

NEWSLETTER



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Message to Members

By: Howie Feaga, President Howard County
Farm Bureau

We lost another really good man in October. Bill Barnes was a pillar of the farming Community. In his short 73 years he was a great husband to Merhlyn Barnes for 53 years, a wonderful father to 4 daughters, and a friend to more than we will ever know. We will all miss him and wish his family all the best, and will say a prayer for all his family.

The harvest is in full throttle now and we have a nice yield this year. With all the rain and good growing weather, it's been a good summer. If we could get the prices of Corn and Soybeans up, things would be even better. We can't have everything can we? Remember as we get busy, to not forget to take time to stay safe, and take time to service your machines to keep them in tip-top shape.

I want to congratulate Senator Guy Guzzone and County Executive Allen Kittleman for winning the "Rev. John W Holland Humanitarian Award" this year from the "Community Action Council". They were given the award at the CAC's Annual Dinner, of which I had the opportunity to attend as part of "The Great Lisbon Farmers feed the Hungary Christmas Parade" committee. You can all be proud

of the fact that Ho. Co. Farm Bureau made the Gold Level of giving for the money that you raised at the Christmas Parade. The Parade made just under \$15,000, and we hope to do even better this year, so get your tractors ready.

I hope to see everyone on November 9th at our "Annual Dinner". It is always good to see you all and to catch up with everyone and see how things are going. We will be holding election of officers and we need to elect a new board member. We have 2 members going off, but we will only replace one of them, because we are reducing the board size. I want to thank Rhonda Winkler and Larry Barnard for serving on the board, it has been a pleasure working with both of them and we wish them all the best.

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I want to thank everyone that has been involved with the "Mulch" issue, it seems it has gone on and on but hopefully it will be voted on the first week in November and hopefully it will pass. I still don't understand why Ag Preservation parcels are being treated different, but maybe in the years to come it will be realized we are the future of agriculture in this county and maybe things will change. Meanwhile like I always say, "Keep your plow in the ground, we're all pulling for you"

Have a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!

Your President, Howie Feaga

The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade



Dear Members:

Merry Christmas!

I know it is just November. We are still harvesting, and we still have corn mazes, pumpkins and Thanksgiving to deal with.

As we in the HCFB are surrounded by plenty, it is easy to forget that there are parts of our community where there are those who do not have enough to eat. That is why it is so important that we support our Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade; by supporting the parade, we are raising money for the Howard and Carroll County Food Banks. Did you know that our parade is the second largest donor to the Carroll County Food Bank?

The Parade also supports Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry, which underwrites the cost of processing of donated game so that it can then go to our food banks. We also set aside a little bit for the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, one of the last remaining volunteer units, so much a part of our ag community.

How can you help?

- 1) SPONSOR! Our list of community sponsors just keeps on growing and that growth enables us to give more money each year to our Food Banks, FHFH and LVFD.
- 2) BE IN THE PARADE! With your tractor, your combine or your horse or your mule. Pull a wagon or a float just be sure to decorate it for Christmas!

Each year, the parade just gets better and better, as we figure out the formula and make small improvements. This year, the parade will begin at noon with the tractors, followed by the saddle and carriage/wagon horses.

For more parade information, including how to enter horses or tractors or how to sponsor, please visit www.lisbonchristmasparade.org.

Last year, we raised close to \$15,000. We hope, with your help, to beat that this year!

Merry Christmas! Howie!



Junior Showmanship with Howard County Farm Bureau

By: Rhonda Winkler



This year's 2017 Junior Showmanship was a HUGE success!! The Junior Showmanship show is for youth between the ages of 5 & 9! 54 youth signed up and 44 showed! We had 20 classes go through in 3 hours! The 5-yr. old class was added this year, and we had 10 kids show.

All the junior showman did a great job and the judges loved each and every one of them. They were impressed by their skills!



Thank you to all our incredible volunteers; we had a record number of youth volunteers this year. We couldn't have done this show without your help and support.

