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Upcoming Events:

March 17 Annual Dues Must Be Paid

Please visit www.tanterra.com or the Yahoo listserv for changes to events. Residents, who have provided their email addresses to Liz Bialas for the use by the Board, may receive email updates on special issues, such as the Board elections.

President's Message

By Glen McEwen

So far, so good regarding the weather this year... However, when we receive an accumulation of snow, the County by law does not allow us to maintain the streets, including the snow removal. As much as they concentrate on the main thoroughfares first, the snow removal on the neighborhood side streets get lowest priority. That is why it usually takes a few days to get our streets cleared. For those of looking for someone to shovel your driveway and/or walks, please consider contacting one of the kids in the neighborhood.

Looking ahead to 2018, the invoices for the annual dues will be mailed out soon. Payment is due March 17. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact our Board Clerk Elizabeth Bialas. Our HOA Covenants require us to assess late fees for those who do not pay on time as well as prohibit pool and other activity privilege. Please consider utilizing the electronic mailing of Tanterra Today to save printing and mailing costs. This keeps the an-

nual dues as low as possible. Your email address will only be used for HOA business. We will not distribute it to any other outside organization or company. Contact Liz Bialas to receive the email version.

If you are one of the few homeowners who receive an architectural violation letter, please ensure you perform the corrections noted on the violation. If the requested corrective action becomes a financial hardship to you or if there are time constraints that will prohibit a quick fix, please contact the Architectural Committee. They will work with you to grant a time extension or provide an alternate correction that you had not considered. If you believe the violation is in error, you have the option to appeal the issue to the Board. The Board will look at the specifics and either agree with the Architectural Committee's assessment or overturn it. Whatever you do, please do not ignore the violation. It will not go away on its own and must be resolved in some manner by the homeowner.

With spring and summer soon upon us, please remember we are always looking for volunteers to help in the neighborhood. Please refer to the Committee Chairs on page 8 of this newsletter if you wish to lend a hand. Volunteers save the homeowners money by doing many things the HOA would otherwise pay for.

We are looking for someone to head the yearly community yard sale. Typically, this is held late April or early May. The duties consist of picking a date, generating interest in the yard sale, and having a good neighborhood turnout.

We are looking for someone to head up the Grounds Committee. This person will oversee the common area grass cutting and general maintenance. We have a lawn service contracted to cut the grass, but there are a few other areas that need work.

Please notify me if you are interested in volunteering.

## Community Events and Programs

### Montgomery County Fire Department Smoke Alarm Installation and Home Safety Program

What is a home fire safety visit? Representatives from the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service will visit your home and offer advice on how to make your home safe and where appropriate smoke alarms should be located and installed for free.

Residents of Montgomery County, Maryland may request a free home safety visit. The installation of free alarms is targeted to high-risk individuals including senior citizens; individuals with mobility, vision or

hearing impairments; and residents who may have a disability or be economically challenged. A combination of these factors typically increases the risk of fire significantly.

Details can be found at <http://www.weblinksa2z.com/mcfrs/firesafety/default.aspx> or call 311.

### RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 9 AM at the Olney Library

This program provides free income tax preparation assistance by trained volun-

teers to low-to-moderate income Montgomery County taxpayers, especially seniors 60 and over. Please visit [www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide](http://www.montgomeryserves.org/tax-aide) to register or call 240-777-2577.



## Tanterra Yard Sale Chairperson Needed!

Duties include setting a date for the yard sale, advertising in local newsgroups, putting up and removing signs at significant intersections and listing sellers' addresses for distribution at intersections.

Signs and holders are provided and can be found in the pool shed. Contact Glen McEwen [glenm@donohoe.com](mailto:glenm@donohoe.com) for more details.



### Recipe of the Month

#### Smoky Roasted Chickpeas

- One 15.5-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed, drained, and patted dry
- One tablespoon olive oil
- One teaspoon smoked paprika

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Toss chickpeas in olive oil and paprika and spread on a rimmed baking sheet.

Roast until crispy, shaking pan halfway through, about 20 minutes.

