

## **Background**

The Doug Parker Scholarship Fund was established to honor and pay tribute to “Big Doug” Parker, a big man with a big heart. Doug was a great man, a great husband and father, and a great friend. He was a wonderful role model to Howard County residents. Those who knew him loved him well. Big Doug was a lifelong Howard County resident and very actively involved in the community. He devoted countless hours to young people through his coaching and sponsorship of youth athletics.

Having been such an active member of the Howard County community, and so involved in his and other children’s lives, it seems only natural to create a scholarship fund in his name. Doug has left us a legacy of what it truly means to indulge oneself for the joy of others. This \$2500 Doug Parker Scholarship will award a scholarship(s) to a college-bound Howard County student showing commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship.

## **Guidelines**

Candidates for the Doug Parker *Scholarship* must:

1. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school.
2. Submit an essay of no more than 500 words that covers the following topics:
  - a. Educational Plans
  - b. Career Goals
  - c. The impact this scholarship will have on educational plans & career goals.
  - d. Students explains their commitment to community involvement, academics, and sportsmanship
3. Provide one personal letter of recommendation.
4. Include the check list from one academic teacher and/or employment supervisor.
5. Have a 3.0 cumulative average through Grade 11. In addition, a grade of 3.0 must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.
6. Be accepted at an accredited institution.
7. The administration of each school should select **one** finalist in consideration for the Scholarship. We will accept only one application per school.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Confidential teacher evaluation.
2. Student Essay.
3. Strength of student's transcript.
4. Need will be used in case of a tie.

**DEADLINE:**           **Applications must be submitted to the school guidance counselor by \_\_\_\_\_.**