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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