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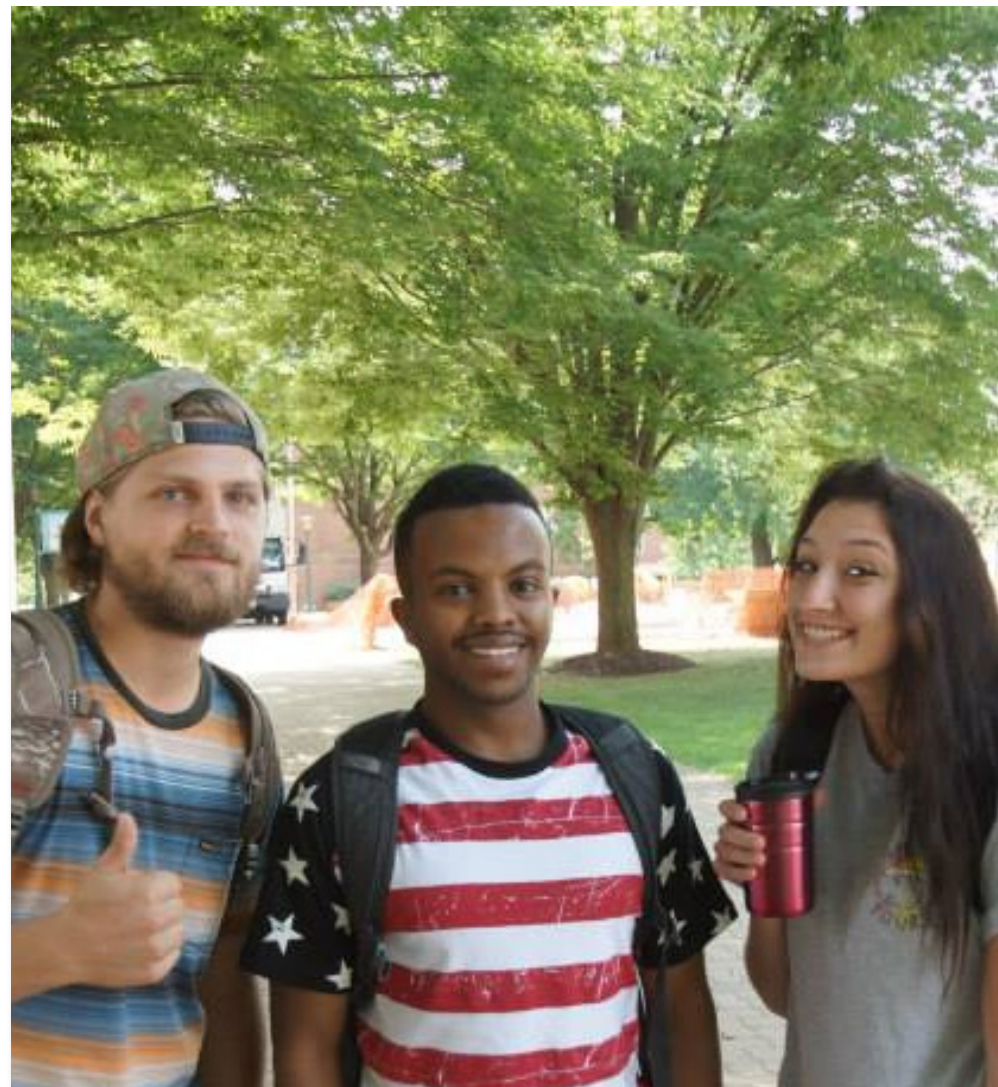## to college access and affordability

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 the GAPP participating institution(s) and complete the institutional application for a matching GAPP award.

4. For more information visit *https://mhec.maryland.gov/* or call the MHEC Office of Student Financial Assistance at (800) 974-0203.

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AWARD AMOUNT

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the maximum annual Maryland GA grant is $19,300. So, a student who is eligible for a maximum GA grant award of $19,300 and a matching $19,300 GAPP grant award would receive $38,600 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 MAY APPLY

Eligible Maryland high school seniors who plan to attend a participating Maryland independent college or university as full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate students.

WHEN TO APPLY

For consideration, students must file the FAFSA by **March 1**. Verification documentation must be submitted by **April 1**.

ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

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:

• be eligible for In-State tuition;
• have an unweighted cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher;
• apply to a participating Maryland independent college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate student; and
• be under the age of 22 at the time of receiving the first award.

GAPP PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

• Capitol Technology University • Goucher College • Hood College •
• Johns Hopkins University • Loyola University Maryland •
• Maryland Institute College of Art • McDaniel College •
• Mount St. Mary's University • Notre Dame of Maryland University •
• St. John's College • Stevenson University •
• Washington Adventist University • Washington College •