

Arnold Potler Memorial Scholarship

Graduate Student Application for 2026-2027

Arnold Potler was a well-loved and respected teacher, volunteer, and school activist in and for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) his entire career and beyond. Arnold taught at Sudbrook Middle School, Milford Mill High School, Parkville High School, Perry Hall High School, and Pikesville High School as a science teacher. In addition to teaching science, Potler served as a department chair and later as a science curriculum advisor and consultant to BCPS. At Pikesville High, he was the class advisor to the Pikesville High School Class of 1969.

Arnold Potler was relentless in his commitment to creating a Northwest Baltimore County Career and Technology School which will serve interested students from the west side of the County who could graduate with certificates in various areas, then go to either college or gain employment. This year County Executive John Olszewski and BCPS Superintendent Williams appropriated funds for the planning of such a school. Arnold was, also, one of the founders of the Pikesville Schools Coalition, comprised of parents, school personnel, community advocates, and elected officials who work together to ensure that the schools in the Pikesville feeder pattern receive the supports which will develop and sustain their success.

Arnold has been recognized by numerous groups for his community service and service to the students in BCPS! Arnold's work will always stand as a beacon for equity, inclusiveness, and success. There is no more fitting person than Arnold Potler after whom to name a scholarship that supports educational growth.

What is the Arnold Potler Memorial Scholarship?

Delegate Pasteur's Arnold Potler Memorial Scholarship is awarded to recognize students for their academic excellence and to help students who have financial need. The major criteria considered for the scholarship award are academic achievement (particularly in English and writing), community service/volunteer activities, and financial need.

Who is eligible to receive the Arnold Potler Memorial Scholarship?

Students who currently live in District 11A. Recipients must be enrolled in an accredited Maryland college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year.

NOTE: There is a total limit of 5 years on all scholarship awards.

How do I apply?

Use the following as a checklist to make sure you have everything necessary before mailing your application. **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. We do not accept electronic applications.**

1. Create a Student Login Profile through the Maryland College Aid Processing System [MDCAPS]: <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>. We cannot consider your application until you are registered.
2. Complete the application form. Please type or neatly print the information required and sign the document, including a parent/guardian signature if required.
3. The application form must be mailed together with the following documents:
 - a. A resume that includes career interest, scholarship awards, work experience, and community service projects or volunteer experience.
 - b. An un-official transcript from your undergraduate institution with your unweighted and cumulative GPA.
 - c. A copy of the **first page** of your FAFSA Student Aid Report that indicated you SAI. **DO NOT SEND THE ENTIRE FAFSA.**

4. The completed application must be postmarked by March 31, 2026. Applications postmarked after that date will be considered only if there is funding available. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Awards will be decided by mid-May, early-June. You will be notified by MDCAPS when the award is given.

Please contact Delegate Pasteur's Chief of Staff, Riley Donahue, for additional information at 410-841-3448 or by email at RDonahue@house.maryland.gov.

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GRADUATE APPLICATION FORM 2026-2027

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Student's Full Name:

MHEC ID NUMBER: _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Permanent (not college) Address:

City, State, Zip:

District 11A Resident: Yes/No Please check your voter registration to confirm your legislative district; you MUST be a resident of District 11A to receive an award. We do not accept out-of-district applications.

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Email: _____

Maryland University/College to which you are applying or are currently attending:

Current year in program, as of January 2026: _____

Unweighted Cumulative GPA (for Fall 2025): _____ Planned Graduation Date: _____

Enrollment (Circle one): full-time /part-time (minimum of 6 credits required to receive scholarship)

FAFSA INFORMATION: Attach a copy of the first page of your FAFSA Student Aid Report that provides income and Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Please do NOT send the entire FAFSA, as it contains private, personal information.

Please describe any additional financial circumstances that would supplement the information supplied by FAFSA in determining financial need (one of the major criteria for the scholarship):

Have you taken a Financial Education Course? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, where did you take the course and was it helpful?

Print Name of Parent or Guardian (if under 18):

I have reviewed this application and verify that the submitted information is complete and accurate.

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Parent of Guardian Date

(If student is under 18 years of age)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Postmarked by March 31, 2026

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Delegate Cheryl Pasteur - District 11A

Lowe House Office Building

6 Bladen Street, Room 306

Annapolis, MD 21401

**The Maryland Higher Education Commission will notify you of your award
via your MDCAPS account.**