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Salisbury UNIVERSITY

I. FAFSA

Funds are available from the federal government through grants, low-interest loans and work study. To qualify for awards in the state of Maryland, a Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) must be completed by **June 30**. The form can be completed on-line at https://studentaid.gov/

Awarded scholarships are accepted through your home university's financial aid department to transfer the monies into your account.

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There is an abundance of free scholarship and grant information on the Internet. Often one website will bring up additional sources.

Scroll down past advertising. Sites with the suffix ".com" are trying to make money. Sites ending in ".edu," ".org," ".net," or ".gov" are more likely to yield useful free information. Research pays off if a student is willing to invest the time.

Following are source suggestions from "The College Grants Database" at **https://www.collegegrant.net/social-work/** :

1. Federal and state government programs serve those with the most financial need.

2. Grants and scholarships are available to military personnel and their families from all military branches.

3. Professional organizations related to Social Work grant scholarships annually.

4. Universities provide grants, scholarships, fellowships, graduate assistantships, and work-study programs.

5. There are opportunities for nontraditional students which are geared to their specific circumstances.

7. Service organizations like Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and Police and Firefighter's clubs often award scholarships to students in their communities.

8. Private organizations and some churches also fund students.

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II. SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Academic Works simplifies the student scholarship application process at salisbury.academicworks.com

To access the General Application, use your SU username and password to login. After completing the application, the system will automatically match you to scholarships you are eligible for based on the information you provided.

When you apply for scholarships on Salisbury University's **Academic Works** site, do not mention athletic ability, participation, or performance in essays. Salisbury University, a Division III member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA,) is not permitted to use athletic skill as a criterion for determining financial aid.

Check back frequently for scholarships which may become available, and pay close attention to submission deadlines. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive an award email at your SU email address unless otherwise noted. Further financial aid information is available at the Office of Financial Aid at https://www.salisbury.edu/admissions/financial-aid/

Mannion Scholarship Endowment

Social Work—Graduate

This $1,200 scholarship is open to a full-time student enrolled in the two- year Master of Social Work program at Salisbury's main campus. Preference is given to a Somerset County, MD resident first, then to a Wicomico or Worcester County, MD resident. The student's area of interest should be community health and human services. The scholarship may be renewed for a second year.

Marvin Tossey Scholarship

Social Work—Undergraduate or Graduate

This $600 scholarship will be awarded to one new student, undergraduate or graduate social work major, non traditional 24 years or older, financial need from FAFSA **May 1.**

President Charles Wight's "Lead From the Front" Scholarship

Undergraduate Incoming, first-time Freshman

Salisbury University recognizes that the next generation of leaders will 'Lead From The Front'. If you are passionate about social justice, advocacy, equal rights, conservation, the environment, and supporting the underdog, you are invited to apply.

This $12,000 scholarship is payable over four years, with a maximum of $3,000 annually. The applicant must demonstrate financial need and exhibit, via a 500 word essay, the impact their leadership has made in their community and how they plan to continue to hone leadership skills in the SU community. For details, refer to SU's **Academic Works** system.

Anne & John Gilheany Scholarship

Social Work—Senior Undergraduate Status

This $1,000 scholarship provides funds to a first-generation Senior student majoring in Social Work. Criteria include a minimum 3.0 GPA, and completion of a two-paragraph essay of 500 words or less. The essay must answer the following questions: 1. What is care? 2. How do you care for others?

The Emery Family Scholarship

Social Work— Senior Undergraduate Status

This non-renewable $500 scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time Senior student majoring in Social Work. An in-person or Zoom meeting is required. Students from the Maryland Eastern Shore are given preference.

Amy Stoops Rhodes Memorial Scholarship

Social Work—Graduate

This $1,000 scholarship honors Amy's legacy in social work, community health, and human services. An eligible recipient must be a graduate student who is full time in the MSW program and has a cumulative GPA of 3.5. or better and be a MD resident . Non-renewable, 3 year.

Sarah Foxwell Memorial Scholarship

Social Work—Senior Status

This $800 scholarship, in memory of Sara Foxwell, is for students majoring in Social Work. Requirements include demonstrated financial need and a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Residents of Wicomico County are given first priority followed by residents of Maryland. The scholarship is renewable provided the recipient continues to meet eligibility requirements.

Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship

Social Work—Graduate Student

The Jesse Klump Memorial scholarship will provide a one-time, $5,000 scholarship awarded for fall semester to two graduate students pursuing a master's in social work degree at Salisbury University. Preference will be given to a students planning to complete their field instruction in mental health or trauma related services.

Recipients are expected to attend the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund's annual fundraiser, held on the third Saturday of September, known as "Jesse's Paddle." More information about Jesse's Paddle and the Jesse Klump suicide prevention and awareness program can be found here: **Jesse's Paddle** . This scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester only.

Sea Gull Century Scholarship

Involved in Sea Gull Century

Sea Gull Century, a nationally acclaimed bicycling event, beginning and ending on the SU campus, tours the Maryland Eastern Shore. SGC is managed by the non-profit SU Foundation. Annually, Sea Gull Century Awards 12 scholarships of $300 to $800.

Students applying for this scholarship must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA at Salisbury University, be involved in the Sea Gull Century, and provide a written reflection of the Sea Gull Century experience.

Marshall W. Moore Scholarship

Undergraduate Junior/Senior

Preference for this $500 to $1,000 award is given to non-traditional students entering the junior or senior year. Eligible students must submit, via "Academic Works," a letter of recommendation from an SU faculty member. Also required is a biographical essay including a description of the applicants activities at Salisbury and details of future plans.

The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to continue the scholarship from the junior to senior year.

Rick Dudley Scholarship

Graduate Students/Disabilities

The Rick Dudley Scholarship is intended to assist individuals with “severe and substantial” disabilities in pursuing a graduate degree as a Salisbury University student. Qualifying disabilities include a permanent inability resultingin use of wheelchair, cane, crutches, or walker to ambulate; persons with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy; persons who are legally blind with glasses, persons considered profoundly deaf; persons with speech impediments; and persons who need personal assistance with activities of daily living. Awards vary from $750 or more per academic year depending on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled. A Medical Opinion Form for Eligibility is required. Applicants must be fully admitted to the MSW program and not on a provisional admission basis. The complete application and description of this award are available on the SU website.

