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FINANCIAL AID TO DO LIST

- ◆ Complete and submit FAFSA by March 1 to be considered for State funding at www.FAFSA.gov.
- ◆ Set up a student account on MDCAPS at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.
- ◆ Visit MDgo4it.org for tips and other information to help prepare for college.
- ◆ Ensure that all filing requirements have been met for State aid grant and scholarship programs. See www.mhec.maryland.gov.
- ◆ Contact the financial aid office at the Maryland postsecondary institution that you have been accepted into and ensure all documents are in and complete.

2016 – 2017 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHO MAY APPLY

Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students. Students attending a private career school may also apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If your State senator makes his/her own awards, you must call or write to your senator for an application. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) can provide a list of your State legislators or you may visit www.mdelect.net.

WHEN TO APPLY

File the FAFSA between **January 1** and **March 1**, each year. You must also contact your local senator in February for further instructions.

ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

You may use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at a Maryland institution and your local senator agrees. In addition, OSFA must verify if your major is unique. To be considered for unique major approval, students must submit the unique major application and curriculum outlines for their intended major. Information on academic programs offered within Maryland can be found at www.MDgo4it.org

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You and your parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents. You must be enrolled at a two-year or four-year Maryland

college or university, as a full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student, or attending certain private career schools. Audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time or part-time status. You must demonstrate financial need. You must take the SAT or the ACT unless you graduated from high school five or more years ago; have earned 24 college credit hours; or are attending a community college or a private career school.

FINANCIAL NEED

Some senators allow OSFA to make awards for them. These awards are made on the basis of financial need as demonstrated on the FAFSA.

AWARD AMOUNT

The minimum annual award amount is **\$400** and the maximum award is **\$10,100**. You may hold the Senatorial Scholarship in addition to all State awards. The total dollar amount of all State awards may not exceed your cost of attendance as determined by your school's financial aid office, or \$19,000, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

RENEWING AN AWARD

If you received a renewable award, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress at the college you attend. If eligible, full-time students may receive a Senatorial Scholarship for a total of four years. Part-time students may receive a Senatorial Scholarship for a total of eight years.

DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP

WHO MAY APPLY

Current high school seniors and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate and graduate students. Students attending a private career school may also apply.

HOW TO APPLY

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) can provide a list of all State legislators or you may visit www.mdelect.net. Some delegates ask OSFA to make awards for them. If OSFA makes the awards, they are made on the basis of financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students must complete and file the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov to be considered by OSFA.

WHEN TO APPLY

If OSFA makes awards for the delegate, you must file the FAFSA between **January 1** and **March 1**, each year. You must also contact your local delegate in February for further instructions.

ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

You may use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at any Maryland institution and if your delegate agrees. OSFA must verify that your major is unique. To be considered for unique major approval, students must submit the unique major application and curriculum outlines for

their intended major. Information on academic programs offered within Maryland can be found at www.MDgo4it.org

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You and your parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents. You must enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university, as a full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student, or attend certain private career schools. Audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time or part-time status.

FINANCIAL NEED

If OSFA makes the awards for your delegates, you must demonstrate financial need.

AWARD AMOUNT

The minimum annual award is **\$200**. You may hold the Delegate Scholarship in addition to all State awards. The total dollar amount of all State scholarship awards may not exceed your cost of attendance as determined by your college's financial aid office or \$19,000, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

RENEWING AN AWARD

Awards are not automatically renewed. You must re-apply each year to your delegates. If required, you must complete and file the FAFSA by **March 1**.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATORS OR DELEGATES, PLEASE CALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS FOR YOUR COUNTY

Allegany	(301) 777-5931	Carroll	(410) 386-2080	Harford	(410) 638-3565	St. Mary's	(301) 475-7844
Anne Arundel	(410) 222-6600	Cecil	(410) 996-5310	Howard	(410) 313-5820	Somerset	(410) 651-0767
Baltimore City	(410) 396-5550	Charles	(301) 934-8972	Kent	(410) 778-0038	Talbot	(410) 770-8099
Baltimore County	(410) 887-5700	Dorchester	(410) 228-2560	Montgomery	(240) 777-8500	Washington	(240) 313-2050
Calvert	(410) 535-2214	Frederick	(301) 600-8683	Prince George's	(301) 341-7300	Wicomico	(410) 548-4830
Caroline	(410) 479-8145	Garrett	(301) 334-6985	Queen Anne's	(410) 758-0832	Worcester	(410) 632-1320

For a list of all the senators or delegates in your district, you may visit www.mdelect.net and enter your home address.