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CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Conditions of Award
Academic Year 2022-2023

Eligibility Requirements:
- Eligible for in-state tuition under the provisions of Education Article, Title 15, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- You must be enrolled in an approved credit-bearing degree or certificate program at a Maryland public or non-profit private institution in cybersecurity.
- You must be within two years of graduation.
- You must have already earned credits in an approved cybersecurity program at the institution you are currently enrolled in at the time of application.
- You must be enrolled Full-Time (12+ credits in an undergraduate program; 9+ credits in a graduate program)
- You must have a 3.0 GPA at the time of application at the institution you are currently enrolled in.
- You may not receive the Federal Cyber Corps Scholarships for Service award in conjunction with this award.
- **You may not falsify or conceal a material fact in connection with your application. If you do, you may be subject to criminal prosecution**.

As a condition of receiving a Maryland state scholarship or grant, you pledge to remain drug-free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger your enrollment in a Maryland college, as well as your Maryland financial aid award.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance must be notified in writing of any address and/or telephone number changes.

Award Amount:

The annual award will be the amount prescribed by MHEC and may be used for education expenses defined by MHEC to pay for tuition and mandatory fees as well as room and board.

To Renew Your Award:

Award recipients may renew the award for an additional year if the individual:

- Continues to be eligible for in-state tuition;
- Continues to maintain satisfactory academic progress;
- Maintains a grade point average of at least a 3.0 GPA; and
- Continues to enroll as a full-time student.

The award will be canceled if the recipient fails to meet and maintain each eligibility requirement. An academically ineligible recipient will forfeit the award. If you fail to remain eligible for the award, you must still fulfill the obligation of the promissory note.

Note: Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Payment to Your 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.

Service Obligation:

o   You must sign and return a promissory note agreeing to begin the fulfillment of the service obligation as a full-time employee in the state of Maryland. You must be employed in:

- A unit of state government in the Cybersecurity Field; or
- A public High School in the State of Maryland teaching in an education program that is directly relevant to Cybersecurity.

o   You must work one year for each year you received the scholarship.

o   The service obligation begins after completion of your degree program, and cannot be fulfilled before completion. If you do not complete your degree, you will be obligated to repay the grant with interest.

o   If you hold this scholarship with any other award requiring a service obligation, you must perform your service in consecutive years.

o   If you do not meet your service obligation, your scholarship must be repaid-with interest.

Note:

The award will convert into a loan payable to the state if the student fails to adhere to the following:

- Earns credit as a full-time student as defined in MHEC regulations;
- Completes an approved program that is directly relevant to cybersecurity at an eligible institution; and
- Performs the work obligation as required.