

VaxU Million Scholarship Promotion

July 12, 2021 – September 6, 2021

Drawing Rules

OVERVIEW:

Beginning on Monday, July 12, 2021, until Monday, September 6, 2021, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (“MHEC”), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”), is offering the VaxU Scholarship Promotion (“Promotion”), which is a statewide drawing that offers vaccinated Marylanders aged 12-17 a chance to win one of twenty \$50,000 scholarship prizes.

Individuals who live in Maryland, who are ages 12-17, and who have received the COVID-19 vaccine in Maryland (not at a Federal Facility) are automatically entered into the Promotion.

Winners will receive a scholarship through MHEC in the form of a Prepaid College Trust or College Investment Plan from Maryland 529 to allow a student to attend a federally accredited college or university for undergraduate or graduate education.

MDH will conduct a series of nine (9) drawings (“Drawings”; singular “Drawing”) throughout the Promotion. Two scholarship prizes will be awarded for the first eight (8) drawings, and four (4) prizes will be awarded for the final Drawing to be held on September 6, 2021. Individuals may only win once during the Promotion.

ENTRIES: Entries are automatic: (1) upon an 12-17 year old individual receiving at least a single shot of the COVID-19 vaccination, and (2) when vaccination information has been received and accepted as valid by the Immunization Information System, ImmuNet (“Entry”). The Entry must occur by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time (in these Rules, all times are Eastern Time) on the date prior to the Drawing Date (see Drawing Schedule, Appendix A, below) in order to be included in the next day’s Drawing. Between July 12, 2021, and August 30, 2021, two winners will be selected each Monday and each will win a \$50,000 VaxU Scholarship. On September 6, 2021, four winners will be selected and each will win a \$50,000 VaxU Scholarship.

Ineligible Entries

The following are prohibited from claiming any Scholarship in this Promotion: Any officer, official, contractor or employee of MHEC, MDH, or the Office of the Governor who assisted in the creation of this Promotion, or in carrying out any of the Drawings, or such officer’s, official’s, or employee’s immediate family (spouse or domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, or sibling) who resides in the same residence as the officer, official, or employee. Additionally, any individual who has requested in writing to be excluded from this Promotion will also be excluded.

DRAWINGS:

Prior to each Drawing during the Promotion, MDH will determine the total number of Entries for that Drawing. For each Drawing Date during the Promotion, MDH will conduct the Drawings using a random number generator based on the total number of Entries for that Drawing. For Drawings 1-8, MDH’s random number generator will select six (6) entries, two (2) winners and four (4) alternates. For the final Drawing on September 6, 2021, MDH will select twelve (12) entries, four (4) winners and eight (8) alternates.

MDH will contact individuals whose entry is drawn as the winner. If selectees do not want to claim the Scholarship, they may let MDH know and MDH will never provide personal identifying information to MHEC without consent. If an individual declines the award, MDH will repeat the process with the first alternate winner, and, if necessary, successive alternate winners.

A Drawing is a single drawing within the Promotion. Note that drawing, Drawing, or Drawings may refer to any random selection event. All winners must be 12 - 17 years of age. Only Entries, as defined above, are included in the Drawing Date's Drawing pool.

CLAIMS:

Authorization to Release Information to MHEC

For each Drawing, MDH will use a random number generator to determine the Drawing's winner. MDH will request the winner's parent or legal guardian complete a written "VaxU Scholarship Promotion Authorization Form" ("Form") and return it to MDH, permitting MDH to disclose to MHEC the winner's name, address, email address, telephone number(s), and date of birth. The winner's parent or legal guardian will have 10 business days from their selection to contact the winner to complete the Form in its entirety and return to MDH.

MHEC requires this information to confirm a winner's eligibility and to validate their entry. If the winner does not respond to MDH's attempts to contact them, or if the winner's parent or legal guardian does not complete and return the complete Form by the claiming deadline, the winner will be disqualified from that Drawing. The process will then be repeated with the first alternate winner, and if necessary, successive alternates.

Claim Scholarship

You will be advised, at the time of the MHEC's notification, of claiming procedures, and be reminded of claiming deadlines.

Winners must claim their Scholarship as follows:

- **By 4:30 PM of the claiming deadline date** as identified on the above Drawing Schedule and as otherwise described within these Rules:
 - Either at the Maryland Higher Education Commission, 6 N. Liberty Street, Baltimore, MD21201, or
 - By mail, email or fax with documentation as required by MHEC for that Drawing.
- If a winner refuses the Scholarship, has been disqualified, or by the relevant claiming deadline has not claimed, submitted all required documentation, and information, including completing associated forms, and been confirmed and validated as eligible, then an Alternate winner may be selected.
- Alternate winners must claim by 4:30 PM on the claiming deadline as identified on the above Drawing Schedule.

