

NAME OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	VOCATIONAL/ PRIVATE CAREER	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	NEED BASED	APPLICATION METHOD	ANNUAL MAXIMUM AWARD <sup>3</sup>	SERVICE REQUIREMENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Guaranteed Access Grant	■			■		■	FAFSA <sup>1</sup> and OSFA <sup>2</sup>	\$17,500		May apply as a high school senior; income limit; minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA required; complete college preparatory program; maintain satisfactory academic progress in college.
Educational Assistance Grant	■			■		■	FAFSA	\$3,000		Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college. Demonstrate financial need. FAFSA must be filed by March 1.
	■				■	■	FAFSA; Contact Institution Financial Aid Office	\$2,000		College or university selects recipients. Must be a part-time, degree seeking undergraduate student at an eligible Maryland institution. Students who are dually enrolled in a secondary school in the State and an institution of higher education may also apply.
Scholarship	■			■	■	■	FAFSA and OSFA	\$2,000		Must have earned an associate's degree from a community college, be accepted for admission in a degree program, have a need based EFC less than 10,000. Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA required; maintain satisfactory academic progress in college.
Professional Scholarship Program		■			■	■	FAFSA; Contact Institution Financial Aid Office	\$5,000		Must enroll in a graduate program for dentistry, law, medicine, nursing or pharmacy.
	■	■	■	■	■		FAFSA Contact Senator	Varies		SAT/ACT required for some applicants; Senator selects recipients. Must maintain satisfactory academic progress in college.
	■	■	■	■	■		Contact Delegate	Varies		Delegate selects the recipients. Must maintain satisfactory academic progress in college.
Firefighter and Ambulance and Firefighter Scholarship	■	■		■	■		FAFSA and OSFA	\$6,776	■	Only actively engaged employed firefighters and EMT workers in Maryland may apply. Applications are due March 1.
Loan Assistance Repayment							OSFA	\$10,000	■	Provides assistance for repayment of loan debt to select individuals employed full-time in nonprofit organizations and State or local government in Maryland.
Student Loan Repayment Program							OSFA	Varies	■	Any person employed in Maryland as a full-time federal or state public defender or a state or municipal prosecutor (federal prosecutors are not eligible), handling any phase of juvenile or adult criminal prosecution or defense.
Repayment Program - Dentists							OSFA	Varies		Provides assistance for repayment of loan debt to dentists working in a under-served area in Maryland.
Loan Repayment Program Physicians and Residents							OSFA	\$30,000	■	Provides assistance for repayment of loan debt to physicians and medical residents specializing in primary care in a under-served area in Maryland.
Open Graduate Nurse		■		■	■		OSFA	Varies	■	Students need to complete the graduate education necessary to become a qualified nursing faculty member at a Maryland higher education institution.
Student Assistance Grant	■	■		■	■		FAFSA and OSFA	\$4,000	■	Grants for critical workforce shortage areas throughout the State of Maryland. For a complete list of shortage areas, go to our website at <a href="http://www.mhec.maryland.gov">www.mhec.maryland.gov</a> .
Private Career School Student Grant		■	■	■		■	FAFSA	\$500		Contact Private Career School Financial Aid Office.
Memorial Scholarship	■	■	■	■	■		Contact Institution Financial Aid Office	\$10,900		Provides assistance to 100% disabled public service employees; children & spouses of deceased and 100% disabled military; and spouses and children of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
Scholarship	■	■	■	■	■		Contact Institution Financial Aid Office	\$10,400		Provides assistance to 100% disabled employees of a public or nonpublic school in the State; children & spouses of deceased and 100% disabled employees of a public or nonpublic school in the State; and spouses and children of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts	■			■	■		FAFSA and OSFA	\$6,669		Veterans who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their spouses, sons, or daughters. Must be full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution. FAFSA and application due by March 1.
Students with Disabilities	■			■	■		Contact the Maryland Department of Disabilities	Varies		Provides assistance for students with documented disabilities in Maryland and receiving SSI and SSDI benefits.
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	■		■	■			FAFSA; Contact Institution Financial Aid Office	Varies		Provides assistance for unaccompanied homeless youth in Maryland at the time of high school graduation or completion of a GED.
Foster Care Students	■		■	■			Contact the Maryland Department of Human Resources	Varies		Provides assistance for out-of home placed students in Maryland at the time of high school graduation or completion of a GED.

Student Aid: <sup>1</sup>OSFA - Office of Student Financial Assistance at the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC); <sup>3</sup>Awards are subject to change for the 2016-2017 academic year as approved during the 2016 State legislative session.



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**YOU GET WHERE YOU WANT TO GO**

Here's just a sample of available scholarships and grants:

**Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance Grant**  
-The State's largest financial aid program helps low- and middle-income students, based upon financial need, attend a two-year or four-year Maryland institution.

**Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grant**  
-When combined with a Federal Pell Grant, the program will pay the cost of attending a public two-year or four-year Maryland college. The maximum award of \$17,500 can be used at independent institutions too.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q How do I apply?**

**A.** To apply for most State scholarships and grants you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by **March 1st** each year. You can get this application online in January at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Some scholarships require additional applications. Applications are available at: <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.

Check the chart inside for more information including important deadlines.

**Q. When should I apply?**

**A.** Deadlines may be different for each program. Read the chart on the inside of this brochure for details. It's smart to apply early.

**Q. Am I guaranteed financial aid?**

**A.** Applying early will improve your chances; however, aid is based on your eligibility and the availability of funds.



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FINANCIAL AID TO DO LIST

- Complete and submit FAFSA by March 1 to be considered for State funding at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov).
- Set up a student account on MDCAPS at <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.
- Visit [MDgo4it.org](http://MDgo4it.org) for tips and other information to help prepare for college.
- Ensure that all filing requirements have been met for State aid grant and scholarship programs. See [www.mhec.maryland.gov](http://www.mhec.maryland.gov).
- Contact the financial aid office at the Maryland postsecondary institution that you have been accepted into and ensure all documents are in and complete.

2016 - 2017 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

A QUICK GUIDE FOR CASH FOR COLLEGE & HOW TO GET IT

