Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP)

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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WHEN TO APPLY

Early deadline to complete the GAPP application is March 1. Applications after the March 1 deadline will be accepted and grants will be awarded based on eligibility and funding constraints.

HOW TO APPLY

Students should contact the financial aid office at any GAPP participating colleges or universities to which they are applying for admission, for assistance in completing the process. For consideration, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Maryland GA grant application, and the institutional application for the GAPP matching grant

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.

Interested students must apply for the Maryland GA grant through the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Students should also complete the GAPP financial aid application required by the institution and demonstrate eligibility for institutional need-based assistance.

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 2016-2017 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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