

2026-2027

# Educational Assistance Grant



The Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance (EA) Grant is a need-based grant that provides financial assistance to eligible Maryland undergraduate students enrolled at Maryland colleges and universities.

## Award

The Educational Assistance Grant awards up to **\$3,000** annually for up to 4 years.

## How to Apply

- Complete and file the **2026-2027** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or MHEC One-App (for eligible undocumented students) by **March 1, 2026** listing at least one Maryland college or university
- Create and activate an Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) account
- Submit any requested documents (if required) by **August 1, 2026**

## Eligibility

### INITIAL

- File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App by March 1;
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland as Maryland resident
- Demonstrate financial need based on OSFA calculation;
- Be accepted for admission and plan to enroll in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible two-year or four-year Maryland institution as a full-time degree-seeking student.

### RENEWAL

- File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App by March 1 each year;
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland as a Maryland resident
- Continue to demonstrate financial need based on OSFA calculation
- Continue enrollment in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible Maryland institution as a full-time degree-seeking student;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP);
- Meet the credit completion requirements beginning in the third year of receiving the award.

**IMPORTANT:** Students cannot receive both the Educational Assistance Grant and Guaranteed Access Grant at the same time.

Visit <https://mhec.maryland.gov/> to learn more about the Educational Assistance Grant

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