



Financial Aid Office
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Student Name _____ H ID# _____

The Maryland Higher Education Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) offers scholarship and grant programs for residents of the State of Maryland. In order to obtain this funding, proof of Maryland residency is required. Aid can not be awarded without submitting the appropriate documents based on your dependency status.

Are you Dependent or Independent?

Table with 2 columns: Dependent and Independent. Rows include criteria like 'Born after/before January 1, 1998', 'Not married/Self supporting', and 'More than 50% of financial support from parents/Support children or dependents'.

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Have you and/or your parent lived in Harford County for the last 3 months prior to the start of the semester? _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

Please submit the following applicable documentation based on your dependency status noted above

Dependent students will need to submit one document for both the student and the parent:

Table with 2 columns listing required documents for dependent students: Maryland Driver's License*, Voter's Registration Card*, and Vehicle Registration Card, with corresponding parent documents like Vehicle Registration Card* and Lease or Deed of Trust*.

Independent Students can provide one of the following:

Table with 2 columns listing required documents for independent students: Maryland Driver's License*, Voter's Registration Card*, and Maryland State Taxes form 502, with corresponding parent documents like Vehicle Registration Card* and Lease or Deed of Trust*.

"I pledge, as a condition of receiving student financial assistance, to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger my enrollment in a Maryland College as well as my Maryland financial aid award."

*All submitted documents must reflect Maryland residency 3 months prior to start of semester.

The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

Signature of Student _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature (dependent students only) _____

Date _____

Maryland Residency Requirements

This policy (taken directly from MHEC's Financial Aid Officer's 2017 – 2018 (manual) applies to all OSFA scholarship and grant programs which require Maryland residency as a condition of receiving financial assistance.

Required Period of Residency

Students enrolling in public community colleges must have established Maryland residency for a period of 3 months prior to the first day of class for the first session in which the student would receive a State scholarship award.

General Criteria

Recipients of Maryland State scholarships will be considered as Maryland residents if one of the following criteria is met.

- The student is dependent upon a parent(s) or spouse who has maintained a permanent residence in Maryland for the required period of residency described in this section.
- The student is independent and has maintained a permanent residence in Maryland for the required period of residency described in this section.
- The student is a full-time active member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed in the State of Maryland or whose home of residency is Maryland.
- The student is a dependent spouse or dependent child of a full-time active member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed in the State of Maryland or whose home of residency is Maryland

Permanent Residence

In determining if permanent residency has been established in Maryland, the following criteria shall be taken into consideration. The applicable criteria must be met for the required period of residency as described above. The criteria are as follows:

- Owns or rents and occupies living quarters in Maryland.
- Maintains within Maryland substantially all personal property.
- Pays Maryland income tax on all earned taxable income including all taxable income earned outside the State.
- Registers all owned motor vehicles in Maryland in accordance with Maryland law.
- Possesses a valid Maryland driver's license, if licensed, in accordance with Maryland law.
- Is registered to vote in Maryland, if registered to vote.
- Receives no public assistance from a state other than the State of Maryland or from a city, county or municipal agency other than one in Maryland.
- **Change of Status**
 - Maryland residency status is lost at any time that an independent student, or the parent or spouse through whom a dependent student has attained Maryland residency status, establishes a domicile outside the State.
 - The student shall be considered an out of State student in the first academic term, trimester, or semester after the out of state move occurs.
- **Certification of Residency by Institution**
 - A student's residency status shall be certified each term by the Maryland institution at which the student is enrolled.
 - If the institution determines that the student is not a Maryland resident, then the student's State scholarship award shall be cancelled.