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2022-2023 Maryland Tuition Waiver Application for Foster Care/Homeless Youth Recipients

Full Legal Name: _____ H-ID Number: _____

Date of Birth(mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address (If available): _____

I am a: Current Student Prospective Student Transfer Student

1. I submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) for the current academic year. More information about the MSFAA can be found on the Maryland Higher Education Commissions (MHEC) Website. The MSFAA can be submitted to MHEC up to March 1 for the next school year.

I completed the FAFSA I completed the MSFAA I need help completing it

2. I understand that I must be officially enrolled and pursuing a vocational certificate or undergraduate degree. Non-credit courses taken to earn a vocational certificate also qualify for a tuition waiver

Prior Eligibility

3. Did you qualify for the tuition waiver at a previous institution that you attended less than 10 years ago?

Yes What is the name of the institution? _____

Please provide prior waiver approval documentation or contact your prior institution to provide this.

No

Unsure

Foster Care Information

4. Have you been placed in out-of-home placement by the Maryland Department of Human Services and resided in out-of-home placement on or after your 18th birthday or when you graduated from high school or successfully completed your GED?

Yes No Unsure

5. Have you resided out-of-home placement on or after your 13th birthday for at least one year?

Yes No Unsure

6. Are you a younger sibling of an eligible foster care recipient that concurrently got placed into guardianship or adopted out of an out-of-home placement by the same guardianship or adoptive family as your sibling?

Yes No Unsure

If you answered “Yes” to questions 4, 5, or 6, please provide a copy of your “Certification of Eligibility for Maryland Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Recipients” from Maryland Department of Human Services, or your case worker for verification.

If you answered No or Unsure to questions 3, 4, 5, and 6, we may be unable to process your waiver. Please provide supporting documentation or explain in more detail about your personal situation.

Residency & Housing

7. Have you had a consistent physical presence in Maryland for the 12 months prior to enrolling?

(This means that you have stayed in Maryland most of the time, even if you do not have legal residency.)

Example: You have stayed in Maryland at a friend’s house the past year, but visited family out of state for a week.)

Yes No Unsure

8. Currently or at some point in the past 24 months, have you experienced housing instability or homelessness?

This is defined by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as not having a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Examples include: sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (couch-surfing); living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; living in emergency or transitional shelters; sleeping in a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Yes No Unsure

If you answered yes/unsure to the previous question, please describe your current or former living situation that were unstable:

9. Did someone at your high school or school district determine you were experiencing homelessness while in school and were eligible for additional services? (for example, transportation supper, or money for uniforms and school supplies)

Yes No Unsure

Please provide any documentation that establish you are eligible for the Maryland Tuition Waiver.

- Documentation related to prior tuition waiver eligibility at a different institution
- Documents that can help show you were in Maryland during the last year
- Letters or documents that can help show you experience homelessness or housing instability in the past 24 months (for example, a letter from a shelter, housing program or McKinney-Vento liaison)

Demographics

HCC is required to collect specific information for Maryland state data reporting under MD CODE ANN., EDUCATION §15-106.1 to ensure the Maryland Tuition Waiver is applied fairly for all students. This information will be kept confidential and will not be used for discriminatory purposes. Your answer to these questions in this section will have NO bearing on your eligibility for the Maryland Tuition Waiver.

With which race/ethnicity do you identify:

- African American or Black
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Caucasian or White
- Hispanic or Latino(a)
- Multiracial
- Native American or Alaskan Native
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: _____

Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

Gender Identity (Select the Best Answer):

- Agender
- Female or Woman
- Genderqueer or Genderfluid
- Gender Nonconforming
- Male or Man
- Non-binary
- Two-spirit
- Questioning or unsure
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: _____

Sexual Orientation (Select the Best Answer):

- Asexual or Aromantic
- Bisexual
- Heterosexual or Straight
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Pansexual or fluid
- Queer
- Questioning or unsure
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: _____

Pronouns that should be used to refer to you:

- He/Him/His
- She/Her/Hers
- They/Them/Theirs
- Ze/Zir/Zirs
- Prefer not to disclose
- Not Listed Above: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that the information in have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of by knowledge.

Signature

Date

Once this form is reviewed you will be sent a decision to your OwlMail email account.

- If your application is approved, this tuition waiver form will be applied to cover the full cost of your tuition and mandatory fees prior to payment of any other financial aid designated to you. The Maryland Tuition Waiver does not cover costs associated with books, transportation, or other educational expenses not covered by other sources of financial aid.
- If your application is denied, you will be sent an email along with information about your right to appeal and instructions on how to do so.

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