

C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship Program Overview & Guidelines

Background

This **\$1000** scholarship is offered in memory of **C. Merritt Pumphrey** who died, at the age of 83, on December 7, 2007. The C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by his loving family – his wife of 62 years and their three children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren – who all loved him very much.

Mr. Pumphrey, as a young boy and into early manhood, worked with his father and brother to create Dalton Farms, a dairy farm which now is Thunder Hill of Columbia. They developed a purebred herd of Holstein cows and raised beef cattle. Due to his love and dedication to farming he became an avid 4-H member and represented the State of Maryland as a 4-H All Star at the national 4-H conference in Chicago in 1939. After starting his own family, he became Howard County's first John Deere dealer and formed what became many life long relationships with the county's farming community. From 1968 to 1990, Mr. Pumphrey served as the elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County.

We are confident that the recipient of this scholarship will be dedicated to learning, to being a good steward of the land, and to being committed to helping our community grow and thrive – as was C. Merritt Pumphrey.

Guidelines

Candidates for the *C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship* **must:**

1. Plan to attend a four-year college or university to pursue an education in agriculture, animal husbandry, and/or a field related to farming.
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. Comment on any financial need
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. Members of 4-H are encouraged to apply but membership not required to apply.

7. The C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship is offered at the following high schools: Mt. Hebron, Howard, Glenelg, River Hill, Marriotts Ridge, Atholton and Chapelgate.

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 _____.**