

Guaranteed Access Partnership Program

GAPP PARTICIPANTS

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



\$35,800
every year

X for **4** years

\$143,200

**GAPP is *bridging* the gap
to college access and affordability**

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Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP)

The GAPP is a public-private partnership between Maryland independent colleges and universities and the State to help Maryland students and their families bridge the college affordability gap. GAPP provides a matching grant award for eligible students who receive a State Guaranteed Access grant and attend a participating institution, for a total grant award up to \$35,800 per year ($\$35,800 \times 4 = \$143,200$).

WHEN TO APPLY

For priority consideration, students must file the FAFSA by March 1. FAFSA applications filed after March 1, but before April 1, will be awarded based on the availability of funds. Verification documentation must be submitted by July 1.

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

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Students must demonstrate financial need and meet the income eligibility requirements for the Maryland GA grant, which is at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. Students must also be Maryland residents; have a minimum unweighted cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher; and apply to a participating Maryland independent college or university to attend as a full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate student.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY

- Official high school transcript, which contains grades from the first semester of the senior year.
- High School Counselor Certification Form
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- Income verification for the 2015 tax year (available through the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)

(Students who complete the FAFSA will have up until July 1 to submit all required documentation for consideration of the GA Grant and the GAPP Award)

GRANT DETAILS

The specific award amounts for the Maryland GA grant and GAPP matching grant are determined by the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance. Unless approved by the institution, the combined award may not exceed the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees after adjusting for the Pell Grant.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the maximum annual Maryland GA award is \$17,900. So, a student who is eligible for a maximum GA grant award of \$17,900 and a matching \$17,900 GAPP grant award would receive \$35,800 annually. Students who receive a GAPP grant may still receive other forms of need-based and merit-based financial aid for which they are eligible.

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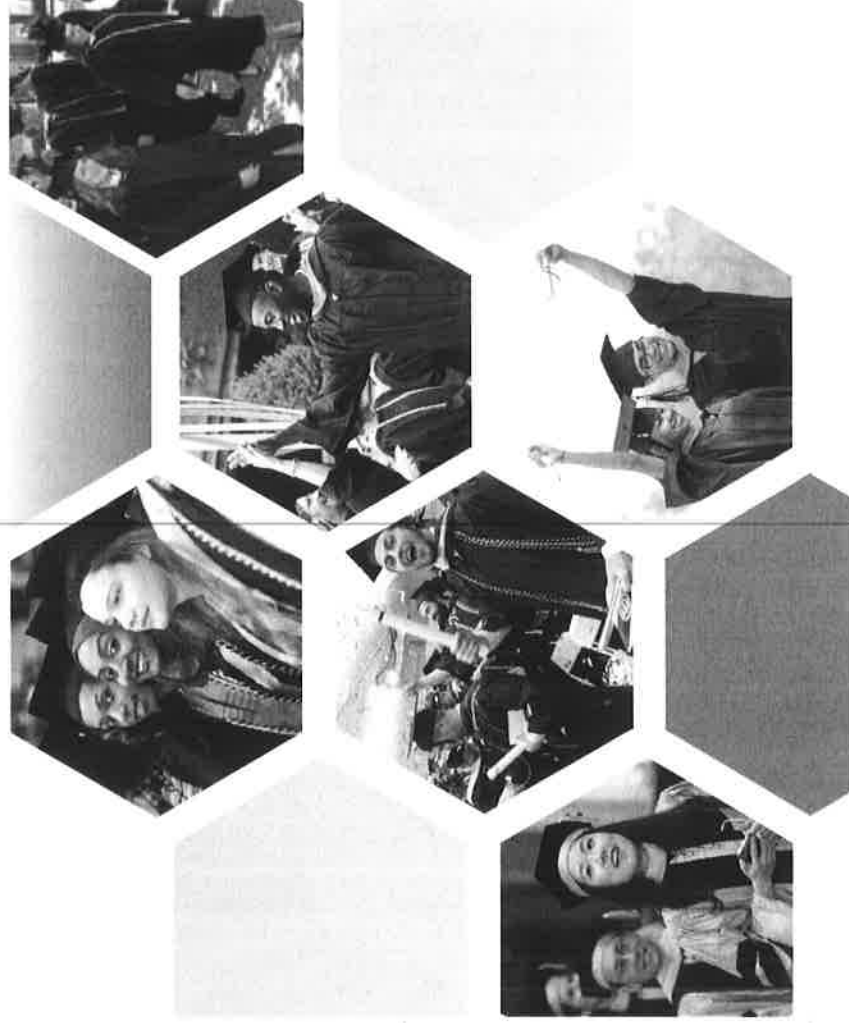
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and University Association**

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IMPORTANT WEBSITES

www.micua.org/GAPP

www.fafsa.gov

<https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>

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.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

- be Maryland residents;
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- apply to a participating Maryland independent college or university to attend as a full-time, degree-seeking, undergraduate student.

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ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

AWARD AMOUNT

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RENEWING AN AWARD

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

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