

Get your college degree funded!

The Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant and the Educational Assistance (EA) Grant are two great financial aid options for eligible Maryland residents. Both are need-based grants that help undergraduate students pay for their education at Maryland colleges and universities.

**Up to \$18,000
annually for the GA**

**Up to \$3,000
annually for the EA**

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Guaranteed Access Grant

Eligibility Criteria (Initial Students)

You must:

- **File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App (for qualified undocumented students) by March 1;**
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland
- **Demonstrate financial need and meet specific income requirements;**
- 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;
- Have completed high school or obtained a GED with a passing score of 145 per module;
- Begin college within 6 years of completing high school or obtaining a GED;
- Be under the age of 26 at time of first receiving the GA;
- **Submit any requested documentation by the published deadlines.**

Renewal Criteria

You must:

- **File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App (for qualified undocumented students) by March 1 each year;**
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland
- **Demonstrate financial need and meet specific renewal income requirements;**
- 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;
- **Submit any requested documentation by the published deadlines.**

Educational Assistance Grant

Eligibility Criteria (Initial Students)

You must:

- **File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App (for qualified undocumented students) by March 1;**
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland
- **Demonstrate financial need;**
- 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 Criteria

You must:

- **File the FAFSA or MHEC One-App (for qualified undocumented students) by March 1 each year;**
- Be eligible for in-state tuition in Maryland
- **Demonstrate financial need;**
- 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;



How to Apply

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or MHEC One-App (for qualified undocumented students) by **March 1**
- Create and activate an **MDCAPS account** if you have not previously done so
- Submit any requested documentation by the published deadlines (not all students will need to submit additional documentation)
- **IMPORTANT!** Students cannot receive **both** the GA and the EA

Credit Completion Requirement

Students who have received any combination of the GA or EA for at least two years and thereafter must:

- Annually complete 30 credits in order to have their awards renewed for the full amount or
- Annually complete 24-29 credits in order to have their awards renewed for a prorated amount



Visit the MHEC website to learn more about these and other State financial aid programs!

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