

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE

SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the Senatorial Scholarship. In order to apply, you must be a resident of Maryland’s 14th Legislative District. This scholarship is awarded primarily based on financial need, commitment to public service and interest for higher education. **Please read the following instructions carefully before completing and sending your application.**

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**You must be a resident of Maryland’s 14th Legislative District in order to apply.** To be considered for a scholarship, you must first fill out the attached two-page application. The form is designed to be typed on directly and then printed. In order to fill out the form, click on the box to begin typing. To check the boxes, simply click the box next to your answer.

Next, you must answer the questions on the following page, these should be typed and sent-in at the same time as the rest of the application. The answers to these questions should be double-spaced and typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font.

In addition, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **or** submit the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) online through MDCAPS for any applicant who is ineligible to receive federal aid but is eligible for in-state tuition by **March 1st, 2024.** The FAFSA can be found by going to www.fafsa.gov. The MSFAA is now available through your [MDCAPS Student Account](https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/MDCAPS/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/MDCAPS/int/FinAid/index.aspx). After your FAFSA or MSFAA application is processed, send the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which describes your Pell Grant eligibility, along with your application and essay.

**WHAT TO SUBMIT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

The following are the ONLY materials that you should send. Any extraneous materials, including transcripts, will be discarded and not considered with your application. **Please send in all your materials at once.**

1. The attached two-page application (**typed**)
2. Essay (**typed)** that addresses the following questions:
* What are you plans for college? (Which college/university, what major?)
* What kind of community service/volunteer experience do you have?
* How will you use your degree to serve your community and/or the public at large?
1. A resume including community service experience (**typed**)
2. The **first page** of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) **or** Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA)
3. Proof of veteran status (if applicable)
4. Proof of learning difference (if applicable)

**WHERE YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR APPLICATION:**

Please email your applicationtoCraig.Zucker@Senate.State.md.us**.** Please label your documents clearly and save them as a PDF file.

Make the subject of the email “[Last Name] [First Name] 2024 Senatorial Scholarship Application.”

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Please email your application and all your materials by **Monday, May 13th, 2024.**

**HOW AWARDS ARE MADE:**

Your application will be reviewed by the Senatorial Scholarship Committee, which will be comprised of local community leaders and activists with diverse backgrounds and skills. The committee will then make recommendations for awards to Senator Zucker based on their review.

The ideal applicant will:

1. Have financial need (as defined by FAFSA’s expected family contribution)
2. Have a track record of community service and volunteerism (describe in your essay)
3. Be working towards a career that will serve the public (this can be any field or career path - you should explain in your essay how you plan to use your education for the public good)

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:**

**You must be a resident of Maryland’s 14th Legislative District in order to apply.** If you are currently living outside of the 14th Legislative District because you are attending college, use your home address from within the 14th Legislative District to apply. To check your Legislative District, visit: [www.mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District).

The Senatorial Scholarship may be used for degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students. Both full- and part-time students are eligible to apply. Full-time undergraduate students must maintain 12 credits or more per semester, while part-time undergraduate students must maintain 6-11 credits. Full-time graduate students must maintain 9 or more credits per semester, while part-time graduate students must maintain 6-8 credits per semester.

You may only use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at a Maryland school. The Office of Financial Aid must identify your major as “unique.” To be considered for Unique Major Status, you must complete the online Unique Major Application found on the [Maryland Higher Education Commission website when it opens in March](https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/pages/financialaid/programdescriptions/prog_senatorial.aspx). The Unique Major application is open **March 15, 2024 - July 1, 2024.** The application must be submitted with the required documentation.

**The Senatorial Scholarship is for the year that you apply, and the next four years (eight semesters) as a full-time student.** This means that if you are awarded a scholarship, the same amount of money will roll over for the subsequent four years (eight semesters).

Please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Director, Georgie Jones, if you have any questions. She can be reached at (301) 858-3625 or by email at Craig.Zucker@senate.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Craig J. Zucker

State Senator

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**Senator Craig J. Zucker**

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**SCHOLARSHIPAPPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

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| City | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| College or University you will attend | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Your intended major | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**For use of current high school seniors only:**

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| What High School are you graduating from? | Click or tap here to enter text. |

Do you qualify for a Pell Grant? [ ] Yes [ ] No

*(This information is on your SAR.)*

Are you a U.S. military veteran? [ ] Yes [ ] No

*(If yes, send supporting documentation with your application.)*

Do you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan?

 [ ] Yes [ ] No

Which semester will you be attending? (Please check one)

[ ] Fall Only [ ] Spring Only [ ] Full Academic Year

Please check whichever applies to you:

[ ] Full Time (12+ credits per semester)

Undergraduate

 [ ] Part Time (6-11 credits per semester)

 [ ] Full Time (9+ credits per semester)

Graduate

 [ ] Part Time (6-8 credits per semester)