



MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The **Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship** is a last dollar award, available to students that plan to enroll at their local community college as a full-time candidate in a credit-bearing vocational certificate, a credit-bearing certificate, or an associate degree; or enroll in a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or in a registered apprenticeship program.

2020 - 2021 INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An individual may be eligible for a Promise Scholarship if the applicant:

- Submits a completed 2020 - 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> or submits the 2020 - 2021 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, 2020.

Applicants that identified a community college on their FAFSA or MSFAA by March 1, 2020 will be notified by email of the required documentation to submit for further consideration of the Scholarship. Applicants should login to their MDCAPS account and review their "Check Application Status" section for a complete listing of all required documentation that must be submitted to MHEC; and

- Submits all documentation, if required, to MHEC by **June 15, 2020 (Late documentation will not be accepted)**.
- Graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED in the State within two years (on or after January 1, 2019) of applying for the scholarship; and
- Is within two years after graduating from a high school or successfully completing a GED in the State on or before July 31 prior to the start of the Fall semester;
- Enrolled in a public community college as a candidate in
 - a credit-bearing vocational certificate,
 - a credit-bearing certificate,
 - an associate degree program;
 - a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or
 - in a registered apprenticeship program
- Is eligible for in-state tuition, as determined by the community college in accordance with Education Article, Title 15, Annotated Code;
- Earned an unweighted cumulative GPA of at least a 2.3 or its equivalent at the end of the first semester of your senior year in high school (**Initial applicants should submit an high school transcript or report card to document the GPA requirement**);
- Had an annual adjusted gross income of not more than:
 - \$100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent household; or
 - \$150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent household for the 2018 tax year as defined by MHEC;
- Has not earned a bachelor's degree or an associate degree; and
- Has not been awarded another educational grant or scholarship that covers the applicant's full cost of attendance at the community college.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

Recipients of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program **must sign an agreement to live in Maryland and work full-time (in state or out-of-state)** after earning the credit-bearing vocational certificate, credit-bearing certificate, or associate degree; or completion of a sequence of credit or non-credit courses that leads to licensure or certification; or in a registered apprenticeship program, or the award will convert into a loan payable to the State.