Thank you to Jason Spicer & Kathleen Blanchard Spicer for hosting the sheep workshops!





Thank you to Katie Whitaker-Hereth and Stanley Miller for hosting the swine workshops!





Thank you again to Stanley Miller for bringing your goats to our house for the goat workshops!





We look forward to next year! If you have youth, consider having them participate or just come out and watch our future agricultural leaders show dairy calves, market swine, market lambs and market goats!

Check out our FB page, <u>Junior Showmanship with</u> <u>Howard County Farm Bureau</u>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rhonda Winkler at steelfirefarm@yahoo.com or my phone at 443-277-0349!

Our New Partnership with Howard County Public Schools

By: Barb Glenn

Howard County Farm Bureau (HCFB) places a high priority on the need for Ag Education in Howard County schools and has been working with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS, see other article on 'Ag Education'). *On September 26, HCFB attended the "HCPSS Educational Partnerships Celebration,"*

http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/partnerships/

at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel. Over 300 people representing many nonprofits, industry, academia, private sector, were in attendance at the event hosted by **Interim Superintendent Michael J. Martirano** with the Howard County Board of Education.

Howie Feaga, HCFB president, had the opportunity to meet Superintendent Martirano, with George Mayo, Maryland Ag Education Foundation, and Joe Dymek, MAEF president. Howie thanked the Superintendent for supporting the start of ag education in Howard County. **Barb** Glenn, HCFB, met with the Columbia Kiwanis Club representative, Jennifer Willie, who was excited about partnering with HCFB on ag education for youth. Jennifer ran for Howard County Fair Queen in the past and was an avid 4-Her. Barb also talked with the representative for Howard County Special Olympics, Bob Baker, director, who was interested in talking with our 4-Hers about volunteering for their events. The Educational Partnerships Annual Report, 2016-2017,

http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/partnership/arpartner201617.pdf

gave a shout out to HCFB, as we were listed under the "Career and Technology Education Advisory Council for Agricultural Science." While we are not done yet, the opportunities for us to partner with our school system will be a valuable outreach to both youth and all Howard Countians and help them understand and appreciate the farmers in our county!

Ag Education Moves Toward Reality - HCPSS Agriculture Science Advisory Board Meets

By: Barb Glenn

Progress has been remarkable on our quest to get ag education in Howard County. In fact, the HCPSS is even informally recruiting a new teacher! Are you interested??

Joe Dymek, Maryland Ag Education Foundation president, and chair of the Advisory

Board, led a meeting on October 4, 2017 at the Applications and Research Laboratory. Attending from HCFB were Danielle Bauer, Kathy Johnson, and Keith Ohlinger. The arrival of ag education in Howard County is on track. The program is designed for Juniors and Seniors. The Maryland State Department of Education has approved the application for the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education program (CASE, http://www.case4learning.org/). On October 17, 2017 the HCPSS Board of Education will meet and approve the Course Catalog which will contain the course description for Year 1 to be: 1) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; and 2) Principles of Agricultural Science- Plant. Year 2 classes will be Animal and Plant Biotechnology and 2) Agricultural Business, Research and Development (Capstone course). The FY 2019 Capital Budget includes \$200,000 for the Ag Science program.

HCFB is actively contributing to the Advisory Board. **Keith Ohlinger, Heritage Hill Farm,** moved to request the awarding of quality points for the Ag Science courses, give them the "GT" designation. This motion passed and the CTE Coordinator will make the request. **Kathy Johnson, Howard County Economic Development Authority,** led discussion on the availability of internships for the students with agribusinesses in Howard County. Are you interested in participating in this effort? If so, please contact Howie (howie@merryacresfarm.com) and join our HCFB Outreach and Education Committee.

What's New with the Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT)?

