



M A R Y L A N D

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship creates opportunities for students to attend one of Maryland's public community colleges by **providing up to \$5,000** to cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fee expenses for any student eligible for in-state tuition.

Who May Apply:

An individual graduating from high school or successfully completing a GED in the State, within two years and enrolling in a public community college as a candidate in a credit-bearing vocational certificate, a credit-bearing certificate, or an associate degree program.

How to Apply:

An individual must:

1. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> or submit the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) available online through MDCAPS for any applicant who is ineligible to receive federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition online through MDCAPS by **March 1, 2019**;
2. Complete the Promise Scholarship application online through MDCAPS by **the established deadline as determined by MHEC**. The application will be available for the 2019-2020 academic year after **April 1, 2019**; and
3. Submit all documentation, if required, by **the established deadline as determined by MHEC**. Documentation received after this date will not be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria:

An applicant is eligible for a scholarship if the applicant:

- Is enrolled in a public community college as a candidate in a credit-bearing vocational certificate, a credit-bearing certificate, or an associate degree program within two years after graduating from a high school or successfully completing a GED in the State **on or before the July 31 prior to the start of the Fall semester**;
- Completes at least 12 credits per semester at the community college;
- Is eligible for in-state tuition, as determined by the community college in accordance with Education Article, Title 15, Annotated Code;
- Earned an overall unweighted high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.3 or its equivalent;
- Had an annual adjusted gross income of not more than:
 - Up to **\$100,000** if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent household; or
 - Up to **\$150,000** if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent household for the 2017 tax year as defined by MHEC;
- **Has not earned a bachelor's degree or an associate degree**; and
- Has not been awarded another educational grant or scholarship that covers the applicant's full cost of attendance at the community college.

Service Obligation Requirement:

Recipients of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program **must sign an agreement to work full-time in the State within one year** after earning the credit-bearing vocational certificate, credit-bearing certificate, or associate degree or the award will convert into a loan payable to the State.

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