Maryland Higher Education Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
6 North Liberty Street, Ground Suite
Baltimore, MD 21201
(410) 767-3300; (800) 974-0203
TTY for the Deaf - (800) 735-2258
www.mhec.state.md.us
osfamail.mhec@maryland.gov

2+2 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2+2 Transfer Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

1.   What is the application deadline date?
Applications are available each year starting in November. Students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA application by **March 1** for priority awarding. FAFSA applications submitted after March 1st will be considered as long as funding is available. The final deadline to complete and submit the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship application and all supporting documents by **May 1**.

2.   How are awards determined?
Eligible applicants will be ranked on the basis of cumulative grade point average. To determine the GPA ranking of students, a cumulative, un-weighted GPA will be used. OSFA will recalculate all GPAs to be considered on a standardized 4.0 scale. Official transcripts will be required to determine a student's GPA ranking.

3.   Can I fax my application to Maryland Higher Education Commission?
No. Faxed copies of the application and supporting documents will not be accepted. Originals are required for most of the supporting documents.

4.   How do I apply for the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship?
You must complete an online application in the "Apply Online" section of your MDCAPS account as well as submit all required documentation. Students are encouraged to have their FAFSA applications submitted by **March 1** for priority consideration.

5.   What is the awarding process?
If you are awarded, you will be notified through your MDCAPS early July with an award offer. You must login to the MDCAPS system to accept your award within three (3) weeks of the date of notification.

6.   I have filed my application. How do I find out the status?
You can access that information on the MDCAPS system at: https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us

7.   How will the scholarship funds be paid to my institution?
At the beginning of each semester, your institution will be asked to certify that you meet the requirements of the award. When the institution completes the certification and returns it to OSFA, your award will be processed for payment. Payment to the institution will be made approximately four weeks after the institution completes the certification. Contact your institution's financial aid office if you have questions about the payment status of your award.

8.   If I filed my application on time and I meet all the requirements, can I assume I will receive an award?
No. **All awards are subject to the availability of funding**. You should seek financial aid from all sources - state, federal, private and public institutions - as well as local clubs and organizations within your community. There is a limited amount of funding for each scholarship program. It is not wise to assume you will receive an award.