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Ways and Means Committee



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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear scholarship applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr Scholarship. Each member of the Maryland General Assembly provides scholarships to Maryland residents, although our application processes vary. My office awards funds through three mechanisms: 1) directly to students via this application form, 2) through the Universities at Shady Grove, and 3) through the Montgomery County branch of the NAACP.

To apply for a scholarship, you must be a resident of Maryland's 17th legislative district. You can confirm that you are a District 17 resident by entering your address on this <u>interactive map</u>. Note: part of northern Gaithersburg was removed from District 17 during legislative redistricting in 2022. If you previously received a scholarship from our office, please check your address to make sure that you still live in District 17.

The delegate scholarship is open to community college, undergraduate, and graduate students. Both full- and part-time students are eligible to apply. Undergraduate students must maintain at least 6 credits per semester if part-time or at least 12 credits per semester if full-time. Graduate students must maintain 9 or more credits per semester if full-time, while part-time graduate students must maintain 6-8 credits per semester.

The scholarship is for use at a Maryland institution of higher education. You may only use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at a Maryland school or if you are a Maryland resident serving in the military and are stationed out of state. The Maryland Higher Education Commission must identify your major as "unique" for you to qualify for out-of-state use.

This is a needs-based scholarship. As such, the amount of scholarship awarded varies based on the financial need of the applicant. To be eligible for a scholarship, your estimated annual family income must be \$125,000 or below.

Any District 17 resident may apply for the scholarship, regardless of citizenship status, so long as they qualify for in-state tuition. If you aren't sure if you are eligible, please reach out to my office and we'll assist you.

If you are a current recipient of a Cheryl Kagan Senatorial Scholarship, you will only qualify for a scholarship from my office if you receive \$1,500 or less from the Senator. If you're unsure of your eligibility, please ask my office before you apply.

Finally, please note that the scholarship is for a single academic year. Prior recipients must reapply each year.

To apply, **submit your application no later than May 26, 2023**. To apply for the scholarship, please complete and submit the following Google form: https://bit.ly/JPCscholarship23

Please contact my office (julie.palakovichcarr@house.state.md.us) should you have any questions.

Sincerely, Julie Palakovich Carr

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Verify that you meet the eligibility criteria:
 - You must be a resident of <u>District 17</u> (Rockville and Gaithersburg). If you are a dependent,
 your parents must also live in the district.
 - O You are eligible for Maryland in-state tuition
 - o You will be attending a college located in Maryland or have a unique major waiver
 - You will be enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester in community college, undergraduate, or graduate institution
 - O Your family's estimated annual income is \$125,000 or below
- Complete and submit application at https://bit.ly/JPCscholarship23_no_later than 5 pm on May 26, 2023
 - You can expect a confirmation from my office of your application within 10 days of submission. If you do not hear from my office in that time, please contact us.