

# GAPP is bridging the gap to college access and affordability

2019  
2020

## 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

## Documents Needed

- Official high school transcript, which contains grades from the first semester of the senior year
- High School Counselor Certification Form
- Income verification for the 2018 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 more information visit [www.micua.org/GAPP](http://www.micua.org/GAPP)



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**\$38,200**  
per year for four years of college

**Guaranteed Access  
Partnership Program**

# Guaranteed Access Partnership Program (GAPP)

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. The GAPP award provides a matching grant for eligible students who receive a Maryland Guaranteed Access (GA) grant and attend a participating Maryland independent institution.

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

[www.micua.org/GAPP](http://www.micua.org/GAPP)  
[www.fafsa.gov](http://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;
- have an 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.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Create a Maryland State Aid Account through the Maryland Central Aid Processing System. Contact the financial aid office of the GAPP participating institution.

## 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.

## ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

## AWARD AMOUNT

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the maximum annual Maryland GA grant is \$19,100. So, a student who is eligible for a maximum GA grant award of \$19,100 and a matching \$19,100 GAPP grant award would receive \$38,200 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 the institution you attend.

## RENEWING AN AWARD

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

## 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

