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Frequently Asked Questions

1.   How do I apply and what is the application deadline date?
Applications open from April 15, 2025 through April 1, 2026. Student may apply on the MHEC One-App through the Maryland College Aid Processing System(MDCAPS). All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 1, 2026 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

2.   How do I submit my documents to the Maryland Higher Education Commission?
All required documents are submitted to MHEC by **SECURE UPLOAD** online through your MDCAPS account. Once logged in, select **"Electronic File Upload"** from the homepage then follow the prompts.

3.   Do I have to file a FAFSA or be eligible for in-State Aid?
Yes, the FAFSA is required to determine eligibility. If an applicant is ineligible to receive federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition, they must submit the MHEC One-App online through the Maryland College Aid Processing Portal (MDCAPS).

4.   I have completed my application. How do I find out the status?

To find out the status of your application, click on "Award Status" in MDCAPS.

5.   What is the awarding process?
Institutions will award all eligible students. The institution is then reimbursed by the state for funds expended.

6.   Can my award be adjusted or cancelled?
Yes. If the total amount of financial assistance that you receive, including State financial aid and Veterans Educational Benefits exceed your cost of attendance at your institution, then your award may be lowered or cancelled. Contact your institution's financial aid office if you have additional questions.

7.   Do I need to apply each year, if so will I need to submit documents each time?
Yes, awardees are required to complete the application in MDCAPS each year. Awards may be renewed for up to three years.

8.   Can I use this award at any Maryland State institution?
No. This award can only be awarded at the following institutions: **Morgan State University, Coppin State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Bowie State University.**

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