

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- o Be a Maryland resident or have graduated from a Maryland high school;
- o Attending an eligible institution and enrolled in a degree program that would further the student's intent to become a police officer or probation agent after graduation.
- o Employed as a police officer or probation agent, attending an eligible institution, and enrolled in a degree program that would further the police officer's or probation officer's career.
- o You must be enrolled full-time or part-time.

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 shall be 50% of the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the eligible institution.

### **To Renew The Award:**

Recipients may renew the award for an additional year if the individual:

- o Continues to be a Maryland resident;
- o Continues to maintain satisfactory academic progress;
- o Maintains a grade point average of at least a 3.0 GPA; and
- o Continues to enroll as a full-time student or part-time student in a degree program that would further the student's intent to become a police officer or probation agent

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:**

An applicant awarded the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agent Scholarship must sign and return a promissory note and service obligation agreement agreeing to begin fulfillment of the service obligation as follows:

A recipient must work as a police officer as defined in [3-201 of the Public Safety Article](#) in the state for no less than five years during the eight-year period after graduation.

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

- Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; or
- Perform the service obligation to work as a police officer or probation agent for at least 5 years during the 8-year period after graduation.
- Performs the work obligation as required.