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## FINANCIAL AID TO DO LIST

- ◆ Complete and submit FAFSA by March 1 to be considered for State funding at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov).
- ◆ Set up a student account on MDCAPS at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.
- ◆ Visit [MDgo4it.org](http://MDgo4it.org) for tips and other information to help prepare for college.
- ◆ Ensure that all filing requirements have been met for State aid grant and scholarship programs. See [www.mhec.maryland.gov](http://www.mhec.maryland.gov).
- ◆ Contact the financial aid office at the Maryland postsecondary institution that you have been accepted into and ensure all documents are in and complete.

## 2016 - 2017 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

# MARYLAND

# TUITION WAIVERS



# FOSTER CARE

# UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

## WHO MAY APPLY

Eligible students under the age of 25 who have resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland and who are attending a Maryland public institution are eligible to apply.

## HOW TO APPLY

You must complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) by **March 1** each year. Contact the financial aid office of the institution you will attend to request the tuition waiver.

## WHEN TO APPLY

File the FAFSA between January 1 and March 1, each year.

## ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

When applying, you must have resided in an out-of-home placement made by the Maryland Department of Human Resources in Maryland at the time in which you received a high school diploma or successfully completed a general educational development test (GED); you must have resided in an out-of-home placement made by the Maryland Department of Human Resources in a Maryland foster care home or placed in legal guardianship on or before your 13th birthday and were then adopted after your 13th birthday; or you must have been the younger sibling of an adopted individual who met the second eligibility requirement and were adopted concurrently with that sibling before your 13th birthday.

The Department of Human Resources must also confirm that you are eligible for the waiver.

Each year in January and July, the Maryland Department of Human Resources produces a list of eligible students that is sent to Maryland's public higher education institutions. The student's name must be on the list to receive the waiver. If a student's name is not on this list, the student should contact his/her caseworker. You must enroll in a vocational certificate program or as a degree-seeking student at a public two-year or four-year higher education institution in Maryland on or before age 25.

## AWARD AMOUNT

You are exempt from paying tuition and mandatory fees at a public college in Maryland. The tuition waiver applies to any balance on tuition and corresponding fees imposed as a condition of enrollment by the institution before any grants and scholarships you receive are applied to your school bill. The tuition waiver does not apply to room and board and other expenses incurred as part of the overall cost of attendance.

## RENEWING AN AWARD

You must file the FAFSA by March 1 each year to receive the waiver for up to an additional four years or until your Bachelor's degree is awarded, whichever occurs first. You must maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution you attend and remain enrolled in an eligible program.

## WHO MAY APPLY

Eligible students under the age of 25 classified as unaccompanied homeless youth and who are attending a Maryland public institution are eligible to apply.

## HOW TO APPLY

You must complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) by **March 1** each year. Contact the financial aid office of the institution you will attend to have the tuition waiver activated.

## WHEN TO APPLY

File the FAFSA between January 1 and March 1, each year.

## ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must not be in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and are a homeless child or youth, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, at the time you graduated from high school or successfully completed a general educational development test (GED);

The Financial Aid Department at the enrolled institution must also confirm that you are eligible for the waiver.

When determining whether a student is an unaccompanied homeless youth, a financial aid administrator must verify that you qualify as an independent student under the Federal College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

You must be enrolled in a vocational certificate, associate's or bachelor's program or as a degree-seeking student at a public two year

or four-year higher education institution in Maryland on or before age 25 to receive the waiver.

## AWARD AMOUNT

You are exempt from paying tuition and mandatory fees at a public college in Maryland. The tuition waiver applies to any balance on tuition and corresponding fees imposed as a condition of enrollment by the institution before any grants and scholarships you receive are applied to your school bill. The tuition waiver does not apply to room and board and other expenses incurred as part of the overall cost of attendance.

## RENEWING AN AWARD

You must file the FAFSA by March 1 each year to receive the waiver up to five years after first enrolling as a candidate for an associate's or a bachelor's degree at a public institution of higher education in Maryland, or until your bachelor's degree is awarded, whichever occurs first. You must maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution you attend and remain enrolled in an eligible program.

