

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- o **You may not falsify or conceal a material fact in connection with your application. If you do, you may be subject to criminal prosecution;**
- o You must be determined to be eligible for Maryland in-state tuition by the institution.
- o You must be enrolled full-time or part time at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, or University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
- o You must be identified by the institution as a minority student or a student who is a member of another group historically underrepresented in Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC).
- o You must be enrolled full-time (12+ credits) or part time (6-11 credits) in a certificate, undergraduate, graduate certificate, or graduate degree program.
- o You must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution.

**If you fail to meet any of these eligibility requirements, your award will be canceled.**

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 amount prescribed by MHEC and may not exceed the recipient's education expenses. The minimum award amount shall not be less than \$500 per semester and \$1000 per academic year.

### **To Renew Your Award:**

- o You may renew this award for up to three (3) years total. You must:
  - o Continue to meet the eligibility and enrollment requirements as outlined above;
  - o Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or submit the MHEC One-App online through [MDCAPS](#) for any applicant who is ineligible for federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition by the established deadline.
  - o Maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of your institution.

*The award will be cancelled if the recipient fails to meet and maintain each eligibility requirement. A recipient who is academically ineligible will forfeit the award, and must reapply as an initial applicant in a subsequent award year and meet and maintain each eligibility requirement. A student transferring from one institution to another may continue to receive the award as long as the student meets all of the scholarship eligibility requirements.*

**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.