Phi Eta Sigma Scholarship

Local Honor Society Members

The local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma awards scholarships to local members who have shown outstanding academic performance and have contributed to the goals of the local chaptyr. Additional information is available from the Provost's Office. The scholarship is awarded after the start of the fall semester each year. Amounts range from $250-$400.

Justin McJilton Memorial Scholarship

Any Major — Undergraduate

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of SU Student Justin McJilton who passed away in 2009 at age 23. The amount is currently $500 to $1,000. Application is open to students in any major at Salisbury University with preference given to a Perdue School of Business Student. The scholarship provides support for students whose lives have been touched by cancer. An essay is required. For more information, see the **"Academic Works"** website.

Alan and Patti Guerrieri Scholarship

Undergraduate — Freshman

This is an academic merit based scholarship for incoming freshman students. It ranges from $1,000 to $2,000 per year and is open to any major. The award is a renewable 4-year scholarship (8 semesters), provided the student is full time each semester and maintains a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Institute of Retired Persons (IRP) Scholarship

Undergraduate Seniors

IRP provides up to three SU $1,000 scholarships. Requirements include full-time senior status, a GPA of at least 2.80, financial need (from FAFSA), and a short essay. IRP is for adults 50 and over. Scholarship recipients are invited to attend a recognition meeting on the first Tuesday of the fall semester. Check the “Academic Works” website for further details.

Fire and Resue Service Survivors Scholarship

Surviving Legal Dependents

SU and the Salisbury Fire Department have a $2,000 scholarship opportunity for surviving legal dependents of the 343 members of the NYC Fire Department killed in the line of duty on September 11, 2001. Also eligible are surviving dependents of a Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia fire/rescue member killed in the line of duty or, any dependent of an active, retired, or life member of the Salisbury Fire Department. Awards will be offered on an annual basis, depending on availability of funds, and are renewable. Refer to the “Academic Works” website for details.

Director's Fellowship Glenda Chatham & Robert G. Clark Honors College

Incoming Freshman

Director's Fellowships were established to recognize exceptional incoming freshman students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and the promise for leadership and success on the Salisbury University campus. Fellowships range from $1,000 to $2,000 and are awarded as a four year scholarship. Applicants should first apply to the Honors College using the on-line application. Director's Fellows receive priority placement in one of the Honors Program's freshman Living Learning Communities. **The deadline is in January for the following year**.

LeRoy P. Fiala Scholarship in the College of Health and Human Services

Undergraduate Junior/Senior

The LeRoy P. Fiala Scholarship will provide $500 in funding to qualified incoming graduate student(s) enrolled in the College of Health and Human Services. Each applicant must be a first generation college student. Preference will be given to graduate students enrolled in the Master in Athletic Training program and those with the greatest financial need as indicated in the FAFSA form. The scholarship may be renewed for one additional year.

Vincent D. Leisey Student Involvement & Leadership Honors Scholarship

Junior/Senior Status

The Vincent D. Leisey Student Involvement and Leadership Honors Scholarship will provide $500 of financial support for a student who is active in campus life through student clubs and activities. This scholarship for a rising junior is renewable for the senior year if criteria are still met. Applicant must be matriculated in the Honors College at SU.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarship

New Transfer Students

This scholarship for new transfer students is $1,000 per year and renewable providing the student maintains full-time status and continues to meet eligibility requirements. More information can be found on the SU website at https://www.salisbury.edu/admissions/transfer-students/ptk-scholarship.aspx

Pepsi Cola Start Strong Scholarship

Incoming Freshman

The Pepsi Cola up to $1,000 Start Strong scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman on the basis of academic success and financial need. Eligible students must remain enrolled full-time, complete a minimum of 24 credits per academic year, have financial need from the FAFSA, and maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

Prince Family Scholarship

Incoming Freshman

The Prince Family $400 Scholarship provides an award for a first generation freshman student defined as at least one parent not being a college attendee or graduate. Preference is given to a student who comes from a rural background as defined by federal and state guidelines. The scholarship can be renewed for eight semesters (four years total) so long as the student continues to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

Allfirst Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund (M&T Bank)

Incoming Freshman

The Allfirst Foundation $1,000 Scholarship provides funds to incoming freshman, full-time students who demonstrate financial need, as determined by the FAFSA) and academic merit.

J. Daniel Landsman

SAFERIDE — Undergraduate

SU and the Salisbury Fire Department have a $1,000 scholarship opportunity for surviving legal dependents of the 343 members of the NYC Fire Department killed in the line of duty on Sept.11, 2001. Also eligible are surviving dependents of a Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia fire/rescue member killed in the line of duty or, any dependent of an active, retired, or life member of the Salisbury Fire Department. Awards will be offered on an annual basis, depending on availability of funds, and are renewable. Refer to the "Academic Works" website for details.

University Orchard Scholarship

High School Graduates from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester Counties in Maryland

The University Orchard Scholarship is a one-time, $10,000 non-renewable award where candidates will be required to write a one page essay discussing their impact on campus life at Salisbury University. Applicants must be full-time undergraduates with a cumulative 3.0 GPA, have financial need, and have at least two semesters left at SU. The mission of the scholarship is to partner with Salisbury University to create opportunities for SU students who come from the Lower Eastern Shore communities. The award amount can vary.

J. Edwin Tawes Memorial Scholarship

Incoming Freshman from Somerset County, MD

The J. Edwin Tawes Memorial Scholarship provides a $1,500 award to one student annually from Somerset County, MD. Decisions are based on academic achievement. Student applicant must be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman. Scholarship can be renewed as long as the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

William B. and Betty B. Krieger Scholarship

Undergraduate Students, Colonel Richardson High School Graduates

This $5,000 award provides assistance to full-time students with financial need (from FAFSA) with preference given to graduates of Colonel Richardson High School. Students can be incoming freshmen or current students and must maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree to remain eligible for scholarship renewal.