By: Colby Ferguson

On September 25, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) held its annual PMT Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting started with an update on the soil data collection process. As of August 1, MDA has collected soil test data on over 1.1 million acres. This equates to nearly 87% of all total acres reported in 2014. To see the complete breakdown of the data collection, click here. MDA

is still working on collecting additional acreage, reviewing the acres submitted in 2014 and verifying which acres are no longer in production due to residential and commercial development, land retirement, state parkland acquisition, etc.

In addition to the soil data update, MDA discussed the PMT Tier Group establishment process. The tier group process determines when farms will be required to implement the PMT on fields with 150 Fertility Index Value (FIV) or higher. There are 3 tiers that Maryland farms will be lumped into:

- Tier A are farms that have an average of their eligible fields (fields with 150 FIV or higher) between 150 300 FIV. These farms will implement the PMT on those eligible fields starting in year 2020. Based on the soil data that was collected, there are 1,313 farm operations with 8,220 fields that total 122,705 acres in Tier A.
- Tier B are farms between 301 450 FIV. These farms will implement the PMT on those eligible fields starting in year 2019. Based on the soil data, there are 252 farm operations with 2,815 fields that total 54,271 acres in Tier B.
- Tier C are farms between 451 500 FIV. These farms will implement the PMT on those eligible fields starting in year 2018. Based on the soil data, there are 96 farm operations with 734 fields totaling 10,800 acres in Tier C.

Fields with an FIV of 501 or higher were banned from using any Phosphorus after the bill was signed into law in 2015. Almost 80% of the farmland in Maryland falls below the 150 FIV phosphorus score and therefore is not considered high in phosphorus. These fields would be eligible to receive poultry litter and other livestock manure that won't be allowed to be used on the fields restricted by the PMT. That is a 4 to 1 ratio!

MDA also updated the committee on the economic analysis study required as part of the PMT legislation. Based on 2 years of data, the economic analysis showed that the cost to fertilize the fields

utilizing a portion of the fertilizer from livestock manure or poultry was approximately \$91 per acre versus fertilizing with no use of manure or litter at a cost of approximately \$122 per acre. This concluded that the cost of transitioning from organic livestock or poultry based fertilizers to total commercial fertilizers will cost the farmer around \$30 more per acre.

In conclusion, the effects of implementing the PMT on farms with high phosphorus soils will be costly. Not only in added fertilizer costs, but also in increased manure/litter transportation. With low grain prices and high cost of production, this added cost will be difficult for the farmer to consume and stay profitable. Luckily, only 20% of Maryland's soil falls in this category, but as the old saying goes, "The best form of land preservation is a profitable farmer."

MFB Press Release: Slow Moving Vehicle Signs Intended for Farm Equipment Only

Source: Maryland Farm Bureau



Help protect the lives of motorists and farmers

October 18, 2017 (Davidsonville, MD) – According to numerous reports around the State, Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) signs have been placed at the end of driveways or along the side of the road to mark entrances. Maryland Farm Bureau would like to remind the public that the orange, six-sided triangular Slow Moving Vehicle signs are intended ONLY for vehicles moving at a slow pace, like most farm equipment. These signs are NOT permitted to be placed along roadways, near driveways or for other purposes.

Maryland Transportation Code 21-805 states that SMV signs are only for use on vehicles that move slower than 25 miles per hour. This important hazard prevention instrument protects the operators of slow moving equipment by warning other motorists as they approach from behind. The use of SMV signs on the road or on a vehicle that moves faster than 25 miles per hour is illegal.

"It is an important safety measure for drivers in Maryland to recognize the sign when it is properly affixed to a tractor or other farm equipment," stated the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau President, Jamie Raley. "Display of these signs anywhere other than farm vehicles is a violation of the transportation law."

Farm Bureau members have also observed SMV signs on the back of trailers that are pulled down the highway at posted speeds, or as reflectors on fences and poles along roadways. This defeats the purpose of the signs because motorists become confused as to the true meaning of the SMV sign.

"Please help protect the men and women who work hard every day to produce your food, fuel and fiber by not placing SMV signs where they do not belong," said Maryland Farm Bureau President Chuck Fry, "especially during this harvest season when there are more combines and farm trucks on the roads."

