



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WAYNE COUNTY

Jack Reed Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County awards a scholarship to a high school senior wishing to further his/her education beyond high school.

Eligibility requirements for the scholarship include:

- Second semester high school senior
- Continuing education to a post-secondary institute, including a College, University or Trade School
- Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County for the past two years

Criteria for the scholarship include:

- Grade Point Average
- Club Service and activities
- Character and leadership
- Service to the community

Finalists for the scholarship are invited to interview with members of our scholarship committee.

Applications for the scholarship are available in Wayne County high schools, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County or on our website at www.bgcrichmond.org

The Positive Place For Kids

Our Mission:

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens

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“Could I really go to College?”



How Club Members Can Plan for College





The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County can help make college possible! If you are willing to spend the time and energy to go to college, there is a way to get there!

Where do I start?

It can be scary to think about going to college, especially if you are the first person in your family to ever attend. What should you expect? Where do you go? How much does it cost? Where do you start?

Here are a few ways to start:

- Think about your goals What do you want to do? Do you want to work with computers or go to medical school? Do you want to work at a Boys & Girls Club? Most colleges provide academic advising designed to help you choose a career and classes. You don't have to know exactly what you want to do, but a general idea will help in your first term.
- High school guidance counselor He or she is familiar with the college application process. Your counselor can answer your questions and help make sense of all the paperwork.
- Any College Admissions Office The admissions staff will help you with their specific application process including fees, test scores and timelines.
- Visit the Boys & Girls Clubs Teen Center Use the resources available in the Teen Center to visit college websites, get financial aid information or learn about scholarships.
- Apply Early! There are many programs available to help students prepare for college. Some programs start as early as 8th grade, think about your options early.

Are my grades good enough?

Ask to talk to an admission counselor at the college. He or she can discuss any concerns you have about your academic record. If you had a rough semester as some point, be ready to explain why your grades suffered. It will help if you can show that your recent grades are strong.

Some colleges admit students with low grade point averages on the condition that they register for certain classes and earn a "C" average in their first semester. The point is, the students are given a chance to prove themselves.

Don't let a disappointing GPA keep you from applying to college!



How do I pay for it?

Tuition, application fees, books—when you add it all up, college costs can seem overwhelming. You may be able to find the financial assistance you need

simply by completing some forms. All it costs is your time and maybe some stamps.

Federal and State Funds

There is an application form called the "FAFSA" (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You use the FAFSA to apply for grants (free money) and student loans. College financial aid offices use the information on this form to determine eligibility for these funds. Contact the college's Financial Aid Office or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov

Local Scholarships

Colleges often have their own scholarship funds which they award based on your FAFSA and another application form. Ask a Financial Aid staff person about these funds. Many local organizations offer scholarships through the Wayne County Foundation. Talk to your high school guidance Counselor about application deadlines for local scholarships.

How Can the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County Help?

Club Participation

College Admissions Offices like to see that students are involved in their community. Participation in Boys & Girls Clubs activities are fun and look great on a college application, especially if you are in a leadership role!

References/Recommendations

Most college and scholarship application forms ask for a reference or letter of recommendation from an adult. Boys & Girls Club staff can serve as references for you—but they have to know you and your skills. If you participate regularly in Club programs, the staff will know more about your interests and talents.

Keystone Club

By participating in Keystone Club, youth members have the opportunity to visit College Campus' on a quarterly basis.

Americorps, ClubService Program

You can earn money for education through the Americorps, ClubService Program by working or volunteering at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Youth of the Year Program

Every year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County awards their Youth of the Year Winner with a \$1000 Presidential Scholarship. Not only can you earn money for college, but this program provides a good opportunity to practice essay writing, interviewing and thinking about your future.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, with the generosity of the Reed Family, have established a scholarship with awards totaling \$2000 to be used towards college or post secondary education.