

Maryland College Application Campaign (MCAC)

- A state-wide effort to increase post-secondary education admission by 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 for individuals who are first-generation, low-income, unaccompanied homeless youth, foster care youth, students with disabilities, enrolled in the juvenile education system to pursue post-secondary opportunities; and
- Provide assistance with the post-secondary application process and FAFSA completion and submission process.

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MARYLAND TUITION WAIVER

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO
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TUITION FREE?



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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, unaccompanied Youth, Foster Care Youths, Students with Disabilities, Students in the Juvenile Education System, and students receiving Home School Instruction;
- Removes barriers that often prevent students from pursuing post-secondary opportunities;
- Provides information about eligibility requirements to obtain a TUITION WAIVER to attend a postsecondary institution in Maryland;
- Combines postsecondary application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) processes;
- Assists young people with decisions to identify postsecondary opportunities that are a “good fit” academically, financially, and educationally; and
- Provides support to young people with procedures for applying and paying for post-secondary opportunities.

FOCUSING ON **FAFSA** & PAYING FOR SCHOOL

- In Maryland, House Bill 400, **Higher Education-Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth** provides eligible young people tuition waivers to pursue a postsecondary education.
- The MCAC provides support with:
 - ◇ **Completing the FAFSA);**
 - ◇ Eligibility for Maryland **Tuition Waivers;**
 - ◇ Community College Scholarships and other **scholarships opportunities;** and
 - ◇ **Grants**

For more information, contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission website at www.mhec.maryland.gov



I DID IT, I APPLIED!