Sharing the road with motorists unfamiliar with large, slow-moving farm equipment makes for a very dangerous situation. According to the National Safety Council, accidents involving a farm vehicle are five times more likely to produce a fatality than any other type of motor vehicle accident. Maryland farmers are taking every safety precaution available to protect motorists and themselves while traveling in equipment on the roads, including SMV signs, flashing lights and raising all equipment attachments.

If you currently have a SMV sign at the end of your driveway or on a vehicle that moves faster than 25 miles per hour, please consider removing the sign and replacing it with reflective strips/tape, circular metal signs or yellow diamond signs available for

purchase at www.Grainger.com or at your local hardware store.

Maryland Crop Production Meetings Planned

Source: UMD Extension



University of Maryland Extension has announced dates for this year's crop production meetings that will be conducted around the state between December and March. The most recent research, information and data will be shared at these meetings and will help make 2018 growing decisions for agricultural crops. The meetings are open to all interested in agronomy, forage, vegetables and fruit. Private pesticide applicator and management credits will be offered. Be sure to call your local Extension office for further details and to get registered. If you need special accommodations please call one week prior to the event.

Agronomy Meetings

Southern Maryland Crops Conference

November 28, 2017. 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Baden Fire Hall, Baden, Maryland. Register by calling the Charles County UME Office at 301-934-5403.

Washington County Crops Conference

November 29, 2017. 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Washington County Agricultural Service Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713 Register by calling the Washington County UME Office at 301-791-1304 or jsemler@umd.edu.

Baltimore County Agronomy Meeting

December 7, 2017. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friendly Farms, Foreston Road in Upperco, Maryland.

Register by calling Baltimore County UME Office at 410-887-8090.

Cecil County Winter Agronomy Meeting

January 24, 2018. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Calvert Grange, Rising Sun, Maryland. Register by calling the Cecil County UME Office at 410-996-5280 or dbehnke@umd.edu.

Lower Shore Agronomy Day

January 25, 2018. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Somerset Civic Center, Princess Anne, MD Register at the Wicomico County UME Office at 410-749-6141.

Carroll County Mid-Winter Farm Meeting

February 6, 2018. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, Md. Register by calling the Carroll County UME Office at 410-386-2760.

Harford County Agronomy Day

February 13, 2018. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Deer Creek Overlook at Harford 4-H Camp
8 Cherry Hill Road, Street MD 21154
Register by calling the Harford County UME Office at
410-638-3255 or emailing akness@umd.edu with
your name and phone number.

Caroline County Agronomy Day

February 21, 2018. 4:30 p.m.
Caroline County 4-H Park
8230 Detour Rd, Denton, MD 21629
Register by calling the Caroline County UME Office at 410-479-4030.

Montgomery-Howard-Frederick Agronomy Day

February 28, 2018. 9 a.m. – 2:30p.m. Urbana Fire Hall

3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704 Register by calling the Montgomery County UME Office at 301-590-2809.

Queen Anne's Agronomy Day

March 2, 2018. 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Queen Anne's County 4-H Park 101 Dulin Clark Road, Centreville, MD 21617 Register by calling the Queen Anne's County UME Office at 410-758-0166.

Forage Meetings

Delmarva Hay and Pasture Conference

January 9, 2018. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Delaware Ag Week. Harrington Delaware Southern Maryland Forage Conference

January 10, 2018. 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Baden Fire Hall, Baden, Maryland.

Register by calling the St Mary's UME Office at 301 475-4484.

TriState Hay and Pasture Conference

January 11, 2018. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location TBA

Register by calling the Garrett County UME office at 301-334-6960.

