Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences offers rising and new 6th grade students with exceptional academic achievement the opportunity to apply for $1,000 in scholarship funding per year, depending upon the applicant pool. Up to two students may be selected in any given year as determined by the Cohen Scholarship Committee. The Cohen Scholarship automatically renews for 7th grade and 8th grade as long as Cohen Scholars maintain their strong performance and good standing.

The purpose of the Cohen Scholarship program is to honor Frieda Cohen, “Grandma Frieda” as she was known to Barnesville School students, and her parents, Rose and David Cohen. This scholarship demonstrates her many years of generosity to Barnesville and her commitment to helping students and families realize the benefits of a Barnesville experience.

Students new to Barnesville are highly encouraged to apply, as Barnesville extends a warm welcome to new members of the community while continuing to recognize the achievements of current students.

Candidates for the Cohen Scholarship must have demonstrated high academic achievement as measured by standardized testing, school transcripts, and performance in the classroom. Candidates must also exemplify the School’s mission of joy, support, and excellence.

Eligibility:
Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Entering into 6th grade in September 2019.
- Strong academic performance in the classroom as demonstrated by the 5th grade report card.
- A minimum score in the 80th percentile based on national norms on two or more standardized subtests (e.g. vocabulary, quantitative analysis, reading comprehension, etc.). Priority consideration will be given for those achieving a score in the 90th percentile or above on one or more subtests.

Teacher recommendation forms provided as part of a new student’s application process will also be used in the decision process.

Application Process:
1. For new applicants to Barnesville, submit an application by the Admissions priority deadline, which includes both the student’s academic transcripts and standardized testing. Students currently enrolled at Barnesville will have their academic transcripts and standardized testing reviewed by the Cohen Scholarship Committee.
2. Complete and submit the Cohen Academic Scholarship Statement of Intent, available below.
3. Schedule a 45-minute block of time during a campus visit or school day for the applicant to independently compose a 2-3 paragraph essay. The applicant will be asked to describe his/her future academic goals and aspirations. The applicant may hand write or type the essay. It will be wholly composed during the campus visit.

The Cohen Scholarship Committee reviews all application materials from eligible candidates; the committee also re-evaluates the records of existing Cohen Scholars seeking renewal each year. Committee members represent the admissions committee as well as the existing teaching staff in the Middle School.

As the Cohen Scholarship is not based on a family’s financial need, a family may apply for additional need-based funds.
Notification of Cohen Scholarship awards will be announced on **Monday, June 10, 2019.**

All applications and inquiries should be forwarded to:

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Barnesville School of Arts & Sciences  
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Barnesville, MD 20838  
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Cohen Scholarship is a discount on the standard tuition rate. Academic scholarships are for tuition only and do not apply to the other fees and charges related to attending Barnesville.

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**The Cohen Scholarship for Academic Achievement**  
**Statement of Intent to Apply**

Student Name: ___________________________  Current School: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ___________________________  Phone Number: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ___________________________  Phone Number: ___________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________

I, ___________________________, intend to apply for The Cohen Scholarship for Academic Achievement, and I am aware of the deadlines, the eligibility requirements, and the process involved. I meet the eligibility requirements, and I have completed the preliminary steps in the application process. I am aware that times will be scheduled for the essay component of the process, and that the school will contact me with those times.

Student Signature: ___________________________  Parent Signature: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________

Please submit this “Intent to Apply” via email by noon on **May 10, 2019** to ddon@barnesvilleschool.org.