France-Merrick FOUNDATION

France-Merrick Foundation Scholarship

Baltimore City, MD Students

The $1,500 France-Merrick Foundation Scholarship has been established to help recruit students from Baltimore City, MD. Eligible students must have attended a Baltimore City high school (public, private or parochial) or transferred from Baltimore City Community College and be a resident of Baltimore City, MD. The scholarship can be renewed for up to eight semesters if recipient meets the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and remains enrolled full-time, degree-seeking.

Heather Clair Miller Memorial Scholarship

High School Graduates from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester Counties in Maryland

The Heather Clair Miller Salisbury University Fund scholarship was created to provide a four-year, renewable scholarship to at least two student recipients attending Salisbury University. Preference will be given to students who may be challenged in their academic pursuits because of a rural background and/or nigh need status. The award amounts vary. See SU's "Academic Works" site for complete details.

The Vineyard Family Scholarship

Non-traditional Undergraduate

The Vineyard Family Scholarship will provide funding to an incoming or current non-traditional undergraduate student who has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better and has financial need from the FAFSA. Non-traditional students are those that are considered independent on the FAFSA for financial aid purposes.

Robert W. and Josephine P. Sterling Scholarship

Incoming Freshman, Somerset, Wicomico counties

The Sterling Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who are permanent residents of Somerset or Wicomico county. The scholarship is for $1,000 per year for four years, and is awarded based on scholastic ability and financial need. Students must remain enrolled full-time with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to continue to receive the scholarship.

Elizabeth Cannon Memorial Scholarship

Incoming Freshman from Caroline County or Eight Eastern Shore Counties, MD

The Elizabeth Cannon Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled academically in high school. Priority is given to a high school graduate (incoming freshman) with a genuine need for financial assistance from Caroline County, MD or the other eight Eastern Shore counties in Maryland. For consideration, students must apply for admission to the University by February 1st. The scholarship may be renewed for a maximum of four years, provided the student maintains a 3.3 cumulative grade point average each semester.

Jack Metzger Scholarship Fund

Freshman from Kent Island, MD, or Queen Anne's County, MD

The Jack Metzger Scholarship Fund is made available by the American Legion Post 278 of Kent Island, MD. Priority for the $1,000 scholarship goes to a freshman from Kent Island with second priority being a freshman from Queen Anne's County, MD. The selection committee from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices select the recipient(s) each year. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time and must demonstrate academic merit. The award amount is $1,000.

III. STATE OF MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship/grant money is available through the state of Maryland. Funds are both merit and need-based. To apply, complete the FAFSA by **March 1**.

To view Maryland Higher Education Commission scholarships and grants, visit https://m hec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/index.aspx

Alumni Association International Scholarship (AA-I)

Academic — Undergraduate

The University System of Maryland, through the Alumni Association — International (AA-I) Incorporated established this scholarship to recognize exemplary students matriculating through a USM institution. The AA-I scholarship will be bestowed upon a Salisbury University student who demonstrates academic achievement, strong commitment to community service, and leadership ability. Incoming freshman and transfer applicants must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.25. Current Salisbury University undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above. Students must be Maryland residents and all applicants must enroll as full-time undergraduate students. Preference will be given to students with financial need from FAFSA. A letter of recommendation is required. The scholarship may be held for a maximum of 8 semesters of undergraduate study if awarded as a freshman.

2+2 Transfer Scholarship

Community College Transfers

Applicants for this scholarship must submit the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship application available through MDCAPS, file the FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and submit an official college transcript reflecting that the applicant has earned an associate's degree from a community college in the state. For further information, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_2_plus_2.aspx

Board of Regents Students Excellence Scholarship

Community College Transfers

The University System of Maryland (USM) is a leading public higher education system with 12 institutions and 3 regional centers across Maryland. Known for shaping future leaders in various fields, USM aims to inspire students who impact policy, science, technology, business, education, art, and culture. In line with this mission, the Board of Regents and USM Student Council are introducing the the Board of Regents Student Excellence Scholarships to honor students making a significant contributions to student life.

Eligibility:
The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be an undergraduate (9+ credits) or graduate student enrolled at a USM institution in Spring 2025 (including Regional Higher Education Centers
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and good conduct/disciplinary standing
- Apply to the Leadership and Advocacy or Outreach and Engagement category based on work/service unrelated to course, internship requirements, or a job requirements.
- Previous winners of a Board of Regents Excellence Scholarship in the same category are ineligible.

https://www.usmd.edu/regents/student_excellence_scholarship/

Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program

Graduate Students Social Work

Contact the financial aid office of the school you will attend for deadlines. Applicants for this scholarship are ranked based on financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA. The awards range from $1,000 to $5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable. More details are available at https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_gradprof.aspx

State Employees Credit Union of Maryland (SECUMD) Foundation

SECU Members

Most Marylanders are eligible for membership in SECU, which is the largest credit union in Maryland. Eligibility may be possible through work, college, university, trade school, affiliation with a Maryland state agency, or via a family member.

The SECU Maryland Foundation was created in 2007 to support the educational goals of its members by providing annual scholarships. Applicants are asked to submit a 500–1,000 word essay on a given prompt. Generally, awards are made to 26 students. Recipients must be a SECU member attending a 2 or 4-year college, university, trade, or technical school. Please reach out to the SECU Community Engagement Team with any questions. Further information is available at https://www.secumdfoundation.org/programs/scholarship-program/

The Near Completer Grant

Undergraduate

A Near Completer is an individual who attended school and has completed college credits but does not have a college degree and is no longer attending school. The student must have earned at least 90 credit hours attending a four-year institution and earned a minimum 2.0 GPA. Near completers will be eligible for up to one third of the in-state undergraduate tuition. Information is available at https://mhec.maryland.gov/Pages/NEAR-COMPLETERS-GRANT-INFORMATION.aspx

Ida G. L. Leonard Ruben Scholarship

Social Work, Service Area B
Workforce Shortage Grant

This program is for enrolled students who plan on working in specific career/occupational programs upon graduation, including Social Work. Recipients must be employed as a social worker in the public or nonprofit sectors under 501(c)(3) or (4) of the IRS code in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or under-served residents or areas of the State. Award amounts are based on the type of institution and the student's enrollment status. You must sign a promissory note agreeing to begin fulfillment of your service obligation within one year of completing the degree for which you received the award. For a complete description, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog_wssag.aspx The application for this program can be found at https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us.