Vegetable Meetings

Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting

Friday, January 26, 2018

Friendly Farms, Foreston Road in Upperco, Maryland

Register by calling UM Extension Baltimore County Office at 410-887-8090 or visit our webpage: http://extension.umd.edu/baltimore-county

Eastern Shore Vegetable and Fruit Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Eastern Shore Hospital Center, Cambridge MD Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-shore-vegetable-growers-meeting-2018-tickets-38584279619 or by calling the Dorchester County UME office at 410-228-8800.

Southern Maryland Vegetable and Fruit Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Location TBA

Register on-line for this event at:

http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county or contact the Anne Arundel County Extension Office at 410-222-3906.

Fruit Meetings

Western Maryland Fruit Meeting

February 2018. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Western Maryland Research and Education Center, Keedysville MD

Register email <u>sbarnes6@umd.edu</u> or call 301 432-2767 ext.301.

Bay Area Fruit Meeting

February 2018. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown MD

Register call phone: 410-827-8056

Announcements

Citrus Order!

Don't forget to send in your Citrus order by **November 8**th! The delivery date will be in early December; the exact date is TBD.

Please see the attached order form.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Leslie Bauer (443) 812-1662 Labauer5@verizon.net



*Howard County Farm-City Committee Scholarship

The mission of the Howard County Farm-City Celebration is to provide opportunities for interaction between urban citizens and farmers in Howard County. This celebration highlights our farm-city interdependence and promotes understanding and appreciation between people on either side of the imaginary boundary separating town from country.

Graduating seniors from any Howard County school (public and private) who plan to pursue a career in agriculture, animal welfare, or other field benefitting the agricultural community are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to \$1000. Application is due by **May 31, 2018.**

The Scholarship application is attached (2 Pages)

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas From your Board of Directors and the Officers and Staff at Howard County Farm Bureau!

Calendar of Events

2017/2018

NOV 2 PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Place Carroll County Extension Building

Time 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov 2 LEAD Maryland Foundation REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Place Maryland Farm Bureau Office,

Davidsonville, MD (to be confirmed)
TIME 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NOV 8 CITRUS ORDER DEADLINE

Place Howard County Fairgrounds

Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD

*See Attached Order Form!

Citrus Delivery will be early December. Date TBD

Nov 9 HCFB Annual Dinner

Place Lisbon Fire Hall

1330 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797

Time 7:00 p.m.

Nov 9 Pesticide Certification Exam

Place Carroll County Extension Building

Time 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov 14 2017 MID ATLANTIC CROP MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Place Princess Royale

Ocean City, MD

Time $10:00 \text{ a.m.} - \text{Nov } 16 \ 12:00 \text{ p.m.}$

DEC 3-5 102ND MARYLAND FARM BUREAU

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place Ocean City, MD

DEC 6 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Place National Wildlife Visitor's Center

Laurel, MD

Time 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DEC 9 THE GREAT LISBON CHRISTMAS PARADE

Place Lisbon, MD TIME 12:00 P.M.

JAN 5-10 AFBF ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place Nashville, TN

JAN 9 PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

Place Carroll County Extension Building

Time 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

JAN 9 PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR
CERTIFICATION TRAINING & EXAM

Place Anne Arundel County UME

TIME 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

JAN 17 2017 SPRAYER CLINIC -

MD & PA PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT VOUCHER

TRAINING

Place Carroll County Extension Building

Time 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

JAN 19 ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY AND RECALL
READINESS TRAINING FOR AN ON-FARM

MARKET

Place Butler's Orchard

Time 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

JAN 26 ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY AND RECALL READINESS TRAINING FOR AGRITOURISM

OPERATIONS

Place Forest Hall Farm

Time 8:00 A.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FEB 6 MID-WINTER FARM MEETING

Place Burns Memorial Hall

Time 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FEB 21 PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION TRAINING

Place Carroll County Extension Building

Time 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



[NOTE]: Some programs require pre-registration and/or a fee. For programs sponsored by University of Maryland Extension, if you need special assistance to participate, please contact the

Maryland Farm Bureau

A Farmer - to Farmer Agricultural Commodity Marketing Service through Maryland Farm Bureau Service Company and Florida Farm Bureau.

