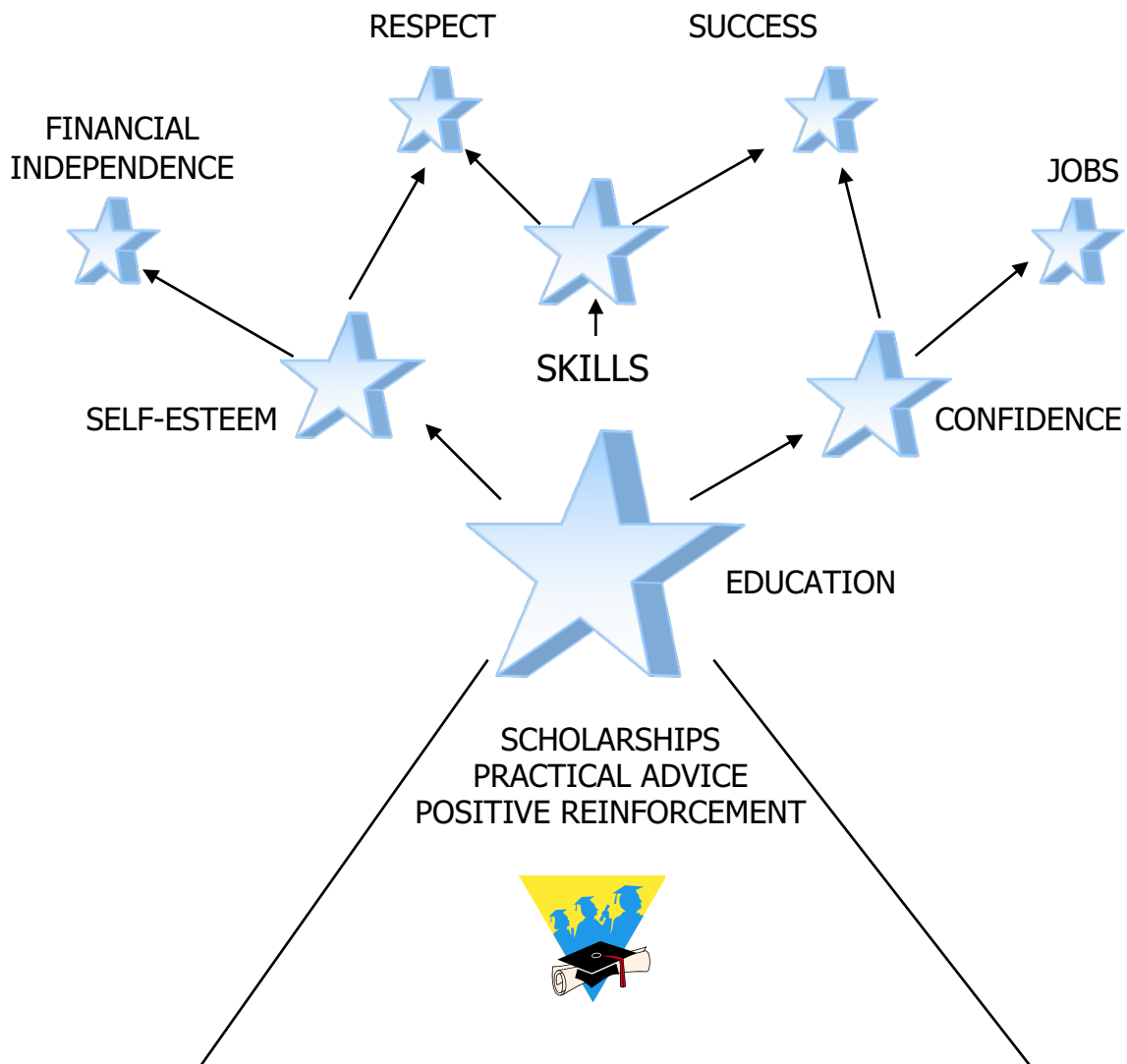
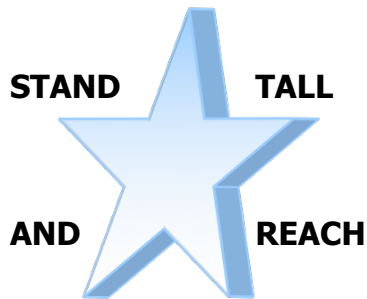


# STAR Scholarship Foundation



# STAR Scholarship Foundation's Academic/Vocational Opportunities

The STAR Scholarship Foundation invites you to apply for a \$1,000 or \$250 grant-in-aid scholarship which will start you on the road to achieving your career goals by improving your education and building your job skills.

This competitive scholarship program is open to all African American (black American of African descent) and black 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the Howard County Public School System who meet the minimum requirements and want scholarship money to pay for future college or vocational school costs.

Scholarships are provided for both academic and vocational schooling. All applicants who deserve a scholarship get one for the proper amount. The potential exists to win three STAR scholarships if you apply in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Thus you may win up to \$3,000 toward your education after high school by winning the STAR Scholarship for three consecutive years. Numerous students have won multiple scholarships. **The scholarship may be used for tuition, housing, books, or fees; and is paid directly to the college or vocational school.** The scholarship is revoked if not applied for within 3 ½ years after graduation from high school.

