



# DID YOU KNOW?

The **Maryland Higher Education Commission** wants you to know that you must file the 2021-2022 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or the [Maryland State Financial Aid Application \(MSFAA\)](#) to by March 1 to be considered for the **Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant**.

## TO BE CONSIDERED YOU MUST:



1. Be in your senior year of high school and under the age of 22 or successfully completed your GED and under the age of 26.
2. Be a high school senior with a minimum unweighted cumulative 2.5 GPA or GED recipient with a minimum passing score of 165 per module.
3. Meet the annual income requirements.
4. Be eligible for in-state tuition.
5. File the FAFSA or MSFAA by March 1, 2021.
6. Submit all required documentation to MHEC at [documents.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:documents.mhec@maryland.gov) by April 1, 2021

- When determining a student's eligibility for the GA Grant, MHEC uses the 2019 tax year income information as reported on the FAFSA or MSFAA. Students who meet the 2021-2022 income requirements **may** be considered for the GA Grant. Upon receiving the FAFSA or MSFAA, MHEC will notify you by email of the documents to submit to confirm your eligibility for the GA Grant.
- It is strongly encouraged that when completing the 2021-2022 FAFSA families use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when reporting the required 2019 income information.
- The Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) is the online system that is used for students to view the status of their GA Grant. Once your account has been created you can view all required outstanding documents under 'Check Your Application Status'. To create an MDCAPS account visit <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/>
- To learn more about the Guaranteed Access Grant, go to [mhec.maryland.gov](http://mhec.maryland.gov) and click on State [Scholarships and Grants](#) under Quick Links.