For more recipes, visit [realsimple.com/food-recipes](http://realsimple.com/food-recipes)

## New Neighbors Join Tanterra

If you have new neighbors or new additions to your family, please email [brookemarsall@live.com](mailto:brookemarsall@live.com).

Also, contact us if you are new to Tanterra and have not been contacted by the Welcome Committee. The HOA has a small gift for each new homeowner.

## Architectural Updates

### Items in Front of Lawn - Effective 1/1/2018

The Board has been receiving more complaints about the front of houses and items on front lawns. The Architectural Committee has been addressing the items in carports, etc. and sent out several letters to homeowners in 2017.

Beginning in 2018, the Board is issuing a new policy on items in the front lawn that have become everyday items versus temporarily. When more and more items appear in front yards, it does nothing to enhance the appearance and value of our homes. Our new policy is very similar to neighboring communities. Some of the items in question are as follows:

- Lawn furniture (not regarding furniture on homeowners porch or by front door) Lawn furniture includes benches, chairs, lounge chairs, tables, etc. by the front door. On porches, the number of furniture pieces should be limited.
- Hammocks attached to trees or to hammock stands.
- Children's play equipment such as play houses, picnic tables, etc.

To be clear, the Board is

not saying that you cannot have a party and have these items in your yard. The same rules apply to those just having a number of these items in a non-party atmosphere. Within 48 hours after such a party or get-together, these items need to be removed from the front yard and placed in the rear yard or somewhere else not seen from the street. Failure to do so will result in an Architectural Violation being sent to the homeowner. The homeowner will be given two weeks to correct the problem. Failure to do so will result in fines being issued.

These fines are listed on the Tanterra website within the covenants and bylaws. Like the parking on lawn and lawn cutting rules, these fines will be issued weekly as long as the violation continues. Lastly, if a homeowner receives a violation notice for these items and the violation repeats itself during the same calendar year, a fine will be issued without another violation letter being sent.

Should you have any questions on the policy or need a waiver for more than 48 hours due to unusual circumstances, contact the Architectural Chairman, Hank Griffith,

at [skayhank@comcast.net](mailto:skayhank@comcast.net) or (240) 461-7536 to seek approval.

### Vehicles Parked on Sidewalks

If you or a guest visiting you parks on the sidewalk, Montgomery County Police will be called to ticket and possibly tow that vehicle away and off the sidewalk. The safety of the children and residents of our neighborhood is more important than a vehicle blocking the sidewalk which hinders the ability to get to one's destination. Please be considerate and keep vehicles off the sidewalks.

It is illegal to park your vehicle on a sidewalk or in any way block the sidewalk from being used. We have been getting more complaints about this, and Montgomery County police will ticket those violating the law. If repeated, they will have the vehicle towed.

You should call (301)279-8000, the police non-emergency line where you can report cars parked in this manner. Your name when reporting is kept anonymous. We are resending this notice as we do not want to see any homeowner receive a citation for

parking on the sidewalk. The police will not knock on your door and ask you to move the vehicle. Instead, they will write a ticket immediately.

Those with sidewalks have a county obligation to shovel them when it snows so pedestrians can access them. Montgomery County will do it if not done and after a complaint. They will bill it to your house annual tax bill. The cost to do this by the county is quite expensive.

### Streetlights

Help keep our neighborhood safe. If you see a streetlight leaning, turning on and off, or completely out, please report it to Montgomery County. It is easy to do and takes very little time. Just report it to Montgomery County by dialing 311. You will need to provide the address where the street light is located, and the county will send someone to fix it within a couple of days.

Additionally, if homeowners could leave a couple of lights lit outside, this will deter suspicious/dangerous activity. If you see something on your street that does not look

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**Architectural Updates Continued**

right, do not hesitate to call Montgomery County Police. There are two ways to reach them: the emergency line at 911, and their business line at (301)279-8000. They will send someone out when an officer is available.

**Commercial Vehicles**

Please remember they must be parked in the driveway or this will be considered a violation with a fine as a result. Please cooperate by following the covenants and bylaws in which it is required that commercial vehicles not be parked on the street. Size limitations do apply per Montgomery County!

**Game On!**

The Hockey/Tennis/Pickleball Committee invites you to play on our courts.

They will be dry very soon! See you out there.



