



2025 **VPD FUTURE LEADERS** **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**Empowering the Future of
Government Professionals**

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Dear Smithsburg High School Leadership,

On behalf of VPD Government Solutions, I am honored to introduce the **VPD Future Leaders Academic Scholarship**, a \$2,500 award that will be given to ONE deserving undergraduate student majoring in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP).

As a trusted partner in the government sector, VPD understands the vital role that skilled trade professionals play in supporting innovation, compliance, and service delivery across public sector industries. This scholarship reflects our commitment to empowering local talent, strengthening our workforce and the community.

We ask for your support in sharing this opportunity with your students. Our goal is to reach individuals who are motivated to learn, eager to contribute, and ready to take the next step toward a fulfilling career.

Thank you for all that you do to guide and inspire your students. We look forward to partnering in this initiative to support the next generation of government professionals.

Warm regards,

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TRADE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SMITHSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Scholarship Summary

VPD Government Solutions is proud to offer one \$2,500 award to support a deserving, graduating senior from Smithsburg High School, that plans to enroll in the Government and Politics program of study at the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP), with a desire to have a career in the government service sector.

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We invite Smithsburg High's leadership team to share this opportunity with eligible students and support them in applying for this meaningful award. This scholarship is designed to be attainable for students with a strong work ethic, clear goals, and a passion for making a meaningful impact through their Government Politics field of study.

Eligibility Criteria

Must be a graduating senior from Smithsburg High School in the current academic year.

1. Student must be enrolled at the University of Maryland College Park in the Government and Politics Program:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the Government and Politics program at UMCP.

2. GPA Requirement:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

3. Character and Commitment:

- Demonstrate a sincere interest in making a positive impact in public service-related industries.
- Express commitment to public service, leadership, and/or civic engagement.

Essay

Each applicant must submit a 300–500 word essay in response to the prompt:

- "How do you plan to use your Government and Politics degree to serve the public good, and how do you hope to make a difference in your community through your work?"

Administration Deadline

All applicants must submit their essay by Sept 30, 2025. Applicants should include their full name, high school graduation date, GPA, UMD start date and name of program of study. Completed submissions should be sent to scholarships@vpd.gov.

We encourage students from all backgrounds, including those who may not qualify for traditional scholarships, to apply. VPD is committed to supporting equitable access to quality higher education.

Recipients will be announced October 18, 2025.