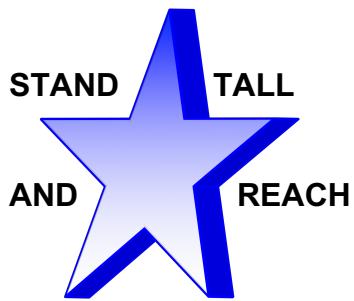
STAR Scholarships are based on GPA, significant GPA improvement, course difficulty, essay quality, significant accomplishments, recommendations and an interview.

STAR scholarships offer more than just money to winners. You will receive media recognition at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Winning a STAR Scholarship will also improve your chances of winning a four-year scholarship. If you are interested in success, in winning, in building your future and continuing your education, complete the application and attached forms and bring them to your counselor. Do it for yourself and your future.

## STAR Scholarship Foundation Minimum Requirements

### Students who have:

- ★ Consistently above average grades (GPA 3.1 or greater) in the previous school year or grades showing significant progressive improvement over three previous marking periods.
- ★ **Plus**, one or more of the following:
  - ☆ Significant academic accomplishments
  - ☆ Significant employment experience / employer recommendation
  - ☆ Significant volunteer efforts or community involvement
  - ☆ Responsibility in family life (caring for family member, contributing to family income)
  - ☆ Responsible participation in service-oriented or extracurricular activities



The STAR Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation started and initially funded by Paul Peck in 1992 to help African American and black students achieve their higher education goals. STAR's purpose is to show African American and black students that there is hope, the community cares, and studying pays.

STAR is an all-volunteer organization and more than 98% of funds go toward scholarships and merit awards. As of July 2016, STAR has awarded \$2,858,500 in scholarships and merit awards.

STAR offers African American and black students in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades the opportunity to win \$1,000 or \$250 college or vocational school scholarships. African American and black 8<sup>th</sup> graders may win \$150 or \$75 STAR Merit Awards, 7<sup>th</sup> graders may win \$100 or \$50 STAR Merit Awards, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders may win \$50 or \$25 STAR Merit Awards.

# 2017 STAR Scholarship Foundation Application

(Please print clearly)

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student:  Mr.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for a \$1,000 scholarship for college or vocational training that *will be paid directly to the college or vocation school*. I am willing to be interviewed to provide other information needed to complete this application, and I am attaching the required original essay on the following topic, **What does “fair and effective” governing mean in a democracy?**, as well as two recommendations/testimonials, one of which must be a teacher’s recommendation. A third recommendation is optional.

STAR Scholarships are based on GPA, significant GPA improvement, course difficulty, essay quality, significant accomplishments, recommendations and an interview.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I support this scholarship applicant, approve transfer of his/her transcript(s), and will provide help and participate as a resource to him/her if selected. *I understand that the scholarship will be paid directly to the college or vocational school and will be revoked if not applied for within 3 ½ years after graduating from high school.*

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Application Deadline: April 26, 2017\*\***

**Announcement of Winners: May, 2017**

## Star Scholarship Foundation Essay

Write a 300-600 word essay on the following topic *What does "fair and effective" governing mean in a democracy?* Remember to cite reference material because plagiarism will result in disqualification from this year's STAR Scholarship competition. Please type. Make sure to include the following information in the top right had corner of EACH page:

★ **Student Name**

★ **Student ID#**

★ **High School**

# STAR Scholarship Foundation

## Recommendation/Testimonial Form

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be used in evaluating the applicant's qualification for a STAR Scholarship. Please fill out this form as completely as possible and check only the most applicable recommendation category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer Recommendation	Title: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Community/Volunteer Service Recommendation	Address: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular Activity Recommendation	Phone#: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	Email: _____

Please respond to the following questions given your experience with this applicant. **You may attach additional pages as needed.**

1. Years known: \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what capacity have you known this applicant? Describe the circumstances that provide the basis for your personal knowledge of the applicant's character and potential.
3. Give specific examples of how this applicant has provided service, demonstrated personal responsibility, or shown potential.

**I affirm the above statements.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# STAR Scholarship Foundation

## Counselor Evaluation

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe this applicant's strengths/weaknesses.

2. Using a scale of 1 to 10 (best), indicate your opinion as to whether this applicant should be awarded the STAR Scholarship.

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

3. \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this student for a final interview.

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# STAR Scholarship Foundation

## Counselor Check Sheet

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this sheet for each applicant and keep in student folder.*

✓ Check off materials included in this folder.

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ 9th graders must also submit 7th & 8th grade report cards

\_\_\_\_\_ 10th graders must also submit 8th grade report card

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendations/Testimonials from at least **two** persons. At least one recommendation must be a teacher recommendation. A third recommendation is optional.

\_\_\_\_\_ Teachers' Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Employer Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Community/Volunteer Work Testimonial

\_\_\_\_\_ Extracurricular Testimonial

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ Extra copies of all STAR Application material

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**