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2026/2027 SAACC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the *Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce (SAACC)* Scholarship Program. We anticipate awarding three scholarships in total, an individual will receive a \$1,000.00 Scholarship towards their continued education and two individuals will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship towards their continued education. This Scholarship is available to high school students as well as to students already attending college or other post-secondary programs including a career training program or recognized certificate program.

The Conditions of this Scholarship Include:

1. Payments are made directly to the institution you will be attending. The student is responsible for sending this information along with student ID number to the **SAACC**.
2. Scholarship is valid only if the student maintains a 2.5 GPA over two consecutive semesters. If not, the student or parent will be required to reimburse the entire scholarship amount to the **SAACC** within a 12-month period.
3. High School Senior Recipients will receive their Scholarship Certificate during their Senior Awards Ceremony and students already in college will receive their Scholarship Certificate via mail.
4. The student writes a letter to the **SAACC** at the end of each semester that talks about his/her college experience that semester.

The Requirements to Apply for the Scholarship are:

1. You must be a resident of Southern Anne Arundel County, MD (*South of the South River*).
2. You have a history of community involvement.
3. You must have a good scholastic history (at least a 2.5 GPA). **Attach a current Transcript along with your Transcript Addendum.** *Applicants that do not provide all the requested information cannot be considered for a scholarship. *If virtual learning has impacted GPA, please state, and provide reasoning in your application.*
4. You are currently enrolling in a post-secondary education program for Fall, 2026.
5. You must complete and submit the enclosed **Cover Sheet** along with the following:
 - a. You submit at least one letter of recommendation from a **SAACC** member or another sponsoring adult. (*Example: guidance counselor, teacher, coach, employer, minister*); (Worth 10 points)
 - b. Write a short essay (*See attached Essay Guidelines*); and (Worth 50 points)
 - c. Include any additional information that may advance your candidacy.

Completed Scholarship Applications are due by No later than Friday, April 3, 2026. Send the completed application package to SAACC, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, 5503 Muddy Creek Road, Churchton, MD 20733. You may also drop off through the mail slot on the front door of the Chamber building.

Sincerely,

Julia Howes
President & CEO, Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce
SAACC Scholarship Committee

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2026/2027 SAACC SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY GUIDELINES

Dear Applicant,

This is a professional document and must be typed, have correct spelling, mechanics, grammar. Please use size 12 font. **Enclosures:** Along with your Cover Sheet, attach a copy of your current Transcript, Transcript Addendum, Letter(s) of Recommendation, Application Essay, and any additional information that may advance your candidacy. Please refrain from using staples on your application packet.

On a Separate Piece of Paper, Discuss Briefly Each of the Following Topics:

When you graduate from school, you are deciding what career you might pursue and what you need to do to enter that career. Your experiences and where you live may have an influence on this decision. The Southern Anne Arundel Chamber works with the community and businesses to help continue economic growth to the area. Our scholarship is awarded based on Community Involvement and Career Readiness.

1. Include contact information at the top of page including- Full Name, Full Mailing Address, Email Address and Phone Number. *Applicants that do not provide all the requested information cannot be considered for a scholarship.*
2. Start by introducing yourself. Include your Academic status: i.e., high school senior; college freshman; worker applying to a school or institute. (Worth 10 points)
3. Describe past and current community involvement. Please be specific about the organizations and efforts that you have been involved with and why. (Worth 10 points)
4. Describe a memory of Southern Anne Arundel County, MD, elaborate on the experience. Can be a person, place or specific memory that has influenced you. (Worth 10 points)
5. What career are you considering: Why is this appealing to you? (Worth 5 points)
6. What does it take to enter this career? How are you going to manage the steps it takes to get there? (Worth 5 points)
7. When did you start heading toward this career? What or who influenced you? What have you already done to start working your way toward your goal? (Worth 5 points)
8. Close by stating what it will take for you to accomplish your plan. (Worth 5 points)

Essay Value- 50 points.

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Full Name (Printed): _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

2026/2027 SAACC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TRANSCRIPT ADDENDUM

Counselor: Please provide the information that reflects this student's achievements. If the applicant is a high school student, please send the most current information: either through the first semester of the senior year or through the first three marking periods. If the applicant is a college or institute student, please send the most current information through the most recent semester completed.

Counselor's Name: _____ School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

<u>High School Student</u>	<u>College/Institute Student</u>
____ Grade point average (Weighted?)	____ Grade point average
____ Class rank, out of ____ students	____ Program Requirement Information Sheet <i>(printed from institution website or obtained from information session)</i>
____ SAT/ACT score (Circle appropriate test)	____ High School Transcript or GED Certificate
____ Attendance (Grades 11-12)	

Comments: _____

Counselor's Signature

Date