USM Women's Forum

Female Students

The USM Women's Forum $1,000 Student Scholarship is open to all female or female-identified students attending a USM institution. An applicant must have earned a total of 48 undergraduate OR 12 graduate credits, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduate OR 3.25 for graduate, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and have demonstrated financial need. http://www.usmwomensforum.org/awards.html

HOW TO APPLY FOR STATE DELEGATE/SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

STATE DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Maryland Delegate Scholarship is offered to Maryland residents who plan to pursue a postsecondary credential full-time (12+ credits undergraduate or 9+ credits graduate per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits undergraduate or 6-8 credits graduate per semester) at a two-year or four-year Maryland college, university or private career school.

The student may hold the Delegate Scholarship with all state awards. The total dollar amount of all state scholarship awards may not exceed the students cost of attendance (as determined by their Financial Aid Office), or $29,600, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

Current or prospective students should contact their local delegates for instructions on how to apply.

For details, go to https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_delegate.aspx

SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Maryland Senatorial Scholarship is offered to Maryland residents who plan to pursue a postsecondary credential full-time (12+ credits undergraduate or 9+ credits graduate per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits undergraduate or 6-8 credits graduate per semester) at a two-year or four-year Maryland college, university or private career school.

These scholarships are offered/awarded through your state delegation for your district, not through your federal delegation, which includes your U.S. Senators.

The minimum award is $400 and the maximum is $12,617. The total amount of all state awards may not exceed the cost of attendance as determined by the student's college's financial aid office or $29,600, whichever is less.

If your state senator makes his/her own awards, you must call or write to your legislator for further instructions.

For details, go to mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_senatorial.aspx

Voting is Your Right and Privilege

Contact the Board of Supervisors of Elections for your county if you need voting information

Allegany ..... (301) 777–5931
Anne Arundel.....(410) 222–6600
Baltimore County .....(410) 887–5700
Baltimore City..... (410) 396–5550
Calvert..... (410) 535–2214
Caroline.....(410) 479–8145
Carroll ..... (410) 386–2080
Cecil.....(410) 996–5310
Charles..... (301) 934–8972
Dorchester.....(410) 228–2560
Frederick ..... (301) 600–8683
Garrett..... (301) 334–6985
Harford .....(410) 638–3565
Howard..... (410) 313–5820
Kent .....(410) 778–0038
Montgomery .....(240) 777–8500
Prince George's.....(301) 430–8020
Queen Anne's.....(410) 758–0832
St. Mary's .....(301) 475–7844
Somerset.....(410) 651–0767
Talbot .....(410) 770–8099
Washington .....(240) 313–2050
Wicomico.....(410) 548–4830
Worcester..... (410) 632–1320

Maryland SmartWork Initiative — State Employee Student Loan Repayment Plan

Includes Social Work Field or Reimbursement for a Child

Maryland SmartWork Initiative helps the state government to recruit and retain employees in critical areas. This Loan Repayment Plan offers eligible state employees up to $20,000, over ten years of service, for student loan repayments. Recipients may be reimbursed for their own loans, or for those of an eligible child. The child's student loan debt is payable as long as the child is 25 years of age or younger, and the loan is in the name of the employee.

This program took effect Jan. 1, 2019, which is considered the "Start Date for the Plan." Employees do not receive credit for time on the state payroll prior to that date. Student loan repayments are paid to those eligible if they remain employed by the state over ten years from the first day of eligibility. Reimbursements are direct deposited as part of wages and are taxable as such. In the event an employee leaves state service or becomes ineligible to continue participation in the Student Loan Repayment Plan, the state will not recapture prior repayments made to the employee.

A completed application and "Obligated Service Agreement" should be submitted by an employee who wishes to apply to participate in this plan. To obtain more information, visit the Maryland Department of Budget and Management's website at https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/ SmartWork.aspx, or contact William Frank, Plan Administrator by telephone at 410-767-4549, or by email at https://dbm.maryland.gov/employees/Pages/ SmartWork.aspx

IV. AMERICORPS SHORECORPS HOPECORPS AMERICORPS A STAR!

AmeriCorps, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), is a network of local, state, and national service programs. It connects more than 70,000 Americans annually in service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

ShoreCorps
State AmeriCorps Program

ShoreCorps is a state AmeriCorps program, funded in part by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. ShoreCorps members serve on Maryland's Eastern Shore to meet critical needs in communities.

Full-time and half-time applicants attend the tuition-free, mandatory AmeriCorps class at Salisbury University.

Requirements are:

- Strong interest in serving the local community.
- High school diploma or GED
- At least 18 years old.
- Reliable transportation.
- Full-time and half-time applicants must attend a mandatory, biweekly AmericaCorps class as Salisbury University on Thursdays (9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) during Fall and Spring semesters. Minimum-time applicants do not need to attend.
- Must provide documentation of U.S. citizenship, nationality, or permanent residency (e.g., birth certificate, U.S. passport , or Permanent Resident Card).
- Open to all community members, not limited to college students.

Current SU students may apply AmeriCorps experience toward the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certification program at SU. For more information, contact the AmeriCorps Office at 410–543–6137.

HOPESCorps
Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education Corps

The HOPECorps is a scatter-site AmeriCorps program administered by Salisbury University. It serves the eight Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.) It is available to students at the Salisbury campus and the ESHEC satellite. HOPECorps' mission is to strengthen the capacity of community organizations working to tackle the heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that rural areas such as Maryland's Eastern Shore are experiencing higher rates of growth in opioid use than urban centers.

AmeriCorps Members (ACMs) provide support for community and government agencies and assist with naloxone instruction and distribution. Member training includes pre-service orientation, credited courses at Salisbury University (SU), and on-site guidance.

Members enroll, through Salisbury University, in the on-line Social Work 451 course titled "Behavioral Health."

This course introduces theoretical perspectives on substance misuse and mental health, including a working knowledge of their incidence and prevalence.

