Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC)

- A state-wide effort to increase post-secondary education admission for high school seniors, providing access through the dissemination of ideas, development of practices, and technical assistance.

- The MCAC provides guidance with the tuition waiver for unaccompanied homeless youths and foster care youths, and other ways to pay for school.

- Provides support to high school seniors, particularly first-generation students, students from low-income circumstances, unaccompanied homeless youth, foster care youth, students with disabilities, students enrolled in the juvenile education system, and homeschool students to pursue post-secondary opportunities.

- Provides assistance to high school seniors with the post-secondary application process and families with the FAFSA completion and submission process.

- Support seniors and families with post-secondary options and scholarship searches.

PREPARING FUTURE GRADUATES!
### WHAT IS THE MCAC?

- The Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC) is part of the American College Application Campaign (ACAC) sponsored by the ACT Center for Equity in Learning.
- It is a 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 postsecondary application.

### WHY MCAC?

- Focuses 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 pursuing post-secondary opportunities.
- Combines postsecondary application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) processes.
- Assists high school seniors with decisions to identify postsecondary 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 participating site must host or participate in a FAFSA Completion Event.
- The MHEC and CGMD provide 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 fasa.mhec@maryland.gov or the MCAC State Coordinator.
- Schools are encouraged to work with the community college and university partners such as local community colleges admission and financial aid representatives, business leaders, the faith-based community, and the PTA. representatives, and other community

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