



Maryland Higher Education Commission Addresses Vendor Error Impacting Guaranteed Access Awards, Reaffirms Commitment to Students

Earlier this week, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) learned that a system error by its vendor, Interclipse, led to incorrect eligibility determinations for the Guaranteed Access Grant awards. Due to this error, some students who were not eligible for awards based on household size and family income were incorrectly awarded funds.

MHEC will honor initial award decisions for students the vendor has identified have been impacted by this error. Although the exact number of affected students is still being verified, preliminary findings indicate that approximately 500–600 students (of 11,000 who have been awarded) may have been impacted.

The state is in the process of changing its scholarship management system. A new vendor has been selected and a new system will be deployed by fall 2026. This upgrade will enhance our ability to serve students and families across Maryland.