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2. Contribute by Credit Card at:

[www.forthillscholarshipfund.org](http://www.forthillscholarshipfund.org)

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3. *Designate an Estate Contribution. Make a bequest to FHSF in your Will.*

## Volunteer

Share your time, talent and treasure to help build a strong Fund.

## Scholarships

Contribute to the endowment fund or create a scholarship:

- In your name or name of a loved one.
- Your corporate name.
- In honor of your Fort Hill graduating class or a faculty member.

For additional information contact:

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*We are investing in the lives,  
dreams, and futures of  
young Sentinels.*

# Fort Hill Scholarship Fund



“Our mission is to invest in the lives, dreams, and futures of Fort Hill students by providing funds to complete their education and to further their career goals.”

“Every dream counts.”

# RIISING COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION

## ABOUT THE FUND

In 2008, the Fort Hill Scholarship Fund (FHSF) established an endowment fund to provide scholarships to graduating Sentinels. These scholarships are awarded to students attending two or four year institutions or technical schools.

While the endowment is increasing, FHSF will search for existing scholarships and match these to the interests of Fort Hill graduating seniors.

The ultimate goal of FHSF is to assist all graduating seniors to achieve their college or career goals.

## ACADEMIC PREPARATION

FHSF works with the faculties of Fort Hill and Washington Middle Schools to help students:

- Learn about careers of interest.
- Identify career goals.
- Select appropriate academic program and courses to prepare for chosen career.
- Choose the right school or college.
- Analyze the cost of education.
- Complete applications for college or technical schools.
- Complete applications for financial aid and scholarships.

## FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

Since the mid 1980's, the cost of higher education in the United States has steadily shifted from state funding to individual families. In the past five years (2006-2011) costs have increased 40% - - - the largest increase in any five-year period.

	2011-2012	
	<u>Annual cost of Tuition, Fees, Room &amp; Board for in-state students.</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2011</u>
Private College:	\$29,000	\$56,000
Four-Year (FSU)	\$12,800	\$16,000
UMCP		\$21,000
WVU (Out of state)		\$27,000

## TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

The cost of tuition and fees (without room and board) at a two-year college was \$2300 in 2006, and today it is:

- Allegany College of Maryland \$4200
- Potomac State College of WVU \$9000 (Out of State)

Many students attending a two-year college plan to transfer to a four-year university and need additional funds to complete their education. Most students cannot afford this expense without substantial financial assistance.

<http://forthillscholarshipfund.org>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2011, FHSF awarded (11) \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors and contributed \$8,000 to the endowment fund. Scholarships were awarded to students attending technical schools, two-year colleges, and four-year universities. In addition, FHSF assisted 50 students with college admission forms and scholarship applications.

## PARENTS

The FHSF held workshops for parents with representatives from the military, trade unions, two year and four year colleges. Workshops offered advice related to choosing a career and assistance for completing financial aide forms and scholarship applications.

## VALUE OF EDUCATION

The average lifetime earnings off a:

*High School Graduate* is \$1.2 million.

*Associate Degree* is \$1.6 million.

*Bachelor's Degree* is \$2.1 million.

In Maryland, 37.2% of the population has a Bachelor's Degree.

**THE NEED FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
IS GREAT!**