**Connect with the Tanterra Community!**

**Website**

<http://www.tanterra.com/cm/>

**Email Tanterra Today**

Email [LizBialas@verizon.net](mailto:LizBialas@verizon.net) with your name, street address, and the email address you wish to use. The street address is needed because the board's database is set up by address rather than by owner name.

**Swim and Dive Teams**

<http://www.tanerratarpsons.org/Home.jsp?team=recmcslttstmd>

**Facebook Pages**

Tanterra Tarpons Swim and Dive Team  
Tanterra Hockey  
Tanterra's Social Events



**Yahoo Newsgroup**

If you are not signed up you can sign up in several ways:

1) Go to the Tanterra Website <http://www.tanterra.com/cm/> and click on the link "Subscribe to Email." Then enter your email as indicated and you will become a Tanterra HOA Yahoo Group member.



2) Go to Yahoo.com and either enter your Yahoo login information or sign up to join Yahoo (you can use any email account). Select groups and search for tanterrahoa. Click on the "Join Group" link and follow the prompts.

3) To subscribe without setting up a Yahoo account, send a blank email to [tanterrahoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:tanterrahoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

4) If the above three methods do not work for you, send Amy Matathias ([matathi@aol.com](mailto:matathi@aol.com)) a request to join the TanterraHOA yahoo group. She will send you an invitation.

## **Tanterra Homeowners Association: November Board Meeting Minutes**

*By Richard J. Bertin, Secretary*

November 8, 2017  
APPROVED January 17, 2017

The annual Tanterra Homeowners Association General meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Glen McEwen.

### **Introduction**

Board President Glen McEwen introduced himself to the audience and identified other Board members present. He introduced Tanterra Clerk Elizabeth Bialas and Tanterra Committee chairs in attendance and recognized their many contributions to our community as well as those of other volunteers. He recognized Maryland State Senator Craig Zucker, a Tanterra homeowner, who briefly addressed the group and reminded us of the Scholarship aid available through his office. Senator Zucker later participated in the discussion.

President McEwen reviewed major special activities of the Association on behalf of the Tanterra community, including social, pool and dive, architectural, grounds, newsletter, yard sale, and welcoming, among others. He reminded the group of the Dick Cole Memorial Scholarship for a graduating Sherwood senior. Selection is done through the Sherwood scholarship recognition process.

### **Board Member Elections**

The three individuals with expiring terms on the Board: Aleka Kapatou, Bryan Moffett, and Jim Cagley (Associate Member Representative) agreed to run for re-election. This year, an additional candidate came forward: Erwin Hesse. All had statements published in *Tanterra Today*, and those present made short statements about their candidacy. There were no additional nominations from the floor for Board membership. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Later in the meeting, it was announced that Jim Cagley, Erwin Hesse, and Aleka Kapatou had been elected to Board membership for three-year terms beginning in January 2018. President McEwen thanked Bryan Moffett for his great service over the past three years.

### **Budget**

Treasurer Jim Frye presented the budget for 2018, proposed by the Board and previously distributed to homeowners. He explained major revenue and cost items and responded to questions. President McEwen discussed the need for annual approval of the end-of-year contribution to the Reserve Fund. A motion and second were offered by Glen McEwen and Wayne Johnson respectively, and the Reserve Fund contribution was approved by hand vote by the homeowners present.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Glen McEwen noted volunteers are needed for many Association activities. Interested homeowners should make themselves known to Glen, another Board Member, Committee Chair. Tanterra's very active volunteers have made it possible to run the Association without need for a costly management company. But our long-time volunteers need to be assisted or replaced by additional individuals, or there will be considerable additional cost to hire needed services.

### **Issues Raised by Homeowners**

Speeding and dangerous driving on Heritage Hills Drive was raised as an ongoing issue, and generated

## **Tanterra Homeowners Association: November Board Meeting Minutes Continued**

*By Richard J. Bertin, Secretary*

considerable discussion. Placement of rumble strips has been suggested as a possible partial solution, and several homeowners adjacent to Heritage Hills have circulated a petition of request to the County for such strips to be placed. The Board agreed to provide a transmittal letter of endorsement, which has been signed. Senator Zucker has interceded with the County in the past for additional speed signs and other approaches, and agreed to do so again. Other options included a four-way stop sign, 20 m.p.h. speed bumps, and resident monitoring and reporting of gross offenses.

