



## BEL AIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Create Your Own Success Story*

### Assistant Principals

Mr. Matthew Koester

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Dear Parent,

Congratulations! Your student has been identified as a possible nominee for the Carson Scholars Fund. Students at Bel Air Middle School that have earned a 3.75 GPA or higher, excluding all unified arts, physical education, and performance music classes, are being invited to express their interest in becoming a nominee. Each school is only allowed one nominee, so the competition will be strong at Bel Air Middle School!

The Carson Scholars Fund wishes to recognize students in grades 4-11 who exemplify academic excellence and display strong humanitarian qualities. These qualities should be demonstrated through involvement in community service beyond the requirements of Harford County Public Schools.

Scholarship winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship invested towards a four-year college or university. In addition, they will receive an Olympic-sized medal, certificate of achievement, an invitation to be honored at a regional awards banquet, and will also be recognized by our school in the display of a trophy highlighting the student's achievement.

If your child wins the BAMS nomination, an application will need to be completed online by **January 10, 2020**. The application will include an essay, description of community service activities, submission of report card, teacher recommendation and biographical information. Winners and non-winners will be notified at the beginning of **March 2020**. If you would like more information pertaining to the Carson Scholars Fund, please visit [www.carsonscholars.org](http://www.carsonscholars.org).

If your student is interested in becoming a nominee, please have them visit the School Counseling Office as soon as possible to obtain a packet. **BAMS student essays to be considered for our Carson's nomination for 2019-2020 are due to the counseling office by Dec. 11, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.** The information will be collected and reviewed by a committee of Bel Air Middle School staff, and one nominee will be chosen. The chosen nominee will be notified prior to winter break so that there is ample time to complete the application.

Congratulations once again! Good luck!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Natalie N. Holloway".

Natalie Holloway, Principal

Bel Air Middle School Counseling Office

## Carson Scholars Qualifying Essay

Bel Air Middle School must nominate one student to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Carson Scholars Fund. A committee of teachers, counselors, and administrators will choose the nominee. To earn the BAMS nomination, students must submit an essay. BAMS essay are due **December 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 8:15 a.m.** Once our nominee has been chosen, the final application must be submitted online by **January 10, 2020**. You can find more information about the Carson Scholars at [www.carsonscholars.org](http://www.carsonscholars.org).

### Carson Scholars Qualifications

To be considered for nomination, students must:

- Be enrolled in grades 4-11
- Be nominated by an educator
- Have a grade point average of 3.75 or above in Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Languages. The GPA calculation CANNOT include PE, Unified Arts or Performance Music class grades.
- ***Demonstrate humanitarian qualities in school and community through school programs and/or community service above and beyond what is required.*** Community Service is unpaid, volunteer work that benefits individuals, groups. Or nonprofit organizations and the volunteer work must demonstrate unique accomplishments such as: organizing a student volunteer group to visit local nursing homes.
- Be a new nominee that has not previously been a recipient of a Carson Scholar Award.

Tell us why you believe you are the best candidate for the Carson Scholarship. Please include your academic history (give us an idea of how you perform academically) and your community service and/or volunteer work.

- Feel free to type your essay in a word document or write it on loose leaf paper. Include name and grade on the top left-hand corner.
- **Essay due to the counseling office by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 8:15 a.m.**