

HOWARD P. RAWLINGS
2.5 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE
Appeal Form – Guaranteed Access Grant
Academic Year 2020-2021
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Students who fail to earn a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in high school because of extenuating circumstances and have been denied a Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant may appeal this decision. To file an appeal, complete this form and return it with the required documentation.

Section A- Personal Information: (please print)

1. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Phone Number: (____) _____
2. Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____
3. Permanent mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
4. E-mail address: _____
5. High school: _____ Date of appeal: _____

Section B- Reason for Appeal:

- Serious illness or injury of the student (requires note from physician).
- Serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family (requires note from physician).
- Serious emotional difficulties of the student (requires note from advisor, psychologist, social worker, etc.).
- Death of a member of the student's immediate family (requires death certificate).
- Other serious personal difficulties (requires note from advisor, psychologist, social worker, etc.).

Section C- Documentation: Please attach the following documentation to this appeal form:

- A statement from the student describing fully the reason(s) for the appeal;
- A letter of recommendation from your high school principal; and
- Documentation as required in Section B.

NOTE: Appeals will not be considered without required documentation.

Deadline: This appeal and supporting documentation must be submitted by **July 15, 2020** for consideration.

This form and documentation as outlined above may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. **By Mail:** Maryland Higher Education Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
6 N. Liberty Street, Ground Suite
Baltimore, MD 21201; or
2. **Email:** appeal.mhec@maryland.gov