The need for landscaping work on some Tanterra common property, including tree trimming and bamboo control, was discussed. The Board had obtained bids for that work, hoped to complete their review, and obtain needed work as soon as possible. Incursion of bamboo from common property into yards is becoming a real problem for homeowners as noted by one homeowner present.

There being no further business, President McEwen thanked all present and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. Following the General Meeting, a short meeting of the Board was convened by President McEwen at 8:30 pm. It was attended by all current Board members present, plus Elizabeth Bialas, Tanterra Clerk.

### **Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the October 18 Board meeting as previously distributed was moved by Glenn Wasik and seconded by Wayne Johnson. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Election of Officers for 2018**

The following slate of officers was offered for reelection:

President – Glen McEwen

Vice-President – Wayne Johnson

Secretary – Dick Bertin

Treasurer – Jim Frye

A motion to approve those officers for 2018 was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Glenn Wasik. The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

### **Approval of Budget**

Wayne Johnson moved the Board approve the proposed budget for 2018 as previously distributed to homeowners and discussed at the meeting (with no recommendations for changes offered from the homeowners). Dave Bouve seconded, and the motion for final approval of the 2018 budget passed unanimously.

### **Future Meetings**

A meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, December 13 to review insurance needs and other topics as necessary. 2018 meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Pool Shed unless a change is announced.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

\* *Board Members in Attendance:* Glen McEwen, Jim Frye, Wayne Johnson, Richard Bertin, Aleka Kapatou, Glenn Wasik, Jim Cagley, Dave Bouve

\* *Others in Attendance:* Elizabeth Bialas (Tanterra HOA Clerk) & 49 homeowners were present or represented by proxy, constituting a quorum of homeowners for the meeting.



## Garden Solutions for Our Changing Environment - Montgomery County Master Gardeners Spring Conference



Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855



For pre-registration, visit:  
<https://extension.umd.edu//mg/locations/spring-miniconference>



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:



Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM (EST)



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## Olney Library

### MORE THAN A...BLOCK PARTY!

**Event Type:** Science & Math (STEM)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018

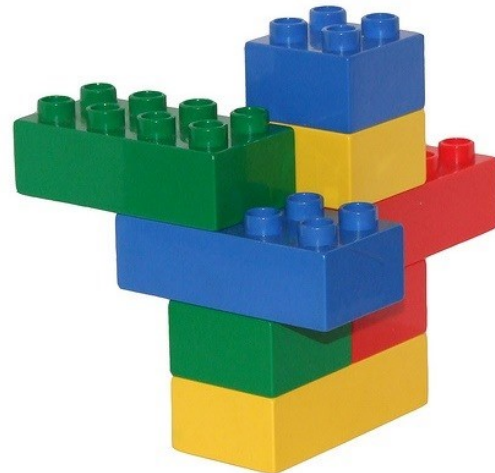
**Start Time:** 10:30 AM

**Library:** Olney

#### **Description:**

For preschoolers and their parent/caregiver. Drop in every Tuesday morning between 10:30 and noon, for a fun-filled session of block play (duplos and others) and hands-on science learning activities. ...

**Age(s):** Preschool and Kindergarten



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Glenn Wasik (2018)		301-774-5020

**Clerk**

Elizabeth Bialas (contact for HOA resale packets)	LizBialas@verizon.net	301-774-3809
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## Tanterra Homes Sold in 2017

