

2019 Scholarship Application Requirements

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Maryland Senatorial Scholarship Program. To be an eligible applicant, you must meet the following criteria:

- (1) be a current resident of the Tenth Legislative District; not already receiving a Senatorial Scholarship from a Senator in another district;
- (2) file an application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than **March 1, 2019**; and
- (3) apply for admission to a Maryland college, university or other accredited post-secondary educational program as a full-time or part-time student taking at least 6 credits.

Your scholarship application packet **must** contain the following items and **must** be sent to me by U. S. mail and postmarked by **April 12, 2019** (no faxes or emails will be accepted):

- (a) an essay of **at least 3** double-spaced typed pages, but **not to exceed 5** double-spaced typed pages on one of the topics below:
 1. Given unlimited resources, what medical condition would you work to eradicate?
 2. What are the most important issues facing your field of study today?
 3. Describe an experience where you were unable to achieve your goal and the lessons you learned from this experience.
 4. Describe a person you admire and how he/she has influenced you.
 5. How accurately do you think standardized tests measure your true abilities?

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- (b) two recent letters of recommendation (**not more than 6 months old**) from teachers, counselors, job supervisors or mentors (**no family members or personal friends**); (**all letters must be on letterhead , signed and dated**);
- (c) an official transcript (**SEALED**) from your former or current school, to include your most recent grades, or an official copy of your GED certificate;
- (d) a copy of your SAT/ACT scores if you plan to enroll as a college freshman, or if your transcript shows **fewer** than 24 college credits;
- (e) a copy of your **entire** Federal Student Aid Report (**SAR**); and
- (f) an identification sheet with the following information: your name, permanent address, your email address, the college/university that you plan to attend, and your anticipated major.

Please write the word **scholarship** on the outside of the envelope and mail all of the above items to: **Senator Delores G. Kelley**
3 East Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

*If your packet **does not** contain **all** of the documents that are required, your packet will be deemed incomplete and **will not** be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

If you have any questions or if you are unsure of what is required, please contact **Ms. Linda Forsyth, my scholarship coordinator by phone 410-841-3606 or by email lforsyth@senate.state.md.us**

Additional information on other State of Maryland scholarships is available on the “**State Financial Assistance**” link on the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s website, www.mhec.state.md.us .

Sincerely,

Delores G. Kelley

Delores G. Kelley, Ph.D.

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Academic Readiness

Our Scholarship Committee evaluates various indicators of an applicant's likelihood of success in higher education.

For high school seniors and for college students with fewer than 24 college credits, the Committee reviews the following:

| | Relative Weight |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Student essay | 40% |
| 2. Solid or greatly improved grades | 30% |
| 3. SAT/ACT scores | 30% |

For other applicants, including graduate and professional students, the committee reviews the following:

| | Relative Weight |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Student essay | 40% |
| 2. Solid or improved post-secondary grades | 30% |
| 3. Supervised work experience relevant to major (per reference letters, transcripts, or student essay) | 30% |

Financial Need

The Scholarship Committee reviews the federal SAR (Student Aid Report) to evaluate the relative degree of financial need of those applicants who demonstrate significant academic readiness for success.