



Reduced Tuition Eligibility Requirements for Undocumented Students

For Eligible Maryland High School Graduates

As an open-admission institution, Howard Community College grants admission to all students regardless of immigration status. Maryland legislation (The Dream Act) provides the opportunity for some non-U.S. citizens who attended high school in Maryland to receive in-county or out-of-county tuition rates. In order to qualify for the exemption from nonresident tuition rates, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Attended high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years, not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;**
- 2. Graduated from a high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a Maryland high school diploma, not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;**
- 3. Enrolls at a Maryland Community College within four years after graduating from a high school in Maryland or receiving the equivalent of a Maryland high school diploma;**
- 4. Provides documentation that the individual, or the individual's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return:**
 - a. annually for the 3 years that coincide with the individual's Maryland high school attendance (home schooled students are subject to this requirement in the same manner);**
 - b. annually each year between high school attendance and enrolling at Howard Community College, and;**
 - c. annually while attending Howard Community College;**
- 5. Provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;**
- 6. Provides proof that the individual has registered with the selective service system (*This currently applies to all males 18 – 25. Proof of selective service registration can be obtained by filing with the Post Office and returning a receipt to the college that shows proof of registration or by providing a selective service card*).**

EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION

- Once you are determined to be eligible for the exemption, you will continue to receive it as long as you fulfill the eligibility requirements or until the college no longer offers this exemption.
- The exemption permits undocumented individuals to pay the in-county or out-of-county rate based on the location of your high school.
- If you have received a GED, the tuition rate is based on where you most recently attended high school.
- Students who meet the outlined requirements should complete the Tuition Application and Affidavit for Undocumented Students.
- Supporting documentation is required.
- The application and documentation will be reviewed within 14 days.
- ***Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by the college deadline any nonresident tuition and fees that are due before your eligibility is determined.***



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