Close Date	Address	List Price	Subsidy	Close Price	BR	BA	Levels	FP
26-May-17	19009 Alpenglow Ln	\$439,000	\$11,500	\$440,000	4	2.5	2	1
2-May-17	19125 Alpenglow Ln	\$432,000	\$0	\$428,000	4	2.5	2	1
10-Aug-17	18713 Considine Dr	\$429,900	\$1,000	\$435,000	3	2.5	2	1
9-Jun-17	18736 Considine Dr	\$419,900	\$0	\$419,900	4	2.5	2	1
31-Oct-17	3304 Gold Mine Rd	\$449,999	\$0	\$435,000	4	2.5	2	2
14-Jun-17	3320 Gold Mine Rd	\$489,000	\$0	\$460,000	4	2.5	3	1
22-Aug-17	3364 Gold Mine Rd	\$374,900	\$0	\$382,500	5	2.5	2	0
31-Aug-17	18604 Heritage Hills Dr	\$434,999	\$0	\$434,999	4	3	3	1
27-Oct-17	19020 Heritage Hills Dr	\$415,000	\$5,900	\$417,000	4	2.5	2	1
22-Sep-17	19105 Heritage Hills Dr	\$389,000	\$0	\$377,000	4	2	2	0
15-Sep-17	19137 Heritage Hills Dr	\$419,000	\$2,060	\$410,000	5	3.5	2	1
19-Sep-17	3352 Tanterra Cir	\$300,000	\$0	\$268,000	5	2.5	2	0
23-Feb-17	18712 Tanterra Way	\$398,000	\$6,000	\$398,000	4	2.5	2	1



Have you ever been curious why some houses sell quicker than others, or why some sell for higher prices? Let me know if you would like to know what your house is worth. I will come to your home and give you a free market analysis and let you know what you could do to improve your homes value. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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## Tips on how to sell your home this spring

**Pay attention to curb appeal:** trimming trees and bushes so buyers can see the house, and pressure-washing the driveway, front walk, house and patio or deck. Adding colorful flowers to sell your home this spring and clean the windows so they sparkle inside and out.

**Eliminate clutter and pare down possessions:** Sellers need to go through all of their furniture and closets with a discerning eye to eliminate clutter. If you have 17 sweaters, you need to pare it down to two, so your closets look bigger, Pack up anything you want to keep, and put it off-site in a pod or a storage unit because you want your home to look like it always has plenty of space in all the closets.

**Do pre-inspection repairs:** If you know a home inspector is going to find something wrong with your house, go ahead and fix it first. If you know something is broken. It makes more sense to do the repairs ahead of time rather than wait for a buyer to request it. Buyers may end up asking you to spend \$300 on what should cost \$100 just to make sure it's done right.

**Price it Right:** Even though prices continue to rise in some areas, sellers need to be reasonable and compare their homes to similar properties that have recently sold. If you price too low, they'll think something is wrong with your home. If you price it too high and have to lower your price, it will hurt you more than if you price it right the first time.

**Hire the right agent:** The majority of buyers start their home search online. To sell a home this spring, hire a Realtor who will make sure that professional photos and a vibrant description are widely available on multiple websites. I start marketing the moment I have a signed listing agreement, contacting other Realtors and neighbors to let them know the home will be coming on the market.

Before you decide on hiring a MEGA team or Individual agent ask yourself if you will ever meet the person who's name on your for sale sign.

Yes, selling your home is a huge financial transaction. But it's an emotional one as well. Chances are you will feel anxious at some point. An individual agent provides you a single point contact and not several specialists who focus on only part of your transaction. You know when you talk to the individual agent that

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February 1, 2018

Dear Tanterra Residents:

You will be pleased to know that my office has a Senatorial Scholarship program that provides financial assistance to students pursuing higher education. It is my hope that individuals will take advantage of this opportunity.

Any student who resides in District 14 and plans to attend or currently attends a Maryland institution of higher education is eligible. Students who do not plan on attending a Maryland institution of higher education may still be eligible for the Senatorial Scholarship if the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) considers their major to be unique.

The 2018-2019 Senatorial Scholarship application is attached to the newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liana Stiegler in my office at (301) 858-3625 or by email at [craig.zucker@senate.state.md.us](mailto:craig.zucker@senate.state.md.us).

Best of luck with your application. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if ever I can be helpful with anything.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Zucker".

Craig J. Zucker  
State Senator

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the Senatorial Scholarship. In order to apply, you must be a resident of Maryland's 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. This scholarship is awarded primarily based on financial need, commitment to public service and interest for higher education. **Please read the following instructions carefully before completing and sending your application.**

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

To be considered for a scholarship, you must first fill out the attached two-page application. The form is designed to be typed on directly and then printed. In order to fill out the form, click on the gray areas and begin typing. To check the boxes, simply click the box next to your answer.

