



**1. How do I apply and what is the application deadline date?**

Student will need to apply for this program through their financial aid department at their institution. New applications and all required documents must be received by your institution no later than **July 15, 2025** for the 2025-2026 academic year.

**2. How are awards determined?**

Awards are determined by your institution's financial aid department. Awards may not exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate at a 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate as determined by your school's financial aid office.

**3. How do I submit my documents?**

Student will need to contact their institution's financial aid department, as the application and its processes are conducted by their institution.

**4. Do I need to complete a FAFSA and if so, am I guaranteed to be awarded?**

Since this is not a Need-based program the FAFSA is not required, but it can be completed if student would also like to apply for Need-based State awards.

No state award is guaranteed. **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.

**5. I have filed my application. How do I find out the status?**

To find out the status of your application, you will need to contact your financial aid department at your institution.

**6. What is the awarding process?**

Institutions will award all eligible students. The institution is then reimbursed by the state for funds expended.

**7. Can my award be lowered or cancelled?**

Yes. If the total amount of financial assistance that you receive, including State financial aid and Veterans Educational Benefits exceed your cost of attendance at your institution, then your award may be lowered or cancelled. Contact your institution's financial aid office if you have additional questions.

**8. Do I need to apply each year, if so will I need to submit documents each time?**

Renewal awardees are not required to reapply each year. Awards may be renewed for up to four years at full-time enrollment (12+ credits per semester) or seven years of part-time enrollment (6-11 credits per semester). For questions concerning your renewal award, please contact your institution's financial aid office.

**9. How will I know if I have been awarded?**

You will need to contact your institution's financial aid department as awards are administered through your institution.