

**University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Differential Exemption**  
***For Eligible Maryland High School Graduates***

As authorized under Annotated Education Code of Maryland § 15-106.8

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Any student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. § 1101(A)(15), who meets all of the following requirements, shall be exempt from paying the nonresident tuition differential at all public colleges and universities in Maryland.

Requirements:

- (1) Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
- (2) Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;
- (3) Attended a community college in Maryland not earlier than the 2010 fall semester and met the requirements for the nonresident tuition exemption at the community college;
- (4) Was awarded an associate's degree by or achieved 60 credits at a community college in Maryland;
- (5) If applicable, provides the institution with a copy of the affidavit submitted to the community college regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;
- (6) Provides to the institution documentation that the individual or the individual's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return:
  - a. for at least three years while the individual attended a high school in Maryland
  - b. annually while the individual attended a community college in Maryland;
  - c. annually during the period, if any, between graduation from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college and registration at a Maryland public senior higher education institution; and
  - d. annually during the period of attendance at the Maryland public senior higher education institution; and,
- (7) Registers at a Maryland public senior higher education institution in the state not later than 4 years after graduating from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college.
- (8) If applicable, has registered with the Selective Service System.

**PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THIS EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION**

Your institution has established deadlines for submission of exemption requests; however, requests are not to be submitted until you have been admitted to a USM institution. 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 University no longer offers this exemption. The exemption covers the Nonresident Tuition Fee and the Educational Fee differential charged to nonresident students. Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by the campus deadline any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. If you are granted the exemption, any differential will be refunded. For institution-specific instructions regarding documentation and deadline dates, contact the institution's Office of Admissions.

**University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request**  
**For Eligible Maryland High School Graduates**

Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the University. Contact the USM institution to which you have been admitted for additional procedures and deadlines.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print mm/dd/yr

**ELIGIBILITY:**

I, the undersigned, am applying for a University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible Maryland high school graduates at (specify university) \_\_\_\_\_ and I declare the following:

1. I attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
2. I graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;
3. I have attended a community college in Maryland not earlier than the 2010 fall semester and met the requirements for the nonresident tuition exemption at the community college;
4. I was awarded an associate's degree by or achieved 60 credits at a community college in Maryland;
5. If applicable, I submitted to the community college an affidavit regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so. **(You must submit a copy of the affidavit with this form.)**
6. I, or my parent or legal guardian, have filed Maryland income tax returns:  
**(You must submit copies of comptroller's confirmations that tax returns have been filed for each of the following with this form, and if granted the exemption, for each year of enrollment thereafter.)**
  - i. for at least three years while I attended a high school in Maryland;
  - ii. annually, while I attended a community college in Maryland;
  - iii. annually during the period, if any, between graduation from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college and registration at a Maryland public senior higher education; and
  - iv. annually, during the period of attendance at the Maryland public senior higher education institution; and,
7. I will be enrolling at this institution not later than 4 years after graduating from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college.
8. If applicable, I have registered with the Selective Service System. **(You must submit a copy of the registration card with this form.)**

**High School Information** (provide information on all school[s] you attended in grades 9–12)

| School Name | City | State | From - To<br>(MM/YY – MM/YY) |
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Did you earn a high school diploma or the equivalent from the State of Maryland? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what year and school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Community College/University Information** (provide information on all colleges/universities attended)

| Community College/University Name | City | State | From – To<br>(MM/YY – MM/YY) |
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*I certify that the information provided is complete and correct. I understand that the University reserves the right to request additional information if necessary. In the event the University discovers that false or misleading information has been provided, the Student Applicant may be billed by the University retroactively to recover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition for the current and subsequent semesters.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_