

Tax Free Week scholarship prize doubled

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Annapolis, MD -- The University of Maryland Foundation has announced it will match the top scholarship prize for the #ShopMDTaxFree social media contest.

That means Tax-free Week in Maryland could pay off in more than just savings on back-to-school items for students who win a social media contest sponsored by the Maryland Retailers Association.

Two winners will receive \$2,500 and \$1,000 scholarships, respectively, to any Maryland university, college or trade school. With the matching offer, the winner will now receive a \$5000 scholarship.

To enter the contest during Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, Maryland college and trade school students simply need to:

Take a fun photo or video while shopping.

Write a catchy caption. (Be creative to catch the eye of the judges!)

Post to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and use the hashtag #shopmdtaxfree.

The Maryland Retailers Association will select the two entries that best reflect the spirit of Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week.

From August 11-17, any single qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced \$100 or less – regardless of how many items are purchased at the same time – will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax. The first \$40 of any backpack or bookbag purchase is also tax-free.

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