

Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC)

- A state-wide effort to increase post-secondary education admission for high school seniors, providing access through dissemination of ideas, development of practices, and technical assistance.
- Provide guidance with the tuition waiver for unaccompanied youths and foster care youths.
- Provide support to high school seniors , particularly first generation, students from low-income circumstances, unaccompanied homeless youth, foster care youth, students with disabilities, and students in the juvenile education system to pursue post-secondary opportunities.
- Assist high school seniors with the post-secondary application process and families with the FAFSA process.
- Support high school seniors with college, university, post-secondary options, and scholarship searches.

PREPARING FUTURE GRADUATES!



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WHAT IS MCAC?

- The Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) is part of the American College Application Campaign (ACAC) sponsored by the American Council on Education (ACE).
- Partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) and College Goal Maryland (CGMD).
- The MCAC is part of the national effort to ensure each participating high school senior submits at least **one** college or university admission application.



WHY MCAC?

- Focus on first-generation college students, low-income students, and others underrepresented in higher education.
- Unaccompanied Youth, Foster Care Youths, Students with Disabilities, students in the Juvenile Education System, and students receiving Home School Instruction.
- Remove barriers that often prevent students from applying to a post-secondary institution.
- College application process combined with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.
- Assists high school seniors with decisions to identify post-secondary opportunities that are a “good fit” academically, financially, and educationally.
- Provide support to parents with procedures for applying and paying for post-secondary opportunities.
- State-wide and nation-wide celebration for high school seniors and school participation!

FOCUSING ON FAFSA & PAYING FOR SCHOOL

- Each school site participating in the MCAC **must host or participate in a FAFSA Completion Event.**
- The MHEC and CGMD provides resources and support for:
 - ◇ **FAFSA Completion and Submission**
 - ◇ **FAFSA Completion Events**
 - ◇ **Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID**
 - ◇ **Community College Scholarships and other scholarships opportunities**
 - ◇ **Grants**
 - ◇ **FAFSA Completion Initiative**
- High schools, school systems, and certain entities may participate in the FAFSA Completion Initiative (FCI). For more information contact MHEC at fafsa.mhec@maryland.gov or the MCAC State Coordinator.
- Schools are encouraged to work with community, college and university partners such as local community colleges admission and financial aid representatives, business leaders, faith-based community, PTA/PTO



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