

Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit Application

for Maryland Residents & Maryland Part-year Residents

Tax Year 2021 Only

Instructions

This application and the related instructions are for Maryland residents who wish to claim the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit. The Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit is a program, created under § 10-740 of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to provide an income tax credit for Maryland resident taxpayers who are making eligible undergraduate and/or graduate education loan payments on loans obtained to earn an undergraduate and/or graduate degree (i.e., associate, bachelor, masters, professional graduate, doctoral, or post-doctoral degree) from an accredited college or university. Priority is given to individuals who meet both of the following criteria: (1) they have not received the Maryland credit in any prior years; and (2) they incurred their loans in order to pay in-State tuition to an institution located in Maryland. Additional prioritization criteria are set forth in § 10-740 of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and in the implementing regulations.

Complete the Maryland **Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit Application** as instructed below.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. The following documents are required to be included with your completed Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit Application:

- Documentation from your lenders showing the educational loans that qualify for the credit. Documentation must include lender's name, address, and phone number. Also include the borrower's name, account numbers, original loan balances, and current outstanding loan balances.
- A copy of your Maryland income tax return for the most recent prior tax year.
- Complete transcripts from each undergraduate and/or graduate institution that you attended. Include only those that correspond to your college loan documentation.

Undergraduate and/or Graduate Student Loan Information:

- Total Student Loan Amount.** Provide the **TOTAL** amount of all loans incurred for your **undergraduate and/or graduate postsecondary education only**, regardless of where you attended the courses or programs.
- Eligible Undergraduate and/or Graduate Student Loan Balance.** Enter the total remaining balance still due on all undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt as of the submission of this application.

Income Information:

- Maryland Adjusted Gross Income.** Enter the Maryland Adjusted Gross Income reported on your Maryland State Income Tax return form 502 (line 16) for the most recent prior tax year.

Degree information:

- D. Provide information on the colleges or universities you attended that correspond to the undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt you intend to include in this application. Also provide the city and state where each college or university is located, dates of attendance, the types of degrees you received and the college or university that awarded the degree.
- E. Indicate whether you were charged any in-State (Maryland) tuition by your undergraduate and/or graduate colleges or universities.

Tax Credit Information:

- F. **Previously Applied for Tax Credit.** Indicate if you ever applied for a Maryland Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit in any previous tax years.
- G. **Previously Received a Tax Credit.** Even if you did not take advantage of the tax credit on your tax return, you must indicate if you ever received a Maryland Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit award in any previous tax years.
- H. **Year of Tax Credit.** Enter the years for all of the tax credits that were awarded to you.
- I. **Use of Proceeds from Prior Years' Tax Credits.** If you answered "Yes" to question G, indicate whether you have provided the Commission with the required information on the use of the proceeds of previous years' Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit awards.

SIGN THE APPLICATION. By signing the application, you are affirming under penalty of perjury that the information in the application, including attachments, is true and correct. You also are agreeing that any credit will be used solely for the repayment of eligible student loans, and that the failure to abide by this requirement, including the failure to provide to the Commission documentation showing that you have abided by this requirement, may result in the revocation and recapture of your credit. In addition, you are agreeing to the release of certain information by your educational and financial institutions. Please review the requirements and conditions carefully before signing and submitting the application.

FOLLOW-UP DOCUMENTATION. If you receive a tax credit, then you must, within two years of the taxable year in which the credit is claimed, submit to the Commission, documentation evidencing that you used the full amount of the tax credit for the repayment of eligible student loans. The failure to provide this documentation will result in the revocation and recapture of your credit.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Maryland Higher Education Commission, Attn: Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit, 6 North Liberty Street, 10th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

QUESTIONS: email studentdebttaxcredit.mhec@maryland.gov

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The Maryland Higher Education Commission may request additional documentation supporting your claim for this or subsequent tax years. You must provide an email address where MHEC can send communications related to the tax credit. This application is at risk of being disqualified if information is omitted, erroneous, or illegible. To reduce the opportunity for errors, applicants are STRONGLY advised to apply online.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Social security number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email address (permanent email address required): _____

Alternate email address: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Address: _____ Apartment #: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

A. Enter **total** undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt originally incurred: \$ _____

B. Enter the balance of undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt currently owed as of the completion of this application: \$ _____

C. Enter your Maryland Adjusted Gross Income (Maryland form 502, line 16) as reported on your tax return for the most recent prior tax year. Do not prorate this amount if married and filing jointly.: \$ _____

D. Enter colleges and/or universities attended for undergraduate and graduate education. Only list those that correspond to undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt you intend to include in this application:

College or University	Location (City & State)	Dates of Attendance (MM/YYYY)		Degree Awarded
		From	To	
		From	To	
		From	To	

E. Were you charged in-state (Maryland) tuition by any college or university listed in item D? Yes _____ No _____

F. Have you ever applied for a Maryland Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit award in any previous years?

Yes _____ No _____

G. If you answered "Yes" to question F, did you receive a Maryland Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit award in any

previous years? Yes _____ No _____

H. If you answered "Yes" to question G, enter all tax years for which you received an award: _____

I. If you answered "Yes" to question G, have you provided to the Commission the required documentation, showing that you used the full tax credit to pay down your student loans?

Yes _____ Tax year(s) _____ No _____ Tax year(s) _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR LENDER: The following documents must be included with your Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit Application:

- Documentation from your lenders showing the educational loans that qualify for the credit. Documentation:
 - must include** lender's name, address, and phone number.
 - must include** borrower's name, account numbers, original loan balances, and current outstanding loan balances.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR MARYLAND INCOME TAX RETURN:

- Enter your Maryland Adjusted Gross Income (Maryland form 502, line 16) as reported on your tax return for the most recent prior tax year. Do not prorate this amount when married filing jointly
- Attach **ONLY** Maryland income tax form 502 from your most recent income tax return. Attaching anything else will **DISQUALIFY** this application. (for example, do **NOT** attach entire TurboTax packet, entire H&R Block packet, IRS form 1040, form W-2, form 1099, form 1098-E)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR COLLEGES AND/OR UNIVERSITIES:

- Official or unofficial transcript from each undergraduate and/or graduate institution that you attended. Include only those that correspond to your college loan documentation.

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury and upon personal knowledge, that I am a Maryland resident and that the contents of this application, including the attachments hereto, are true and correct.

I agree and promise to use the full amount of any Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit that is granted to me: (1) within two years after the taxable year in which the credit is claimed; and (2) solely for the repayment of the undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt described on this application. I understand and agree that I must forward to the Commission, within two years after the taxable year in which the credit is claimed, documentation evidencing that the credit was used for repayment of the student loan debt described in this application. I understand and agree that my failure to use the credit for the repayment of the student loan debt described in this application, including the failure to provide the Commission with required documentation, will result in the revocation of the credit and the recapture of the credit pursuant to § 10-740 of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

I authorize the educational institutions listed in this application, the lenders listed in this application, the Commission, and the Office of the Comptroller, to disclose to each other any personal, academic, or financial information about me that is needed for the purpose of processing this application and awarding (or revoking) the tax credit. I understand that although I am not required to release my records, I am giving my consent to release them. This release is a one-time release only for the purposes stated above. I understand that the personal information collected in this application is necessary for determining my eligibility for the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit. The disclosure of such information is governed by federal and state privacy laws, including without limitation the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Maryland Public Information Act.

Signature

Date