



**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**  
INCREASING STUDENT SUCCESS WITH LESS DEBT



# GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT



**The Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant** is a need-based grant that provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible in-state students currently enrolled as high school seniors who will complete a college preparatory program or a student who has obtained a General Educational Development Diploma (GED), and is under the age of 26. All applicants must meet certain income requirements as described below for the 2020-2021 application cycle for consideration of the GA grant.

## AWARD

The amount of the GA Grant equals 100 percent of the student's financial need and a student may receive an award for up to **\$19,100**.

FAMILY SIZE	130 % OF POVERTY LEVEL (NEW)	150% OF POVERTY LEVEL (RENEWAL)
1	\$15,782	\$18,210
2	\$21,398	\$24,690
3	\$27,014	\$31,170
4	\$32,630	\$37,650
5	\$38,246	\$44,130
6	\$43,862	\$50,610
7	\$49,478	\$57,090
8	\$55,094	\$63,570
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON ADD	\$5,616	\$6,480

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA), if ineligible to complete the FAFSA but are eligible to receive in-state tuition on or before **March 1, 2020**.
2. List at least one Maryland college or university on the FAFSA or MSFAA.
3. Submit all documents (if required) to MHEC by **April 1, 2020**.

Please visit the following site for more information on the application process and eligibility requirements concerning the Guaranteed Access Grant award program.