## **Maryland Higher Education Commission**

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## ENROLLED IN LESSS THAN 12 CREDITS (ACADEMIC PROGRAM)

Appeal Criteria 2024-2025 Academic Year

Applicable Programs	Guaranteed Access Grant \ Educational Assistance Grant \ 2+2 Transfer Scholarship
2024-2025 Deadline to File Appeal	FALL TERM: October 15, 2024 SPRING TERM: March 15, 2025

<ul> <li>Enrolled for less than 12 credits in a given term, and enrolled in a specific course or activity (e.g. internship, practicum, clinical) that:</li> <li>Is required by the institution to complete the academic program; and</li> <li>Results in student being enrolled for less than 12 credit hours per semester; and</li> <li>Is equal to greater than 180 hours of actual time spent in the classroom, lab, or clinic</li> <li>Documentation of the courses and credits being taken for the semester being appealed (i.e. – class schedule)</li> <li>Copy of the program curriculum from the institution's catalog or institution's website</li> <li>Financial Aid Officer Certification Form (available on MHEC appeal webpage)</li> <li>Department Chair Certification Form (available on MHEC appeal webpage)</li> </ul>	Less than 12 Credits (Academic Program) Appeal Reason	Required Documents
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Appeals will NOT be considered for: in/convenience; hardship; or because only a certain number of courses are needed to complete degree requirements.

A student enrolled in five (5) or less credits is NOT eligible for the above awards. Audited courses cannot be used to attain minimum hours required for full-time status.