

1. Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program

Specifically for advanced degrees in high-demand professional fields.

- **Deadlines:** * **FAFSA:** March 1 (priority).
- **Requirements:**
 - ~**Residency:** Must be a Maryland resident.
 - ~**Need:** Must demonstrate financial need via the FAFSA.
 - ~**Enrollment:** Degree-seeking (Full-time or Part-time)
 - ~**Maintain SAP**
- **Eligible Schools & Programs:**
 - ~ Graduate and professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work, and veterinary medicine

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- **Award Amount:** \$1,000 – \$5,000 per year.

2. Senatorial Scholarship

Legislative funding for Maryland residents; requires a new application for professional study.

- **Deadlines:** **FAFSA:** March 1, 2026.
- ~**Senator Application:** Varies (typically **April 1** or **May 1, 2026**). You must contact your local State Senator's office.

- **Requirements:**
 - ~ **Enrollment:** Current or prospective full-time degree-seeking graduate students;
*MD schools only
 - ~ **Award Range:** 2026-2027 Award Minimum: \$400
2026-2027: Amount not yet determined

*The student may hold the Senatorial Scholarship with all state awards. The total dollar amount of all state scholarship awards may not exceed the students cost of attendance (as determined by their Financial Aid Office). Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

~ **Required Documentation:** Any required documentation must be submitted to the Senator's office directly.

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How to Apply:

1. **Request the Application:** Current or prospective students should contact their local state Senators for instructions on how to apply.
2. **File the FAFSA:** Ensure your FAFSA is submitted by **March 1, 2026**, as this is a mandatory requirement for MHEC to process any legislative award.
 - *This award does not roll over from undergrad. You must re-apply specifically for your professional program.

3. Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant (WSSAG)

A service-based grant for students in specific professional career tracks.

Rewarded by GPA and need based students first; Complete FAFSA

Important Deadlines:

The application for the 2025-2026 academic year will close on **April 1, 2026**.

The application for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year will become available **January 15, 2026**, and will close **October 15, 2026**.

How to apply?

Individuals applying for the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program must submit the online application through the **Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS)** using the **MHEC One App**.

*For consideration based on need, students may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov for the academic year the student will be attending. The FAFSA is not required; however, it will be used to determine the order in which students will be awarded.

Requirements?

- Be a **Maryland resident**

Enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university each semester as a:

- Full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester) undergraduate.
- **Full-time (9+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-8 credits per semester) graduate student.** (

*Students may be enrolled for less than six (6) credits in a semester but must earn at least 12 credit hours in each academic year if an undergraduate student, or 9 credit hours if a graduate student, including the summer term.)

- Enroll as a degree-seeking student in an eligible major leading to employment in an eligible field as indicated on your application.
- Maintain the **SAP** satisfactory academic progress standards of your institution.

Eligible Professional

Fields: See https://mhec.maryland.gov/Preparing/pages/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_WSSAG.aspx

- **Award Amount: \$4,000/year** (Full-time) or **\$2,000/year** (Part-time) at 4-year institutions.

~**\$4,000** per year if attending a Maryland four-year institution full-time (12+ credits per semester for undergraduate; **9+ credits per semester for graduate**) or **\$2,000** per year if part-time (6-11 credits per semester for undergraduate; **6-8 credits per semester for graduate**).

4. Edward T. Conroy & Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarships

Funding for students with specific military, public safety, or 9/11 family backgrounds.

- **Deadline:** July 15 of each year.

- **Eligibility:**

- ~ Enrolled in a regular undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution at full time or part time enrollment
- ~ Maryland Resident

- ~ **Meet one of these criteria:**

- Children/Stepchildren of a service member who died or is 100% disabled due to military service.
- Surviving Spouses of a service member who is 100% disabled due to service (must be un-remarried).
- Veterans with a 25%+ disability who have exhausted their federal education benefits.
- POW/MIAs: Vietnam Conflict POW/MIAs (who were MD residents at the time) or their children.
- Public Safety Employees (Police, Fire, EMS, Corrections, National Guard) who are 100% disabled from duty.
- Children or surviving spouses of those killed or 100% disabled in the line of duty. (Residency requirement waived for this group).
- Children or surviving spouses of those killed or 100% disabled by an act of violence on the job.
- Children or surviving spouses of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

- **How to Apply:**

New and renewal applicants should contact their institution financial aid office for application instructions. Students should not submit any applications or supplemental documentation to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

- **Required Documentation:**

All required documentation should be submitted directly to the institution. Students should not submit any documentation to MHEC.

- **Award Amount: ?**

An award applicant is eligible to receive an award contingent on the availability of funds.

The max award for 2025-2026 is \$13,689.

The amount of your award may not exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees, of a resident undergraduate at a four-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.

Awards to the dependents or spouses of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks may not exceed the amount specified above when combined with any other scholarships received by a student based on the student's status as a child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

- **Duration:** Can be held for 5 years (full-time) or 8 years (part-time).



Award	Use FAFSA?	Use MHEC One-App?	Use Institutional App?
Grad & Professional Scholarship	Yes	No	Yes (Contact school)
Senatorial Scholarship	Yes	No	Yes (Contact Senator?)
WSSAG	Optional*	Yes	No
Conroy/Cryor Scholarship	No	No	Yes (Contact school)