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MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

STATE OF MARYLAND

# TUITION WAIVERS

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\*This also includes the younger sibling of an eligible foster care recipient if the younger sibling is concurrently placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement by the same guardianship or adoptive family.

## FOSTER CARE TUITION WAIVERS\*

You must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and contact the financial aid office at the college or university that you plan to attend.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Been placed in an out-of-home placement by the Maryland Department of Human Services and either;

- Resided in an out of home placement in Maryland at the time they graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency development examination (GED);
- Resided in an out of home placement in Maryland at the time of their 18th birthday; or
- Resided in an out-of-home placement on the their 13th birthday and was placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement after their 13th birthday; or
- Resided in an out-of-home placement in the State for at least one year on or after their 13th birthday and returned to live with their parents after the out-of-home placement ended.

## UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH TUITION WAIVERS

You must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and:

- **(Up to one year after** high school graduation) - Contact your local homeless liaison
- **(More than one year after** high graduation) - Contact the financial aid office at the college or university that you plan to attend.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be declared as an unaccompanied homeless youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and
- Be a homeless child or youth as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.