Next, you must answer the questions on the following page, these should be typed and sent-in at the same time as the rest of the application. The answers to these questions should be double-spaced and typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font.

In addition, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 by going to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). After your FAFSA application is processed, send the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which describes your Pell Grant eligibility, along with your application and essay.

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD SEND TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

The following are the **ONLY** materials that you should send. Any extraneous materials, including transcripts, will be discarded and not considered with your application. **Please send in all of your materials at once.**

- 1) The attached two-page application (**typed**)

- 2) Answers to the questions (**typed**)
- 3) A resume including community service experience (**typed**)
- 4) The **first page** of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- 5) Proof of veteran status (if applicable)
- 6) Proof of learning difference (if applicable)

**WHERE YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR APPLICATION:**

**You must send your application by mail.** You should also send a confirmation email to Craig.Zucker@senate.state.md.us to let us know to expect it. **Any applications received by email will not be considered.**

*Where to send application via mail:*  
Senatorial Scholarship Committee  
11 Bladen Street  
James Senate Office Building, Room 122  
Annapolis, MD 21401

*Where to send confirmation email:*  
Craig.Zucker@senate.state.md.us

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

The deadline for your materials to be postmarked is Saturday, March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Decisions will be made by Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**HOW AWARDS ARE MADE:**

Your application will be reviewed by the Senatorial Scholarship Committee, which will be comprised of local community leaders and activists with diverse backgrounds and skills. The committee will then make recommendations for awards to Senator Zucker based on their review.

The ideal applicant will:

- a) Have financial need (as defined by eligibility for the Pell Grant)
- b) Have a track record of community service and volunteerism (describe in your essay)
- c) Be working towards a career that will serve the public (this can be any field or career path - you should explain in your essay how you plan to use your education for the public good)

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:**

You must be a resident of Maryland's 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in order to apply. If you are currently living outside of the 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District because you are attending college, use your home address from within the 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to apply.

The Senatorial Scholarship may be used for degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students. Both full- and part-time students are eligible to apply. Full-time undergraduate students must maintain 12 credits or more per semester, while part-time undergraduate students must maintain 6-11 credits. Full-time graduate students must maintain 9 or more credits per semester, while part-time graduate students must maintain 6-8 credits per semester.

You may only use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at a Maryland school. The Office of Financial Aid must identify your major as “unique.” To be considered for Unique Major Status, contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission ([www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)) for the requirements.

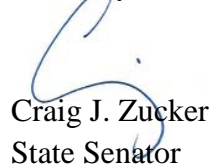
### Questions

1. Which college do you plan on attending?
2. What do you plan on majoring in?
3. What kind of community service/volunteer experience do you have, if you have any was this done through school or outside of school? Was it a school requirement or did you volunteer to do the community service?
4. How will you use your degree to serve your community and/or the public at large?
5. If you are currently in college, what year are you in?

**The Senatorial Scholarship is for the year that you apply, and the next four years (eight semesters) as a full-time student.** This means that if you are awarded a scholarship, the same amount of money will rollover for the subsequent four years (eight semesters.)

Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Liana Stiegler, if you have any questions. She can be reached at (301) 858-3625 or by email at [craig.zucker@senate.state.md.us](mailto:craig.zucker@senate.state.md.us). Good luck!

Sincerely,



Craig J. Zucker  
State Senator

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Last 4 of SSN	
Date of birth	

First name	
Last name	

Street Address	
Street Address 2	
City	
State	
Zip code	

Phone	
Email	

College or University you will attend	
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Your intended major	
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Do you qualify for a Pell Grant?  Yes  No  
*(This information is on your SAR.)*

Are you a U.S. military veteran?  Yes  No  
*(If yes, send supporting documentation with your application.)*

Do you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan?  Yes  No

Which semester will you be attending? (Please check one)

Fall Only  Spring Only  Full Academic Year

Please check whichever applies to you:

Undergraduate  Full Time (12+ credits per semester)  
 Part Time (6-11 credits per semester)

Graduate  Full Time (9+ credits per semester)  
 Part Time (6-8 credits per semester)