#)
- ▶ [Edgewood College](#)
- ▶ [Lakeland University](#)
- ▶ [Lawrence University](#)
- ▶ [Marian University](#)
- ▶ [Marquette University](#)
- ▶ [MIAD](#)
- ▶ [MSOE](#)
- ▶ [Mount Mary University](#)
- ▶ [Northland College](#)
- ▶ [Ripon College](#)
- ▶ [Silver Lake College](#)
- ▶ [St. Norbert College](#)
- ▶ [Viterbo University](#)
- ▶ [Wisconsin Lutheran College](#)

# POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION WEBSITES

- ▶ [MATC](#)
- ▶ [WCTC](#)
- ▶ [Moraine Park](#)
- ▶ [University of Minnesota - Twin Cities](#)
- ▶ [Winona State University](#)
- ▶ [Purdue University](#)
- ▶ [Minnesota State University - Mankato](#)
- ▶ [St. Cloud State University](#)

PARENTS' EMPLOYERS

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- ▶ Talk with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and ask them to check at their workplaces to see if there are any scholarships available to children of employees
- ▶ Companies such as Johnson Controls, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wal-Mart, etc. offer scholarships for the dependents of employees
- ▶ Please also refer to:
  - ▶ <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/employer-and-employee-scholarships/>



# RED FLAGS

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- ▶ If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!!!!
- ▶ Red flags:
  - ▶ Guarantees
  - ▶ Unsolicited scholarship offers from individuals/organizations you did not contact
  - ▶ Fees
  - ▶ Limited time offers - “now or never”
  - ▶ Requests for very personal information
    - ▶ Example: Social security numbers—if you are awarded a scholarship, you may need to provide it, but you shouldn’t just to apply
  - ▶ No eligibility requirements
  - ▶ No way to contact the scholarship provider

# GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATIONS

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- ▶ **Start now!**
  - ▶ The longer you wait, the more potential money you lose out on
- ▶ **Pay attention to due dates!**
  - ▶ Does it have to arrive by the due date? Be postmarked by the due date?
  - ▶ Make a scholarship calendar/schedule
- ▶ **Don't reuse essays from other applications**
  - ▶ Take the time to write new essays that address the question(s) being asked

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- ▶ Do some research into the scholarship organization
  - ▶ Can you match your goals to those of the organization?
- ▶ Proofread!
- ▶ If you need materials from other people, make sure you give them enough time!
  - ▶ Transcripts
  - ▶ Letters of recommendation

# FINANCIAL AID

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- ▶ Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) can now be working on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - ▶ <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- ▶ UW System FAFSA priority dates:
  - ▶ UW Colleges - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Eau Claire - March 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Green Bay - January 15, 2018
  - ▶ UW-La Crosse - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Madison - December 1, 2017
  - ▶ UW-Milwaukee - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Oshkosh - December 15, 2017
  - ▶ UW-Parkside - April 15, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Platteville - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-River Falls - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Stevens Point - March 15, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Stout - February 1, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Superior - January 15, 2018
  - ▶ UW-Whitewater - January 1, 2018

# REMINDERS - APPLICATION PROCEDURE



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- ▶ Unless you are using the Common Application, all transcripts must be requested through Career Cruising!!!
  - ▶ Log into your Career Cruising account
  - ▶ Go to “My Plan”
  - ▶ Click on “My Education”
  - ▶ Click on “My Transcripts”
  - ▶ Click on “Send Ad Hoc Transcript Request” and then search for the college(s) that need your transcript

# REMINDERS - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ▶ If you need anything else sent to your college/university, you will need to fill out a pink Document Release Request form
  - ▶ ACT scores
    - ▶ If the college/university requires “official” ACT/SAT scores, you will need to log into your ACT/SAT account and pay to have them sent directly
  - ▶ Letters of recommendation
  - ▶ Fees that were not paid online

QUESTIONS?