Mentorship is provided by ShoreCorps, a current AmeriCorps program under the PACE department and successfully administered by SU for 22 years.
https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/hopecorps/about.aspx

AmeriCorps A Star!
Western Maryland

AmeriCorps is funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. It's benefits, like those of ShoreCorps, can include a living stipend for full and half-time members, educational debt deferment, professional development training, and, if eligible, reimbursement for child care.

AmeriCorps members complete an identified number of service hours over a contracted period. Full-time (1700 hr.,) half-time (900 hr.,) and minimum-time (300 hr.) positions are available. Those successfully completing the program are also eligible for a Segal Education Award based on the position type served. These positions are contingent upon grant funding and can possibly work along with internships.

This AmeriCorps program is available at the Salisbury University USMH satellite location and administered through Frostburg State University. AmeriCorps A STAR! in Western Maryland serves Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick Counties.

frostburg.edu/student-community-involvement/civic-engagement/AS-TAR-Americorp/index.php

V. FOUNDATIONS & FUNDS

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
Social Justice Activists

Founded in memory of Marian Davis, a teacher and political activist, the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund offers annual awards of up to $15,000 to students who are participating in the work for social justice. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression. Further information is available at https://davisputter.org/ and application materials can be found at https://www.davisputter.org/apply

American Cancer Society
2nd Year MSW Student

This organization has a generous two-year grant for second-year Social Work master's degree students who will work in the field of oncology. The student must train to provide psychosocial services to individuals with cancer and services to their families. Find details at: www.cancer.org Deadline to apply for this annual gift of $12,000 is **October 15**.

National Pathfinder Scholarships
Female Undergraduate or Graduate

Established by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) in honor of First Lady Nancy Reagan, three annual National Pathfinder Scholarships for $2,500 are available as financial support for female students seeking an undergraduate or master's degree in a field related to substance abuse prevention, including social work. Along with the application, candidates must submit three letters of recommendation, an official college transcript, and a one-page typed essay on career goals. The deadline is June 1. https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/studentfundingfinder/student_funding/national-pathfinder-scholarship/

Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship
Undergraduate & Graduate

Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarships are granted to accomplished undergraduate students under the age of 30 and graduate students younger than 40. Applicants must show that their degree programs prepare them for "careers aimed at improving the human condition" and that they have financial need. They must also be willing to travel to New York City to interview, which is not paid for by the foundation. Awards may go up to $10,000. The application process begins in July for the following year. https://scheppfoundation.org/apply

Soroptimist "Live Your Dream Award" Scholarship
For Women

The "Live Your Dream" scholarship offers three levels of cash awards. Ultimately, a Live Your Dream Awards finalist has the potential to receive up to $16,000 to help offset tuition costs, purchase books, get transportation, or find reliable childcare so she can worry less about how to pay her bills and focus on reaching her dreams.

https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html

Roothbert Fund
Graduate & Undergraduate

Grants average $5000-$7000 per year and approximately 10-20 applicants receive fellowships. Aid is given for the ensuing school year. Applicants who receive fellowships are eligible to apply for renewals for a similar grant amount if they are continuing their degree the following year. Strong preference will be given to graduate students as well as undergraduates who have completed at least 1 year of study (i.e., sophomore or junior applicants). Please see https://www.roothbertfund.org/scholarships for additional information on the scholarship program.

Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)
Women Recommended by a Local Chapter

Citizens of the U.S. or Canada are eligible for recommendation if enrolled in a degree program. The applicant must have had at least twenty-four consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life and will complete her program of education within twenty-four months after the beginning of the term for which the grant is requested.

The Board of Trustees of the Program for Continuing Education (PCE) will evaluate applications with the primary consideration being the applicant's demonstrated overall need for assistance. When a grant is approved, the check is mailed to the PCE contact listed on the chapter recommendation. The award is then presented personally to the recipient. Grant, loan and award recipients need not be members of P.E.O. Details are at https://www.peointernational.org/psa-eligibility-requirements

Sarah Haley Memorial Award For Clinical Excellence

Graduate Students in Clinical Social Work

Sponsored by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), this award is presented to graduate students who have dedicated their careers to working with individuals suffering post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, and/or military service. Eligible candidates for the $5,000 award must be enrolled in an accredited masters or doctoral program and receiving training for clinical social work. The deadline is **March 31**.
https://istss.org/awards/professional-awards/sarah-haley-memorial-award-for-clinical-excellence/

American School Health Association Scholarship

Social Work

ASHA provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree in social work with an emphasis on the health needs of children. Three $1000 scholarships are awarded annually in the fields of pediatric and adolescent medicine or dentistry, school health education and school nursing. Check the ASHA website for information

William Randolf Hearst Fellowship

Undergraduate & Graduate Students of Color

From the Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation (PSI), the William Randolph Hearst Fellowship is available for students of color who are pursuing a degree in an altruistic field such as social work. This is a 12 to 15-week fellowship for $2,000.

The Quell Foundation

Mental Health Awareness

The Quell Foundation aims to reduce suicides, overdoses, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness by promoting story-sharing, increasing mental health service access, offering scholarships for future professionals, and training first responders to recognize mental health crises.

Survivor Scholarship

Loss of Family Member

The Quell Foundation Survivor Scholarship supports high school seniors or current students who have lost a parent, caregiver, or sibling to suicide. Established by The Quell Foundation's Irene Pasierb Memorial Fund, it aims to raise awareness about mental health care disparities.

Fighter Scholarship

Mental Health

The Quell Foundation Fighter Scholarship is for high school seniors or current students receiving treatment for a diagnosed mental health condition. Established by the Quell Foundation Awareness Fund, it aims to improve care and treatment for individuals with mental health challenges.

Bridge the Gap Scholarship

Mental Health Field

The Quell Foundation Bridge the Gap Scholarship is for Master's level graduate students pursuing degrees in psychology, counseling, social work, or related fields. It supports The Quell Foundation's mission to expand the mental health workforce, enhance service delivery, and promote reforms in clinical and behavioral health services.

