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# CREDIT COMPLETION

## Disability

### 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 Credit Completion Appeal Information	
<b>Eligible Programs</b>	Guaranteed Access Grant   Educational Assistance Grant
<b>Appeal Opens</b>	May 1, 2026
<b>Appeal Closes</b>	October 15, 2026
Allowable Reasons for Appeal	Required Documentation
<b>Disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical documentation or letter from a physician, specialist, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other licensed clinical practitioner that confirms the student is disabled, that they completed less than 24 credit hours due to their disability, and whether the disability is permanent or temporary. <i>If non-permanent disability, updated medical documentation will need to be provided each year the appeal is filed.</i></li> <li>• Copy of most recent transcript</li> </ul>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Only students entering their third or fourth year of GA or EA funding can submit a Credit Completion appeal.
- This appeal refers to what credits you completed in the prior academic year (the 2025-2026 academic year).
- Students who received a **Part-Time Grant from MHEC** in the 2025-2026 school year **cannot** file a Credit Completion appeal.
- Students who have previously received an EA cannot appeal for consideration for a GA.
- If you are enrolled in less than 12 credits in either the Fall 2026 term or Spring 2027 term, you must file the appropriate Enrolled in Less Than 12 Credits appeal, this appeal is reference to activity in the 2025-2026 academic year.