



Maryland Higher Education Commission

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Teaching Fellows of Maryland FAQ

1. Do I have to pursue a degree which leads to a Maryland professional teacher's certification?

Yes, individuals may only qualify for the scholarship if they are enrolled in a program which leads to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate.

2. How long does the essay have to be?

The essay should be at least 600 words in length and should be typed.

3. Can I be considered for the Teaching Fellows of Maryland Scholarship if I do not reside in the state of Maryland?

Yes, you are not required to be a Maryland resident.

4. Can I be considered for the Teaching Fellows scholarship if my GPA is lower than 3.0?

Yes, The SAT/ACT/GRE requirements have been removed for the eligibility requirement.

5. Can I work at a private school after I graduate?

No. Applicants must work as a public school or prekindergarten teacher in Maryland upon completing their studies at a high-needs school (as identified by the Maryland State Department of Education), or in a grade level or content area where there is a documented shortage of qualified educators

6. How do I know if the school is a high needs school?

Public schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families.

7. Can I still apply, although I already have a Maryland professional teacher's certificate?

No. A recipient of this scholarship may not hold a Maryland professional teacher's certificate.

8. Do recipients of the scholarship have to contact MHEC once they obtain a job?

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will reach out to recipients approximately 1 year after the last award is disbursed to the institution to provide direction for submitting their current status.

9. I am graduating one semester early, as an undergraduate student, I am still responsible for 1 full year of service obligation.

Yes. For a recipient who receives a scholarship as an undergraduate or graduate student, even though they only attended school for 1 semester, they will still be responsible for 1 year of service obligation.