The Melanie Foundation Scholarship

Mental Health Field

The Melanie Foundation $2,500 Scholarship is awarded to a candidate pursuing a doctoral or master's degree in the mental health field. You must be currently enrolled or accepted into a graduate program majoring in the mental health field and demonstrate experience and interest in one or more of the ideals to which Melanie Merola O'Donnell committed herself. The scholarship will be awarded to a candidate for one year. Candidates may reapply for additional years. For more information or to apply, visit **https://www.themelaniefoundation.com/**

POINT FOUNDATION
THE LGBTQ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Point Foundation

LGBTQ Students

The Point Foundation provides financial support, mentoring, and hope to meritorious students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity. The application is open to LGBT students nationwide.

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate program and "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Finalists must be able to record a video for the Point Selections Committee.

https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships

VI. SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS

Pi Gamma Mu Scholarships

Graduate — Social Sciences First or Second Year

Pi Gamma Mu is an International Honor Society in social sciences. To qualify for membership, a student must be a junior, senior, or graduate student in the upper 35 percent of the class; have at least 20 semester hours in specific core areas; and have a GPA of B or better. For further details, go to https://pigammamu.org/scholarships.html

Pi Gamma Mu awards up to ten scholarships each year to members in good standing. These $1,000 – $2,000 scholarships are intended for first or second year graduate work in the social sciences, including social work. Business Administration is excluded from consideration. Other interdisciplinary fields are considered on an individual basis depending upon the degree to which the social sciences are an integral component of the course of study. In such cases, applicants should submit a program description outlining requirements and coursework.

A statement of purpose is significant. It should include information about the applicant's commitment to the social sciences and have a professional appearance. Winners will be notified in late spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Only complete applications will be considered for awards. Previous recipients of Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are not eligible to apply again.

Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work

Phi Alpha offers the following student awards:

- ***Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg — Scholarship, Service, Leadership***
- ***Student Leadership Award — Outstanding Ideals***
- ***MSW Scholarship — Scholarship, Service, Leadership***
- ***Student Membership Support — Membership Fee***

https://phialpha.org/programs/

Patty Gibbs-Wahlberg Scholarship

Awards of $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to present her or his work during the Student Session of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors conference held each spring.

Student Leadership Award

The focus of this Award is the student's leadership, service, impact, and commitment. The awards are: (1st) $1,000, (2nd) $750, and (3rd) $500. The first place selection will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to receive their award at the Phi Alpha Honor Society International Business Meeting held during the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.

Students are nominated by their Phi Alpha Chapter Advisor. Students must be active leaders of Phi Alpha to be nominated. Deadline to apply is **May 31**.

MSW Scholarship

Awards of $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000 are presented each year. The first place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to present her or his work during the Phi Alpha Executive meeting in conjunction with the Council in Social Work each fall.

Student Membership Support

This program is designed for students eligible for Phi Alpha membership whose situation makes it a challenge to pay membership fees. Each chapter receives 2 memberships per academic year at no cost. Chapters are responsible for any chapter fees

The Dr. Morris F. X. Jeff, Jr. Tuition Scholarship

Undergraduate

This $2,000 scholarship is open to members of the National Association of Black Social Workers majoring in social work at an accredited U.S. institution. It was established to honor its namesakes who worked tirelessly to better the lives of the poor in their community. Potential applicants must submit letters of recommendation and a 500 word essay on one of the two listed topics.

https://www.nabsw.org/

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS

Cenie "Jojo" Williams Tuition Scholarship

Current NABSW Members

The scholarship is in memory of Cenie "Jojo" Williams, Jr. He was the first elected President and first Executive Director of the National Association of Black Social Workers. His work also resulted in the development of the NABSW International Education Conference. Each year the NABSW awards two Cenie "Jojo" Williams Tuition Scholarships of $2,500 each. Applicants may be eligible for both a tuition scholarship and a book scholarship for a total of $5,000.

These awards are given to African American students who have shown commitment to improving the social, economic, and political lives of those in the African American community. Applicants must submit their college transcripts and letters of recommendation. The NABSW homepage is at https://www.nabsw.org/

Dr. Joyce Beckett Tuition Scholarship

Current NABSW Members Graduate MSW Program

This award is open to African American students enrolled full time in a master of social work program. Candidates must hold a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate a commitment to working with and serving the black community. They must also serve as active members of NABSW. To apply, students should submit their current academic records, two letters of recommendation, a school registrar letter proving good academic standing, and a statement of purpose.

The NABSW scholarship homepage is at https://www.naswma.org/page/Scholarships The scholarship amount is $1,000.

NASW National Association of Social Workers

NASW foundation

National Association of Social Workers

- ***Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship — MSW Students***
- ***Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship — MSW Students***

Questions should be directed to https://www.socialworkers.org

Verne LaMarr Lyons

Memorial Scholarship

The $3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship The $3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to masters degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in health/mental health practice and have a commitment to working in African American communities.

Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or been accepted into an accredited MSW Program. Students may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Non-members can join NASW: 1) if they have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program.

https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Verne-LaMarr-Lyons-Memorial-Scholarship

Consuelo W. Gosnell

Memorial Scholarship

The Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship is awarded to master's degree candidates in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to working with, or who have a special affinity with, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations. Candidates with a demonstrated commitment to working with public or voluntary nonprofit agencies or local grassroots groups are also eligible.

A panel reviews applicants for the Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship and selects up to 10 scholarship winners of up to $4,000 each. Students must have applied to, or have been accepted into, an accredited MSW program. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. Those enrolled in a master of social work (MSW) program for more than one year may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Active NASW membership, in good standing, is a mandatory requirement to receive an NASW Foundation Scholarship Award. To apply for NASW membership, visit the NASW website or download and complete NASW's "Membership Application" found at "Online Join." Criteria to join NASW: 1) a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program. The deadline is **March 11**.

https://www.naswfoundation.org/Our-Work/Scholarships-Fellowships-Awards/Scholarships/Consuelo-W-Gosnell-Memorial-Scholarship

VII. SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Council on Social Work Education — Carl A. Scott Book Scholarships

Final Year of BASW or MSW Degree in a CSWE Program

The Carl A. Scott Memorial Fund was established by the Council on Social Work Education Board of Directors in recognition of Carl A. Scott's contributions to CSWE and the social work profession. In his honor, two $500 scholarships are awarded each academic year to students who have demonstrated a commitment to work for equity in social work.

