

## ENROLLED FOR LESS THAN 12 CREDITS

### DUE TO DISABILITY

Appeal Form for EA or GA Grants

Academic Year 2020-2021

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#### **SECTION A – Instructions:**

Maryland law requires that a student be enrolled for at least 12 credits each semester in order to receive a **Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance (EA) Grant or Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant**. You may be eligible to appeal this requirement and receive an award if you have a disability that prevents you from enrolling in 12 credits.

**Appeals will NOT be considered for: convenience; hardship; or because only a certain number of courses are needed to complete degree requirements.**

If your appeal is approved, your award will be recalculated based on your part-time status. A student enrolled for 9-11 credits will receive three-quarters of the award. A student enrolled in 6-8 credits will receive one-half of the award. **A student with five (5) or less credits is not eligible for a grant. Audited courses cannot be used to attain minimum hours required for full-time status.**

**You MUST submit a separate appeal form for each semester in which you are enrolled for less than 12 credits. You MUST provide documentation that includes:**

- o Documentation of the courses and credits you are taking for the semester appealed (i.e. – class schedule)
- o Medical documentation from your physician outlining the nature of your disability. The documentation should specify whether your disability is permanent or temporary. If it is a non-permanent disability you will have to provide medical documentation with each appeal each semester.

Appeal forms and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than **October 15, 2020** for students appealing for the Fall 2020 semester and **March 15, 2021** for students appealing for the Spring 2021 semester.

**NOTE: Students with an approved appeal are still limited to eight semesters of the Howard P. Rawlings grant.**

#### **SECTION B - Personal Information:**

1. MHEC ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SECTION C - School Information:**

1. Institution currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Housing status: \_\_\_\_\_ on campus \_\_\_\_\_ off campus \_\_\_\_\_ with parents or other relatives
3. Year in school: (e.g., freshman) \_\_\_\_\_ Declared major: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Semester: (e.g., Fall 2020) \_\_\_\_\_ # of credits for which registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific courses for which registered (e.g. NURS 101) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION D – Financial Aid Officer Certification:

Your appeal will not be granted if you have been awarded a MD State Part-time grant by your financial aid office. Please have your financial aid office representative complete the following:

I certify that the above listed student has not been awarded a MD State Part-time grant by this institution for the semester(s) outlined above.

COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name of FAO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*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  
Attention: GA Grant Verification  
6 N. Liberty Street, Ground Suite  
Baltimore, MD 21201; or
2. **Email:** [appeal.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:appeal.mhec@maryland.gov)