

SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Conditions of Award Academic Year 2025-2026

Eligibility Requirements:

- o You must be eligible for in-state tuition.
- o You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or MHEC One-App. If your State senator makes his/her own awards, you must call or write to your legislator for further instructions.
- o You must enroll each semester as a degree-seeking:
 - o Undergraduate student - full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester); or
 - o Graduate student - 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 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.
- o 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.

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.

To Renew Your Award:

- o You must continue to meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above.
- o As long as your award remains active, 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.

NOTE: Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

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 the 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 additional questions, please contact our office osfamail.mhec@maryland.gov.