

Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program

Conditions of Award

Academic Year 2026-2027



Purpose:

The purpose of the Program is to provide tuition assistance to a student who was a dependent or is the surviving spouse of a fallen transportation worker.

Definitions:

- Fallen transportation worker means an individual:
 - Whose occupation is in the construction, rehabilitation, or operation of a transportation facility or transportation facilities project in the State; and
 - Who died, on or after January 1, 2022, as a result of an accident occurring while the individual was performing any job duty necessary for the construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, or operation of a transportation facility or transportation facilities project in the State.
- Dependent child/children means a son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of the fallen transportation worker
- Surviving spouse means a person who has not remarried.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Accepted for admission or enrolled in a regular undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at an institution of postsecondary education:
 - Full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester) undergraduate; or
 - Full-time (9+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-8 credits per semester) graduate student; or professional program.
 - Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the coursework is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; or
 - Be enrolled in a private career school.
- At least 16 years old; and
- The child, stepchild, or surviving spouse of a fallen transportation worker.

NOTE: If the student fails to meet any of these eligibility requirements, the award will be canceled.

Use and Amount of Scholarship Award:

- The scholarship awarded may be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible institution; and may not
- Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate at a 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.
- as determined by your school's financial aid office; and
- Be less than the lesser of \$3,000, or
- The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

NOTE: Award amounts may not reflect subsequent tuition and fee increases made throughout the academic year. **Awards are subject to the availability of funds.**

Awarding:

A scholarship awarded under this subtitle:

- May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any institution of postsecondary education; and
- May not Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of an undergraduate student at the 4-year institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland Global Campus and the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time undergraduate.

Over-awards: Please be aware that if the institution you are attending notifies OSFA that you are receiving other financial assistance that causes you to exceed your financial need for the award or exceed the cost of attendance at the institution (e.g.: private scholarships; Veteran's Benefits; athletic scholarships), your State financial aid may be reduced or cancelled.

Renewal Requirements:

- Awards will be renewed if recipients continue to meet eligibility requirements as outlined above.
- Awards shall continue to be renewed until the recipient completes their program of study or are otherwise no longer eligible for the award.
- The scholarship may be renewed on an annual basis for up to 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study if the recipient:
 - Is enrolled on at least a part-time basis in an eligible Maryland postsecondary institution; and
 - Continues to meet all other eligibility requirements.

NOTE: As a condition of receiving a Maryland State scholarship or grant, you pledge to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger your enrollment in a Maryland college, as well as your Maryland financial aid award.

Award Payment:

The institution is required to fund all eligible students and are then reimbursed by the State. If funds cannot be reimbursed in the fiscal year in which awards are made, priority will be given to reimbursing funds for those awards in the following fiscal year. Institutions may not hold funds from eligible students, while waiting for funds from the State.