Eligible candidates must be in their final year of study for a full-time bachelor's or master's degree in a CSWE accredited social work program and have a GPA of at least 3.0. Students must be American citizens, non-citizen nationals, or have permanent residence status. Priority will be given, but is not limited, to minority ethnic/racial individuals.

https://www.cswe.org/Centers-Initiatives/Scholarships-and-Fellowships/ Carl-A-Scott-Memorial.aspx

More CSWE Information

Minority Fellowship Program

CSWE's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) opportunities support the mission of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to reduce the effects of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. It is geared toward training for racial/ethnic minority individuals to work with underrepresented and underserved persons at risk for mental health and/ or substance abuse disorders.

Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley

Memorial Scholarship

The $3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship The $3,000 Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to masters degree candidates in social work who demonstrate an interest in health/mental health practice and have a commitment to working in African American communities.

Students must be an NASW member and have applied to or been accepted into an accredited MSW Program. Students may reapply to the Foundation for part or all of a second year.

Non-members can join NASW: 1) if they have a social work degree (BSW/MSW) or are matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work program; or 2) are enrolled in or awaiting acceptance into a CSWE-accredited program.
https://bcainc.org/resources/free-programs/

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Hispanic or Latino Heritage

This $500–$5,000 scholarship is for students of Hispanic or Latino heritage. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, DACA resident, or eligible non-citizen according to the FAFSA. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Complete information can be found at **https://www.hsf.net/scholarship**

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Italian Descent

Ten to twelve General Study Scholarships ranging from $4,000 to $25,000 are awarded annually to U.S. citizens of Italian descent. Applicants must be enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited institution. There is a nonrefundable $35 fee which includes a one-year AtLarge Membership to OSDIA. Information can be found at http://osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/general-study/

(NAIF) National Italian American Foundation

Italian American Students

The National Italian American Foundation awards scholarships to 60 –70 outstanding students. Scholarships range from $2,500 – $12,000.

Applicants must be a member of NIAF or have a parent, grandparent or guardian with an active NIAF membership. For requirements and application information, visit https://www.niaf.org/programs/available-scholarships/

American Indian Education Program

Social Work

This program is for juniors and seniors in college planning to get a master's degree in Social Work. The current scholarship is worth up to $1,500, primarily for tuition. Applicants must belong to a "federally recognized tribe" and have a 2.0 GPA. Visit our website www.aiefprogram.org to find the application. The deadline is April 4 to be considered, but completed applications received by March 1 will have an advantage.

CUSP
COMUNIDAD AND UMOJA
SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK • SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Comunidad and Umoja Scholars Program (CUSP)

Graduate

CUSP, sponsored by the School of Social Work, is a leadership development program designed to enhance the training of full-time, master-level social work students committed to culturally responsive practice and leadership. Applicants should be dedicated to supporting communities of color as part of their social work practice.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Current or accepted MSW student in the Salisbury University School of Social Work with at least a 3.0 GPA. (UMGC students are not eligible)
- Must be in good academic standing, and if an incoming MSW student cannot be provisionally admitted to the MSW Program
- Enrolled in at least nine credit hours per semester
- Must be in a field placement during the award period
- Targeted to, but not limited to, people from historically marginalized racial/ethnic groups

https://salisbury.academicworks.com/opportunities/4708

National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers NAPRHSW

MSW — Social Work

National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 by a group of Puerto Rican Social Workers dedicated to the enhancement and general welfare of Latino families.

http://www.naprhsw.com/ scholarship-info

VIII. MILITARY & VETERANS

Military Scholarships

Every branch of the military makes provisions for military personnel and their families to attend college or university if the proper criteria are met. This includes, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard, Coast Guard, AMVETS, the American Legion, and many more. Check online for each individual branch to find information on educational funding and how to apply for it.

Veterans Benefits at Salisbury University

VA benefits are administered by the SU Registrar's office. To begin using your VA Education Benefits, supporting documents are needed in advance for the University to be able to certify your enrollment with the Veteran's Administration. You must first complete an Application for Education Benefits on-line through the VA's website. If you have not received your Certificate of Eligibility before starting the admissions process at Salisbury University, please provide the Veteran's Office at SU with a copy of your completed application.

Once you receive your Certificate of Eligibility, to continue enrollment certification at SU, you must complete the Veterans Benefit Certification Request each semester.

To find out how to apply for the GI Bill ® and related benefits, go to https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/academic-affairs/registrar/veterans/

Fry Scholarship

Service members' Children and Spouses

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is available for children and spouses of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Information is at https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/

Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts (VAIC)

Maryland Residents

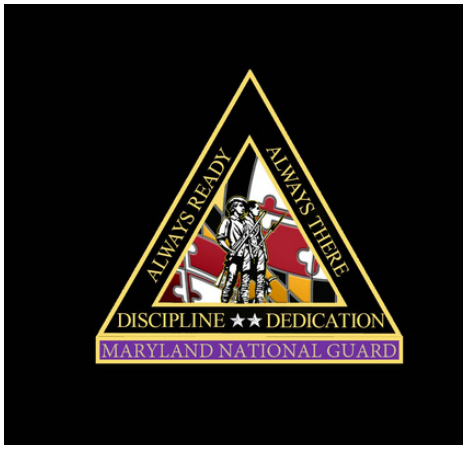
This program is designed to provide financial assistance to armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are enrolled in an eligible Maryland institution of higher learning.

Applicants must complete the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship application and a FAFSA. For additional information, please visit, http://veterans.maryland.gov/education-supports-and-scholarship

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Government Match

VEAP is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a $2-for-$1 basis by the government. Depending on the number of your monthly contributions, you may be entitled for up to 36-months of benefits. To learn more about VEAP, including eligibility restrictions, visit https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/veap/



Maryland Army National Guard

Salisbury University Students

Salisbury University has an MOU with the MD Army National Guard which provides a tuition waiver for up to 50% of six credits for a guard member enrolled full time. The applicant must have a "State Tuition Waiver Letter" signed by his/her commanding officer before turning it into the Registrar's Office. The form to apply can be found at https://www.salisbury.edu/administration/administration-and-finance-offices/financial-services/accounts-receivable-cashiers-office/financial-aid-tuition-waiver.aspx

Survivors and Dependents Assistance (DEA)

Veteran's Dependents

This GI Bill program ® offers educational opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a military service-related condition. It is also available to dependents of veterans who died while on active duty or died as a result of a military service-related condition. For information, go to https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/

REAP Conversion to Post – 9/11 GI Bill ®

Formerly (REAP) Reserve Educational Assistance Program

The National Defense Department ended the REAP program on 11– 25 –15.