*Florida Citrus is thinner skinned than others, giving a more edible product. *Fruit must be kept cool.



Citrus Order Deadline: November 8 2017

Citrus Delivery will be in early December - exact date TBD; We will contact you to confirm pick-up date at the Howard County Fairgrounds

Please Make Check Payable To: Howard County Farm Bureau PO BOX 282 Glenelg, MD 21737

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Questions? Leslie Bauer 443-812-1662 Labauer5@verizon.net

"FLORIDA'S BEST"	Price	Quanity	Amount
Navel Oranges (4/5 Bushel)			
Califomia	\$33.00		
Clementines (1/2 Bushel)	\$34.00		
Red Grapefruit (4/5 Bushel)			
Texas	\$28.00		
Tangerines (2/5 Bushel)			
Florida	\$25.00		
Hamlin Juice Oranges (4/5 Bushel)			
Florida	\$28.00		
Gold Pineapples (1 tray of 8)	\$27.00		
Pear Box (2/5 Bushel)	\$30.00		
Grand Slam Gift Box - 2/5 Bushel			
(6 Red Apples, 6 Di Anjou Pears, 3 Golden Apples, and 10-20 Navel Oranges	\$28.00		
Citrus Trio			
(11 Red Grapefruit, 10 Navel Oranges, 10 Tangelos/Tangerines)	\$28.00		
Peanut Gift Pack (3 can pack)	\$11.00		
Chocolate Nut Gift Pack (2 can pack)	\$12.00		
Whole Cashews (16 oz can)	\$9.50		
Mixed Nuts (16 oz can)	\$7.00		
Pecan Halves, Fresh Shelled (16 oz bag)	\$10.00		
Skinless "Southern Fried" Peanuts (16 oz can)	\$5.00		
Hone Krunch Peanuts (12 oz can)	\$4.00		
	TOTALS:		

PHONE:

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VENDORS WANTED

The Great Lisbon
FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY

Christmas Parade

December 9, 2017 . 10:00 – 2:00 Main Street & Route 94 Sponsor: Howard County Farm Bureau





Fried Chicken Supper

The Christmas Village is searching for Artists, Artisans, Craftsman, Local Retailers and more. The Village attracts a large crowd prior to the parade and an even larger crowd to enjoy the entertainment after the parade.

For Information please contact Barbara Spence 410-489-4752

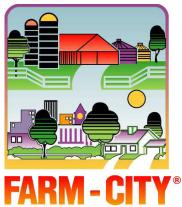
<u>bspence2@verizon.net</u> or Lynda Rogers 301-606-0115

<u>lyndarogers13@gmail.com</u>

Early Registration prior to November 15, \$40.00. After November 15, \$50.00 The Vendor Village will be open from 10:00 to 2:00.

HORSES, CARRIAGES, MULES, DONKEYS, MINIS & TRACTORS www.lisbonchristmasparade.com

All proceeds benefit the Lisbon VFD, Howard County Food Bank, Carroll County Food Bank & Farmers & Hunters Feeding The Hungry





Howard County Farm-City Committee Scholarship

Mission Statement

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Applicant Data

Name (Last/First/MI):				
Home Address:				
City:				
Phone:	E-mail:			
Parent(s) Name:				
High School Information				
High School Attended:				
School Address:				
Guidance Counselor Name:				
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Rec'd by:

College Information	
College Attending:	
Address:	
Course of Study:	-
Signature of Applicant:	

Please attach the following for the scholarship:

- 1. 1000 word essay on how your choice of major will provide you the ability to make a positive impact on the agriculture community in Howard County, Maryland in the future.
- 2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, employer, pastor or mentor.
- 3. Your current high school transcript.
- 4. A resume listing your school and community activities, community service projects, awards and work experience.

Deadline for Application is May 31, 2018

Please mail to:

Howard County Economic Development Authority

Attn: Kathy Zimmerman

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 500

Columbia, MD 21046