**Rachel A. Thomas Annual Scholarship**

**To: North Point High School, Charles County Public Schools**

**From: Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship, Waldorf, Maryland**

On June 27, 2019, Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship was founded by the parents of Rachel A. Thomas in her loving memory.

In furtherance of our mission, Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship is seeking applicants for a scholarship award in the amount of **four five-hundred dollar ($500.00) Scholarships. The Scholarships will be awarded to one JROTC Senior at North Point High School, one North Point High School Senior from the Criminal Justice Program, one North Point High School Girls Basketball Senior and one North Point Senior Cheerleader.**

The scholarships will be award at North Point High School unless otherwise notified.

The purpose of the Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship is to recognize and honor an outstanding JROTC Senior, Criminal Justice Senior and one Senior Cheerleader, who intends to further their education at a two-year or four-year accredited college or university.

To qualify for the Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship award, the student must be in their senior year of high school, participate in the JROTC Program, Criminal Justice Program, Girls Basketball Player or Cheerleader and complete all application forms, including supporting materials, and submit them by **April 15th**. Only one application is to be submitted and applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. Applications can submit using the website Dropbox at RachelA.Thomas.Org, emailed directed to info@rachelathomas.org or if mailing must be typed and the eligibility criteria must be strictly followed. Failure to follow the criteria will be automatically disqualify the applicant or Criminal Justice.

**The Award**

The recipient and College & Career Advisor in your school will be notified by mail. The award letter will indicate the scholarship type and amount. Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of proof of the student’s enrollment for the fall semester of the current year.

**Application Eligibility**

Each applicant must:

* Be a graduating senior enrolled at North Point High School located in Charles County, Maryland
* Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.
* Be accepted for full-time study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university and provide proof of acceptance.

**Selection Criteria**

1. Applicant must submit a sealed official high school transcript.
2. Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher or counselor.
3. Applicant must submit a 250-500 word essay discussing one of the following topics:
	1. Who has most influenced your academic journey and how?
	2. In what ways have you demonstrated a commitment to community service?
	3. Describe your future plans and how your college education will support you in achieving your goals.
4. Applicant must submit the complete, signed, and dated application (including transcripts, letters of acceptance, and letters of recommendation) by Dropbox on website, email at info@RachelAThomas.org where files can be attached in the contact section, regular mail to the contact address. **Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please proofread your application package prior to submission.**
5. Applicant must use the official Scholarship Application.
6. The application package must be emailed or postmarked no later than the deadline of **April 15th.**

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| Parent/Guardian Name |  |
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| **ACADEMIC INFORMATION** |
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| Current High School |  |
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| Cumulative G.P.A. |  |
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| Name of Principal |  |
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| Name of Guidance Counselor |  |
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| Name of College/University You Plan To Attend: |  |
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| Have You Been Accepted? | ☐ | Yes | ☐ | No |
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| **SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** |
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| **Activities and Organizations** | **Dates of Participation** | **Positions Held** |
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| **ESSAY** |
| On a separate page, please respond to one of the following. Your response should be 250 – 500 **typed** words.* Who has most influenced your academic journey and how?
* In what ways have you demonstrated a commitment to community service?
* Describe your future plans and how your college education will support you in achieving your goals.

**Reminder:**Review the criteria for selection carefully to ensure all requirements have been met. Make sure you sign and date the application. This form must be completed in its entirety. Use additional sheets if necessary. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. **Applications must be postmarked by April 1st.** |
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| Signature |  | Date |  |

**DropBox, Email or Mail Completed Application To:**

**Rachel A. Thomas Scholarship**

**Attn: Scholarship Committee**

**P.O. Box 819**

**White Plains, Maryland 20695**

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