



2026-2027 Promise Scholarship: Non-credit Application

**Required information to process application*

Name*: Last First M.I.

Home Address

City Number Street Name State Zip Apt or PO Box #

County* Social Security or Tax ID Number*

Preferred Phone # E-mail

Date of Birth* Provide college email if applicable.

Part A: Maryland in-state tuition and graduation eligibility requirement*

To be eligible, a student must be eligible for in-state tuition **AND** have graduated from a Maryland high school or be a recipient of a Maryland GED. Select all that apply. **If you graduated HS/GED within the last 5 years, you must submit your final MD high school/GED transcript.**

Resident of Maryland Graduate of Maryland HS Maryland GED Recipient

Name of High School

If you do not qualify for in-state tuition, you may not qualify for the Maryland Promise scholarship. Exceptions include active duty U.S. Military or Peace Corps. See checklist on p. 2 for all required documents.

Part B: Promise Application status

Maryland law requires that students enroll at their local community college in a vocational certificate, a certificate, or participates in a registered apprenticeship, unless the certification program is not offered at their local college or the student is attending a community college in the State with on-campus residential facilities.

Have you applied for a Maryland Promise Scholarship at any other Maryland Community College?*

Yes No If yes, name of college:

Part C: Income eligibility requirement*

To be eligible, a student must meet the income eligibility of \$100,000 for single Federal tax filers or single-parent households, or combined \$150,000 for joint filing if married or residing in a two-parent household. *Complete dependency determination questionnaire on pg. 3 to determine status prior to making selection.*

I am a(n)* **Dependent student** **Independent student**

Part D: Workforce Course Selection

Please indicate the program you wish to apply for here:

Part E: Drug free pledge

I pledge, as a condition of receiving student financial assistance, to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger my enrollment in a Maryland College as well as my Maryland financial aid award.*

Signature: Date

Part F: Signature & Acknowledgement

By signing this application, I certify that all of the information provided in the application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that **College of Southern Maryland** reserves the right to adjust or cancel any scholarship award(s) based on my failure to comply with the guidelines as stated

Signature: Date

Promise Scholarship Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to verify eligibility requirements prescribed by the State of Maryland. In order for a student to receive the Promise Scholarship, an applicant must submit **one item from category A, B, C and D** unless they have completed the FAFSA. For record keeping purposes, copies of each document must be attached to the student's application.

YES, I have completed FAFSA

NO, I have not completed FAFSA

Students who have completed a FAFSA only need to submit documents from categories A and B.

A. Documents to prove eligibility for Maryland in-state Tuition. Individuals must be eligible for in-state tuition at a Maryland institution to qualify for the Promise.

All documentation must be current and unexpired.

- Valid Maryland Driver's License
- Residential rental contract (apartment lease or other rental of real property)
- Mortgage account statement, deed, communication from the State Department of Assessment and Taxation or other proof of home ownership
- Maryland vehicle registration card or title
- Proof of Active Duty Military and Status.
- Proof of approval for Maryland DREAM Act (*if selected, skip category D*)

Note: *In-State tuition rates are granted to students who reside in Maryland for a set period of time, have the ability to establish legal domicile in Maryland, or are stationed in Maryland.*

B. To be eligible, you must have completed your high school diploma in Maryland, including GED. Please provide documentation to prove you attended high school in the State. If you graduated HS or received your GED within the last 5 years, you must submit your final MD high school/GED transcript.

- A copy of your Maryland High School Diploma, and/or
- Official High school transcript.

C. You must provide Federal documentation demonstrating you meet the income eligibility of \$100,000 for single filers or single-parent households, or combined income of \$150,000 for joint filing if married or residing in a two-parent household.

- If dependent, submit a copy of your **AND** your parents' 2024 Federal tax transcript
- If independent, submit a copy of your 2024 Federal tax transcript or
- Copy of IRS Verification of Non-filing letter for 2024 Federal tax year

D. Documents needed to prove that student is lawfully residing in the United States. (Provide one document from the list below).

- United States Birth Certificate
- Proof of Asylum Refugee status: **I-94, I-94A**, or Temporary Form **I-551**
- Permanent Resident Card
- United States Passport or Passport Card
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship

Note: *All citizenship documentation must be unexpired*

Promise Scholarships from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Dependency Determination.

Select 'yes' or 'no' to the questions below. If you answer "yes" to one of more questions below, you are considered an 'independent student'. If you answer "no" to every question, you are considered a 'dependent student' and will need to include your parents' filing information. **Use to complete Section C on both pg. 1 and pg. 2.**

Were you born before Jan 1, 2003?	Yes	No
As of today, are you married? (Answer "No" if you are separated but not divorced)	Yes	No
At the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc...)?	Yes	No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? (if you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the U.S armed forces?	Yes	No
Do you have children or other people (excluding your spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were you an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent)?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were you a ward of the court?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care?	Yes	No
Are you or were you a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in your state of residence?	Yes	No
Are you or were you in a legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by the court in your state of residence?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?*	Yes	No

- Students must be enrolled in a sequence of courses leading to licensure or certification. Current list of eligible workforce programs are included above. List is subject to change at any time.
- Available to MD Residents, graduates of MD high schools, and recipients of GED who qualify for in-state tuition, and active duty military residing in MD.
- Students may receive up to \$5,000 per academic year, not to exceed the cost of the program.
- Students may renew the scholarship up to 3 years after enrolling in a noncredit sequence.
- This is a last dollar scholarship, which means awards will be calculated after all other Federal and State scholarships have been credited to the student's tuition.
- Any student who exceeds the allowed funding amount or number of program awards will be financially responsible for all associated costs that are deemed ineligible.
- Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Funds may only be used towards tuition and fees. Books and supplies are excluded.
- Students must provide their Social Security Number or Tax ID Number.
- [Insert college name] reserves the right to adjust or cancel your scholarship at any time if it is determined that you do not meet the qualifications.
- Applying for the scholarship does not guarantee an award.
- Refunds are not issued to students for unused Promise award amounts.
- All scholarships are managed and awarded in accordance to the Maryland Higher Education Commission's prescribed guidelines and College of Southern Maryland policy and/or procedure.

Please complete the application form and provide required documentation to have your application reviewed and considered for a scholarship award. Send completed paperwork and documentation to:

**Financial Assistance Department
College of Southern Maryland PO
Box 910
La Plata, MD 20646-0910**