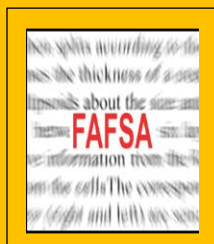


# THE MARYLAND TUITION WAIVER FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

The [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#) website provides additional information about the **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver**



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- **What is the Maryland Tuition Waiver?** The Maryland Tuition Waiver is available to unaccompanied homeless youth who are candidates for an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or vocational certificate at a Maryland public institution of higher education. The purpose of the tuition waiver is to provide financial assistance.
- **What are other options to help pay for postsecondary education?** There are many ways of keeping postsecondary education affordable. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible. The FAFSA is available on October 1<sup>st</sup> annually. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for Federal and State aid. The tuition waiver does not cover the cost of books, housing, or food. The FAFSA can help you determine other sources of aid to assist with costs not covered by the tuition waiver. The [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#) provides additional information about ways to pay for school.
- **How can an unaccompanied homeless youth find out if he or she is eligible for the tuition waiver?** To establish eligibility for the waiver, a student must verify his or her status as an unaccompanied homeless youth with the school system's homeless liaison. The [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#) website provides additional information about the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver. For continued eligibility, contact the financial aid office at the higher education institution.
- **What paperwork is needed to determine if the student is eligible?** The school system's homeless liaison can assist the student with required paperwork. The [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#) website provides additional information about the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver, or contact the school system's homeless liaison.
- **What schools in Maryland can the student attend with the tuition waiver?** The tuition waiver may be used to attend a public two-year or four-year college or university in Maryland.
- **STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH TUITION WAIVER MUST CREATE A MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM (MDCAPS) ACCOUNT.**
- **What is MDCAPS?** The MDCAPS is Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) comprehensive financial aid system that allows the processing of State scholarship applications and allocates funds more efficiently.

If you experience difficulty creating the MDCAPS account or difficulty accessing an MDCAPS profile, the [MHEC website](#) provides additional information.

For more information, contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission