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COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The *NEW* **Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship** is a <u>last dollar scholarship</u> that is available to students who enroll at a Maryland community college and now has **NO SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT OR AGE REQUIREMENTS**. Eligible students can receive **up to $5,000** to cover **any remaining** tuition and mandatory fee expenses after Federal or State Financial aid has been applied.

Who May Apply?

A high school graduate or GED recipient who is planning to enroll, or is currently enrolled at a Maryland community college   as a candidate in:
- o   a credit-bearing vocational certificate;
- o   a credit-bearing certificate;
- o   an associate degree program;
- o   a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or
- o   a registered apprenticeship program.

- Applicants must be eligible for in-state tuition, as determined by the community college in accordance with Title 15 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- High school applicants must have earned an unweighted cumulative GPA of at least a 2.3 (or its equivalent):
  - o   At the end of the first semester of their senior year in high school; or
  - o   At the end of their senior year in high school
- Applicants currently or previously enrolled at a community college must have earned either:
  - o   a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 from the community college; or
  - o   a high school unweighted cumulative GPA of at least a 2.3 or its equivalent at the end of the first semester or end of their senior year in high school
  - **(Applicants should submit an official or unofficial high school OR community college transcript)**
- Applicants whose annual adjusted gross income was not more than:
  - o $100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent household; or
  - o $150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent household for the 2018 tax year as defined by MHEC;
- Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree or an associate degree; and
- Applicants who have not been awarded other educational grants or scholarships that cover the full cost of attendance at community colleges.

Application Requirements

1. Submit a completed **2020-2021** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa **or** the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) online through MDCAPS for any applicant who is ineligible to receive federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition by **March 1;**
2. Applicants who meet the income requirements as reported on their FAFSA or MSFAA by **March 1** will be notified by email of the required documentation to submit for the Scholarship. Applicants should login to their MDCAPS account and review their "To Do List" section for a complete listing of all required documentation that must be submitted to MHEC by **July 31 (Late submissions will not be accepted)**.

Enrollment Requirements

- All eligible applicants **must** attend the community college located in their county, or in the case of a regional community college, the region in which they live. However, if the community college located where the student lives **does not** offer the degree or program in which they enrolled, the student may attend any other Maryland community college that offers that program;
- Applicants who plan to enroll as candidates in credit-bearing vocational certificates, credit-bearing certificates, or associate degrees **must** enroll in and complete at least 12 credits per semester at a community college; and
- Applicants who plan to enroll in a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification must enroll in the next available courses offered at the community college for their sequence.

Important Reminder

Applicants who listed a **four- year** institution on their FAFSA or MSFAA, and now plan to attend a community college, may change their school of choice in <u>one</u> of the following ways prior to the **deadline of July 31, 2020**:
- Go to the student's Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) account and click on the **"Enrollment"** tab; or
- Go to the student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or completed Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) to add the new college.

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