MHEC Validation

When MDH receives the winner's completed Form within time specified in the above Drawing Schedule, MDH will notify MHEC of the winner's name, date of birth, address, email address, and telephone number(s). Maryland's Public Information Act prohibits MDH from disclosing this information before the winner's consent because this information contains confidential medical information. In addition to the Form, parents/guardians must provide proof of identity and age of the winner as provided on the vaccination record, in addition to proof of identity of the parent/guardian

from their Maryland Driver's license or Identification card. In addition, the parent/guardian must complete a Maryland 529 enrollment form within the specified time outlined in the Drawing Schedule above. This application requires a social security number or individual tax identification number, and must include proof of the winner's Maryland residency.

TAXES:

The VaxU Scholarship is structured like other Maryland state-funded scholarships that are dedicated for use to cover certain higher education related expenses. Such scholarships are tax free under the [Internal Revenue Code](#), and this scholarship is designed similarly to maximize the funds that will go to paying for the winners' college education. Winners and their parents or legal guardians are encouraged to consult a tax advisor.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

A decision to replace a winner with an alternate is within the sole discretion and judgment of MDH and/or MHEC. After MDH and/or MHEC decide to proceed with an alternate, the person who was previously selected as a winner is no longer entitled to the Scholarship.

Entries are only those as defined above. The Federal government will not provide MDH with a list of minor Marylanders who were vaccinated at Federal facilities, so these individuals are not eligible. It is not possible for individuals to submit their records to the Maryland Department of Health; ImmuNet is updated by healthcare providers, including pharmacies that received Federal funds to implement their COVID-19 vaccination programs (e.g. CVS and Walgreens).

If you refuse a Scholarship, you lose all right to claim or receive the Scholarship in all subsequent Drawings.

In its sole discretion, MHEC may change any of these Rules, other applicable requirements, rules, and/or references to other applicable laws (which may change) at any time.

You and any potential beneficiary may not assert any right or remedy on account of any disqualification, or other action. MHEC will determine if a winner will be allowed to receive a Scholarship.

The probability of winning any Drawing or this Promotion will be determined by the number of eligible and valid entries submitted for a specific Drawing or promotion.

Drawing Dates and Promotion dates are subject to change or modification as determined by MHEC and MDH.

MHEC and MDH will make all determinations concerning the validity of entries, winners, and other decisions required under any Drawing of this Promotion. The decision of the MHEC shall be final.

MHEC is not responsible or liable for any damages, injury, illness, or loss of life resulting from any Scholarship won.

MHEC and MDH reserve the right to reschedule any times and dates regarding any aspect of any Drawing of this Promotion without advance notice. MHEC and MDH reserve the right to void any

Drawing without advance notice and to conduct a new Drawing if MHEC or MDH, in either of its sole discretion, determines it is necessary to maintain the integrity of the Drawing.

The parent or legal guardian of the winner will sign any forms, including a “VaxU Scholarship Promotion Authorization Form” provided by MDH officials, and affidavits of eligibility required by MHEC. To the extent a winner’s parent or guardian consents to publicity, they also agree to sign any news and press release forms as required by MHEC.

You agree and acknowledge that you are aware of the following facts: any prize, and each portion of a prize, involves certain inherent risks, dangers, and hazards that can result in injury to property and/or persons, and serious personal injury, illness, or death. You freely agree to assume and accept all known and unknown risks of injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, illness, death, and property damage) arising out of any prize.

If any discrepancy exists between these Rules and other material describing the Promotion or anything related thereto, these Rules shall prevail.

For additional information, please contact MHEC at VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov.

APPENDIX A: DRAWING SCHEDULE

Drawing¹	Drawing Date	# OF WINNERS	Authorization Form Deadline	Claiming Deadlines for Winners	Claiming Deadlines for Alternates
1	Monday, 7/12/2021	2	Monday, 7/26/2021	Wednesday, 8/25/2021	Friday, 9/24/2021
2	Monday, 7/19/2021	2	Monday, 8/2/2021	Wednesday, 9/1/2021	Friday, 10/1/2021
3	Monday, 7/26/2021	2	Monday, 8/9/2021	Wednesday, 9/8/2021	Friday, 10/8/2021
4	Monday, 8/2/2021	2	Monday, 8/16/2021	Wednesday, 9/15/2021	Friday, 10/15/2021
5	Monday, 8/9/2021	2	Monday, 8/23/2021	Wednesday, 9/22/2021	Friday, 10/22/2021
6	Monday, 8/16/2021	2	Monday, 8/30/2021	Wednesday, 9/29/2021	Friday, 10/29/2021
7	Monday, 8/23/2021	2	Tuesday, 9/7/2021	Wednesday, 10/6/2021	Friday, 11/5/2021
8	Monday, 8/30/2021	2	Monday, 9/13/2021	Wednesday, 10/13/2021	Friday, 11/12/2021
9	Monday, 9/6/2021	4	Monday, 9/20/2021	Wednesday, 10/20/2021	Friday, 11/19/2021

¹ All individual VaxU Scholarship amounts are \$50,000.