

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship!

Teaching Fellows for Maryland scholarships are awarded to students who pledge to work as public prekindergarten or public school teachers in the State upon completion of their studies at schools that have at least 50% of the students in the school eligible for free or reduced price meals (FRPM). ***Individuals interested in pursuing UMD's undergraduate professional teacher preparation programs or one-year master's certification (MCERT) program are strongly encouraged to apply for these funds.*** This award is a great way to fund your undergraduate or graduate education.

(NOTE: Due to stipulations associated with these funds, we encourage undergraduate students to apply for this scholarship upon acceptance into the professional program or completion of sophomore year. High school students and college freshmen and sophomores who are interested in UMD's teacher preparation programs may wish to consider applying for other scholarships and financial aid opportunities to help cover educational experiences during the first two years of college. For more information on College of Education Scholarships and Financial Aid Opportunities, see <https://education.umd.edu/admissions/funding-scholarships>.)

How to Apply:

Applicants for the Teaching Fellows for Maryland scholarship must submit the online application through the MDCAPS system by visiting <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>. The online application **and** all required documents (which will reflect in MDCAPS upon completion of your application) must be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Assistance **by July 1, 2020** for consideration.

Required documents to be submitted include but are not limited to:

- If an applicant currently enrolled in **high school** or **not** currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution, or an applicant enrolled in college that has completed less than 12 college credits:
 - an official high school transcript; **or**
 - documentation of SAT or ACT scores
- If **an applicant currently or previously enrolled as an undergraduate student who has completed more than 12 college credits**, or a college graduate not currently enrolled in an eligible institution:
 - an official college transcript; **or**
 - documentation of SAT or ACT scores
- If a **graduate applicant** in a post-secondary institution:
 - documentation of GRE scores if taken; **or**
 - an official undergraduate transcript
- **All** applicants **must** also submit a written essay detailing how they have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to or aptitude for teaching.

Scholarship Award Amount

A recipient of the Teaching Fellows scholarship is eligible to receive an award amount equivalent to 100% of the annual tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board of a resident undergraduate student or graduate student, as appropriate.

Service Obligation Requirement

A recipient must sign and return a promissory note agreeing to begin fulfillment of the service obligation as follows:

- A recipient of the Teaching Fellows scholarship must teach in a public school or public prekindergarten program that has at least 50% of its students eligible for FRPM for the periods specified below:
 - For a recipient who receives a scholarship as an undergraduate student, the service obligation is 1 year for each year that the recipient receives a scholarship.
 - For a student who receives a scholarship as a graduate student, the service obligation is 2 years for each year that the recipient receives a scholarship.

Renewal Awards

A recipient is eligible for a renewal award if the recipient:

- Continues to be a resident of the State;
- Continues to be a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student;
- Maintains a GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; and
- Continues to make satisfactory progress toward a degree, and maintains the standards of the institution.

Details about the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship, including application procedures, eligibility criteria, and service requirements are outlined in the link below

<https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/TeachingFellowsMDScholarship.aspx>.