Some individuals remained eligible until 11–25 –19. Veterans who had not enrolled in school and applied for REAP prior to 11– 25 –15, in most cases, are eligible for the Post–9/11 GI Bill.®To find details on converting to the Post–9/11 GI Bill®, go to https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp

Montgomery GI Bill ® (MGIB-AD) and Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Active Duty (AD) Reserves and National Guard (SR)

MGIB benefits are available for service members and veterans to help with education costs. The AD version is for active duty members who enroll and pay $100 per month for 12 months. They are entitled to receive a monthly benefit after completing a minimum service obligation. The SR version is for reservists, with a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve, who are actively drilling. To learn more, visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/montgomery_bill.asp®

Yellow Ribbon Program

Veteran's Dependents

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (known as the Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post–9/11® Veterans Education Assistance Act.

This program allows American institutions of higher education to enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to members and veterans that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. To learn more, visit:

https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/und the tuition expenses of service

Post–9/11 GI Bill ®

Active Duty and Veterans

If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after 9–10–2001, and are still on active duty; or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran; or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program. Purple Heart recipients, regardless of length of service, are qualified for Post–9/11 ® benefits at the 100% level.

The bill currently pays tuition and includes an annual book-and-supplies stipend of $1,000. The percentage of benefits received depends on the time spent on active duty.

To learn how the GI Bill ® provides financial support for education to veterans, visit https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/

Transferability Option Post–9/11 GI Bill ®

Transfer to Spouse and /or Dependents

The transferability option under the Post–9/11 GI Bill ® allows service members to transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The request to transfer GI Bill benefits to dependents must be completed while serving as an active member of the Armed Forces. If the Department of Defense (DoD) approves the transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at the Veterans Administration.

Eligible service members may transfer benefits to a spouse and/or one or more children. Family members must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits at the time of transfer to receive the benefits.

The option to transfer is open to any member of the armed forces active duty or selected reserve, officer or enlisted who is eligible for the Post – 9/11 GI Bill,® and meets the criteria established by the Department of Defense.

Further information is available at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp ®

Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

For Debt Incurred Before Joining the Military

LRP is a benefit offered to members of the U.S. Armed Forces to help service members reduce student debt incurred while taking college classes before joining the military. You must enroll in the LRP when you enlist in the Armed Forces. The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force each have versions of the LRP. The Army and Navy will repay up to $65,000 of your qualifying student loans, and the Air Force will repay loans up to $10,000. Eligibility restrictions apply. To learn more, visit https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment

IX. SITE SPECIFIC

USMH
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Applications for USMH scholarships are available to eligible bachelor's or graduate degree students. Awards are paid to the registrar of the USMH institution the awardee attends.

The USMH application website is: https://hagerstown.usmd.edu/academics-admissions/scholarships

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Program (TA)

Five Branches of Military

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) will pay for some or all of the tuition costs of college courses that you take while on active duty. TA is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Active-duty members may choose to use the MGIB "top-up" in addition to their service provided TA. The use of "top-up" allows for payment up to 100% of tuition expenses. TA benefits are separate from GI Bill® benefits and do not count against them. To learn more, visit https://www.dantes.mil/mil-ta/#:~:text=The%20Department%20of%20Defense%20(DoD,academic%20degree%20or%20certificate%20program.

X. LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment program (LARP)

Social Work — Maryland

The applicant must be a Washington County resident enrolled in a program at USMH, and may be either in a graduate or undergraduate program.

This program is for Maryland residents who provide public service to low income or under-served residents through Maryland State or local government or nonprofit agencies. There are a number of eligible employment fields including either a bachelor's or master's degree in Social Work.

Applicants must meet requirements — have eligible employment in Maryland, be a Maryland institution graduate, be employed full-time in a shortage area, and have student loans that are not in default. Check the website for current salary limits, which also apply.

Loan repayment awards range from $1,500 to $10,000. Award funds are distributed annually over a three (3) year period as long as the recipient remains eligible and continues to submit the required documentation by the deadline. The application process begins in July through the Maryland College Aid Processing System. All documents must be submitted to the office of Student Financial Assistance by close of business on the last business day prior to September 30.

A description of this program and complete details can be found at: https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_larp.aspx

SCHOLARSHIP BEST PRACTICES

Here's a list of best practices to follow when searching for scholarships:

Start Early

- Begin your search well ahead of deadlines. Many scholarships have early application periods, and starting early ensures you don't miss out on opportunities.

- Use Multiple Sources

Look for scholarships through various sources such as:

- College and university websites
- Scholarship search engines (e.g., Fastweb, Cappex, Niche)
- Community organizations, businesses, and local foundations
- Government websites (e.g., Federal Student Aid)

Keep Track of Deadlines

- Maintain a list or calendar with deadlines for each scholarship you are applying for. Missing deadlines can lead to lost opportunities.

Understand Eligibility Requirements

- Carefully review the eligibility criteria to ensure you meet all the requirements before spending time on an application.

Tailor Your Applications

- Customize each application to fit the specific scholarship. Use the correct format, respond to all questions fully, and highlight experiences or qualifications that align with the scholarship's focus.

Create a Strong Personal Statement or Essay

- Many scholarships require an essay or personal statement. Write compelling, well-organized essays that reflect your goals, accomplishments, and values. Be authentic and make sure you address all prompts.

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

Includes Social Work

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which offers loan repayment to licensed social workers in exchange for a two-year commitment in a shortage area. The Loan Repayment Program offers up to $50,000 based on the need of the community in which a provider works.

A description can be found at **https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program**

For questions, call 1-800-221-9393 (TTY: 1-877-897-9910)