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2.5 CUMULATIVE GPA (RENEWAL)

Appeal Criteria / Required Documentation 2026-2027 Academic Year

The Maryland Higher Education Commission understands that students may experience circumstances that result in them failing to meet certain requirements for consideration or reinstatement of State grant and scholarship programs. Therefore, the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has developed an appeal process for certain allowable programs and circumstances that allows students to request (re)consideration of a State award

Appeal Process

1. Students determine if they meet the criteria to submit an appeal based off the program and allowable appeals under that program.
2. Student gathers all required documentation for the appeal.
3. Student completes the [2026-27 MHEC Grant and Scholarship Appeal Request Form](#), uploading all required documentation, by the published deadline.
4. OSFA staff will review the appeal and make a determination within 45 business days, unless the student is informed otherwise.

Important Reminders

- Appeals must be submitted through the Appeal Request Form and will not be accepted by any other means.
- It is the student’s responsibility to ensure they have provided all required documentation for their appeal. Incomplete appeal requests will be denied.
- It is the student’s responsibility to submit their appeal by the published deadline. Late appeals requests will be denied.

2026-2027 2.5 Cumulative GPA (Renewal) Appeal Information	
Eligible Programs	2+2 Transfer Scholarship
Appeal Opens	May 1, 2026
Appeal Closes	October 15, 2026
Allowable Reasons for Appeal	Required Documentation
Serious illness or injury of student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter explaining student’s circumstances • Letter or documentation from medical practitioner verifying injury and impact on student • Copy of most recent transcript
Serious illness or death of a member of the student's immediate family (parent, spouse, sibling, dependent children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter explaining student's family member's circumstances • Letter or documentation from medical practitioner verifying injury and impact on family member • Death certificate of deceased family member (if due to death) • Copy of most recent transcript
Serious emotional difficulties (student)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter explaining student's circumstances • Letter from medical practitioner, psychologist, social worker, counselor, or advisor supporting and confirming explanation of circumstances • Copy of most recent transcript
Other extenuating circumstance(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter explaining student's circumstances that includes detailed timeline • Supporting documentation that validates explanation, such as letter from advisor, social worker, counselor, health professional, etc. • Copy of most recent transcript