



The *Alex Popeck Never Back Down Foundation, Inc.* ([www.APNBD.org](http://www.APNBD.org)) is a 501(c)(3) organization that awards ***Difference Makers Post-Secondary Scholarships*** to Montgomery County, MD graduating seniors in loving memory of **Alex Popeck** (please visit [www.APNBD.org](http://www.APNBD.org) to learn more about Alex and past scholarship recipients).

**Awards for 2022 will be in the amount of \$2,500.**

**Eligibility Criteria to apply for a *Difference Maker Post-Secondary Scholarship*:**

- ✓ Be graduating in **2022** from a Montgomery County, MD high school (*public or private*),
- ✓ Complete the **general application** (see reverse side) with name, address, and contact information,
- ✓ Submit **TWO letters of recommendation**  
(counselors, coaches, clergy, employers, teachers mentors and neighbors are acceptable recommenders),
- ✓ Participate in ***extra-curricular activities*** and

***Requirements of the Personal Statement***

In **1,500 words or fewer** describe how you have embraced and applied **any or all of Alex's** "Never Back Down" principles/values (listed below). Include how these have led you to become a ***Difference Maker*** in your family, school, and/or community, and/or the life/lives of another/others. Your statement should be typed using **Arial, Calibri or Comic Sans, size 12 font, DOUBLE-SPACED, SINGLE-SIDED**

**AND NOT STAPLED**

Alex's values:

- Value others because everyone matters.
- Challenge people to go beyond self-imposed limits to improve themselves/situations.
- Strive for one's best even when faced with challenges.
- See and Act; notice opportunities to help, protect and support people and act on them/do something about them.



**Absolute  
deadlines**



All submissions must be **POSTMARKED by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and mailed to:

The Difference Maker Scholarship  
The Alex Popeck Never Back Down Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1204  
Olney, Maryland 20830



Submissions may also be sent **electronically** to **alexpopecknbd@gmail.com** by the **same due date**.

**Difference Maker Post-Secondary Scholarship Award** recipients will be contacted by **May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, receive their award on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and have their names posted on the *Never Back Down Foundation* website (**www.APNBD.org**). *A check will be presented to each recipient to use for tuition, books, and/or other school-related costs.*

**General Application - (use additional pages if necessary)**

**Please write  
legibly**

Name: (Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities (school-based):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular or community activities (non-school based):  
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**I hereby declare that, if selected as a *Difference Maker* award recipient, I will apply the awarded funds toward expenses associated with my post-secondary education.**

***Applicant Signature***

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