

bridging
GAPP is the gap
to college access and affordability

Steps to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and list all GAPP participating institutions you may attend.
2. Create a Maryland State Aid Account through the Maryland Central Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) - <http://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.
3. Contact the financial aid office of a GAPP participating institution and complete the application, if applicable, for a matching GAPP award.
4. For more information visit [Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access \(GA\) Grant](#) or call the MHEC Office of Student Financial Assistance at (800) 974-0203.

GAPP Participating Institutions



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Guaranteed Access Partnership Program

GAPP

A Grant Up To \$44,200 Annually

2024 - 2025



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Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or State financial aid application for undocumented students (formerly MSFAA) through the new MHEC One-App. Contact the financial aid office of the GAPP participating institution.

Award Amount

For the 2024-2025 academic year, the maximum annual Maryland Guaranteed Access (GA) grant is \$22,100. So, a student who is eligible for a maximum GA grant award of \$22,100 and a matching \$22,100 GAPP grant award would receive **\$44,200 annually**. Students who receive a GAPP award may still receive other forms of need-based and merit-based financial aid. These funds cannot exceed the cost of attendance at the institution a student chooses to attend.



Who Can Apply

Eligible Maryland students who begin college within 6 years of completing high school or obtaining a GED and who plan to attend a participating Maryland independent college or university as full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate students.

Eligible Majors

All majors are eligible.

When to Apply

March 1 is the final deadline for students to submit the FAFSA or MSFAA.

March 15 is the priority deadline to submit all required documentation requested in MDCAPS.

Renewing GAPP

A GAPP award may be renewed annually for three years for students who maintain eligibility.



GAPP Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet the income eligibility requirements for the Maryland GA grant and demonstrate eligibility for institutional need-based assistance. Students must also:

- meet the GA requirements and be awarded a GA grant;
- be eligible for In-State tuition;
- meet the initial income requirements for the academic year;
- have completed high school or obtained a GED with a passing score of 145 per module;
- must begin college within 6 years of completing high school or obtaining a GED;
- apply to a participating Maryland independent college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate student; and
- be under the age of 26 at the time of receiving the first award.

Don't Miss Out on Federal Pell Grants!

The maximum Federal Pell Grant for 2024-2025 is \$7,395.

If you receive the maximum GA and maximum Pell at a MICUA member institution, you may receive a total of \$51,595 per academic year.

This could result in a combined total of **\$206,380 over 4 years**.