What you should know about the Maryland DREAM Act

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Maryland DREAM Act

The Maryland Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act allows Maryland high school graduates who are undocumented immigrants the opportunity to receive the lowest tuition rate at a local community college if certain requirements are met.

1. Have you attended a Maryland high school for at least three years?
2. Did/Will you graduate from a Maryland high school or receive a Maryland General Education Diploma (GED)?
3. Did/Will you enroll in classes at a Maryland community college within four years of graduating high school or receiving a Maryland GED?

If you answered yes to all questions, the Maryland DREAM Act may be for you.

First-time applicants must submit:
- A signed Affidavit for Undocumented Immigrant Student Tuition Rate form;
- An official copy of your high school transcripts indicating attendance at a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least three academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
- Documentation that you or your parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland state income tax return(s);
- If you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25, proof of registration with the Selective Service System.

An applicant’s approval is valid for one full academic year (fall, spring, and summer I and II session of the following year).

Returning students must submit:
- A new signed affidavit form for that academic year;
- Documentation of you or your parent’s/guardian’s current Maryland state income tax return forms.

When to submit your application (priority deadlines):
- Fall term—July 1;
- Spring term—January 1;
- Summer term—May 1.

Information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)
If you have already been approved for DACA, that does not impact your eligibility for the Maryland DREAM Act. We encourage you to apply for both beneficial programs.

Bring in your valid Federal Employment Authorization card that indicates reference code: (c)(33) to any of our three Offices of Enrollment Services. Staff will update your status and eligibility to receive in-county/state tuition based on your residency.

For up-to-date information regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), please visit: montgomerycollege.edu/dreamact and click on the DACA link.

Priority Deadlines:
July 1 for fall, January 1 for spring, May 1 for summer.

Final Deadlines:
End of third week of classes for fall and spring, end of first week of classes for summer.

Required Documents:
- Signed Affidavit for Undocumented Immigrant Student Tuition Rate form;
- Official copy of final high school transcript; official copy of Maryland GED transcript also required if not high school graduate;
- If you are male, proof that you registered with Selective Service. This could include a copy of the Selective Service Registration Acknowledgement Card, which arrives in the mail 30-90 days after you send in your registration card. You may receive an acknowledgement from the post office when you turn in the registration and send it via certified mail.

Who is your parent or legal guardian?
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(state name and relationship to student)

Please provide copies of your parent or legal guardian’s signed Maryland State Income Tax returns to the Office of Enrollment Services at Montgomery College for the years listed below:
- Each of the three years that you attended high school;
- Each year that you attended community college, and
- Each year between high school and community college.

OR please provide copies of your own, signed Maryland State Income Tax returns to the Office of Enrollment Services at Montgomery College for the years listed below:
- Each of the three years that you attended high school;
- Each year that you attended community college, and
- Each year between high school and community college.

After all documents, including the signed affidavit form, are received and reviewed by the Office of Enrollment Services at Montgomery College, you will be considered for the in-county or in-state tuition rate.

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