

Eligibility Requirements:

- o You must be a Maryland resident for the duration of this award. If you are a dependent student, your parents must also be Maryland residents for the duration of this award.
- o You must have taken the SAT or ACT test if required by the institution.
- o You must enroll each semester as a degree-seeking:
 - o Undergraduate - full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester); or
 - o Graduate - full-time (9+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-8 credits per semester).
 - o Audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time or part-time status.
- o You must accept your award within three weeks of the date of your notification or your award will be cancelled.
- o You must have **prior approval** from OSFA and/or your Senator in order to change from full-time to part-time enrollment.
- o You may use this award at colleges and universities or at certain private career schools in Maryland.
- o You may use this award at an out-of-state institution if the Maryland Higher Education Commission has approved your major as unique (a major **not available at any** institution in Maryland).
- o It is your responsibility to **immediately** inform us, **in writing**, of all matters relating to your award.
- o The total dollar amount of all **State scholarship awards** may not exceed your cost of attendance, as determined by your school's financial aid office, or \$19,000, whichever is less.

As a condition of receiving a Maryland State scholarship or grant, you pledge to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger your enrollment in a Maryland college, as well as your Maryland financial aid award.

NOTE: If you fail to meet any of these eligibility requirements, your award will be canceled.

To Renew Your Award:

- o You must continue to meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above.
- o If you received a renewable award, it will automatically be renewed for up to three years or until completion of your degree, whichever occurs first.
- o If your award is used for undergraduate study, it will not be automatically renewed for graduate study. You must reapply to your Senator.
- o If you received a "one time only" award, you must reapply with your Senator each year. Renewal is not guaranteed.

NOTE: Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Overawards: Please be aware that if the institution you are attending notifies OSFA that you are receiving other financial assistance that causes you to exceed your financial need for the award or exceed the cost of attendance at the institution (e.g.: private scholarships; Veteran's Benefits; athletic scholarships), your State financial aid may be reduced or cancelled.

Payment to Your College: At the beginning of each semester your institution will be asked to certify that you meet the requirements of the award. When the institution completes the certification and requests funds from OSFA, your award will be processed for payment. **Payment to the institution will be made approximately four weeks after the institution completes the certification.** Contact your institution's financial aid office if you have questions about the payment status of your award.

For More Information: If you have questions, please contact the staff person for your legislative district as listed below.

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