

## **Valencourt Scholarship FAQ Sheet Now Accepting Applications 2017**

### **What is the Valencourt Fund?**

A fund created at the bequest of Ms. Lois Valencourt that enables students graduating from Mount Vernon, West Potomac and Bryant High School to pursue training and career advancement.

### **When the application due?**

All Valencourt applications must be post marked by May 19, 2017.

### **What is UCM's service area?**

UCM's service area zip codes are: 22303, 22306, 22307, 22308, 22309, 22310, 22315 and 22060

### **What is vocational education?**

Vocational education is defined as "organized educational programs offering a sequence of courses which are directly related to the preparation of individuals in paid or unpaid employment in current or emerging occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree".

**Does the school that I am applying to have to be a local institution?** Yes, applicants must apply to an institution in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area.

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### **How do I know if the school/institute or program that I am enrolled in qualifies as a vocational school?**

Schools/institutes or programs that meet the following criteria qualify for the Valencourt Scholarship:

- A public or nonprofit technical institution or career and technical education school that provides career and technical education to individuals who have completed or left secondary school and who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market.
- Provides career and technical education in not fewer than 5 different occupational fields leading to immediate employment but not necessarily leading to a baccalaureate degree.

### **How do I know if the licensing, certificate, degree or program that I am enrolled in qualifies for the Valencourt Scholarship?**

Licensing, certificate, degree or programs qualify for the Valencourt Scholarship if they provide the following:

- A sequence of courses that provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions.
- Provides technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.