



College & Career Center

Maryland College Application Campaign

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OPTIONS – Know the options; know the details; Create actionable tasks

- ▶ Military (Guard, Reserves, Active Duty, Academies)
- ▶ Direct to Work Force
- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ Trade / Technical / Career Schools
- ▶ 2-year Colleges
- ▶ 4-year Colleges

Military

- ▶ Guard, Reserves, Active Duty, Academies
- ▶ Military Futures Magazine
- ▶ Speak with Recruiters
- ▶ Speak with those in or have been in Military
- ▶ ASVAB
- ▶ Physical Exam
- ▶ Career Selection
- ▶ Oath

Direct to Work Force

- ▶ Industry or Field – use XELLO under Clever to explore
- ▶ Networking
- ▶ [LinkedIn Profile](#)
- ▶ Research Appropriate Testing
- ▶ Driver's License
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Interview Practice

Apprenticeships

- ▶ Determine if Apprenticeship is Right for You
- ▶ Local Apprenticeships
- ▶ Network
- ▶ NP Visits (Throughout Year)
- ▶ NP CTE Fair (Spring)
- ▶ Requirements (Drivers License)
- ▶ Application (Jan-Apr)
- ▶ Aptitude Testing
- ▶ Interview

Trade / Technical / Career Schools

- ▶ Industry or Field - use XELLO under Clever to explore
- ▶ MHEC Database
- ▶ Outside State
- ▶ Network
- ▶ Requirements
- ▶ Testing
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Financial Aid

2-yr Colleges

- ▶ CSM – College of Southern Maryland
- ▶ Allegany College of Maryland
- ▶ CCBC – Community College of Baltimore County
- ▶ NOVA
- ▶ JUCO Programs
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Placement Testing
- ▶ Financial Aid – MD Promise Scholarship

4-year Colleges

- ▶ Finding your College Fit (www.bigfuture.com)
- ▶ College Admission Testing (sat.org or act.org)
- ▶ Test Optional
- ▶ 3 main Application Platforms
 - ▶ [Edu, Inc Common Black College App](#)
 - ▶ [Common App](#)
 - ▶ [My Coalition](#)
- ▶ Essays – should reflect 2-3 qualities about you
- ▶ Letters of Recommendation
- ▶ Transcript Requests / FERPA
- ▶ Financial Aid

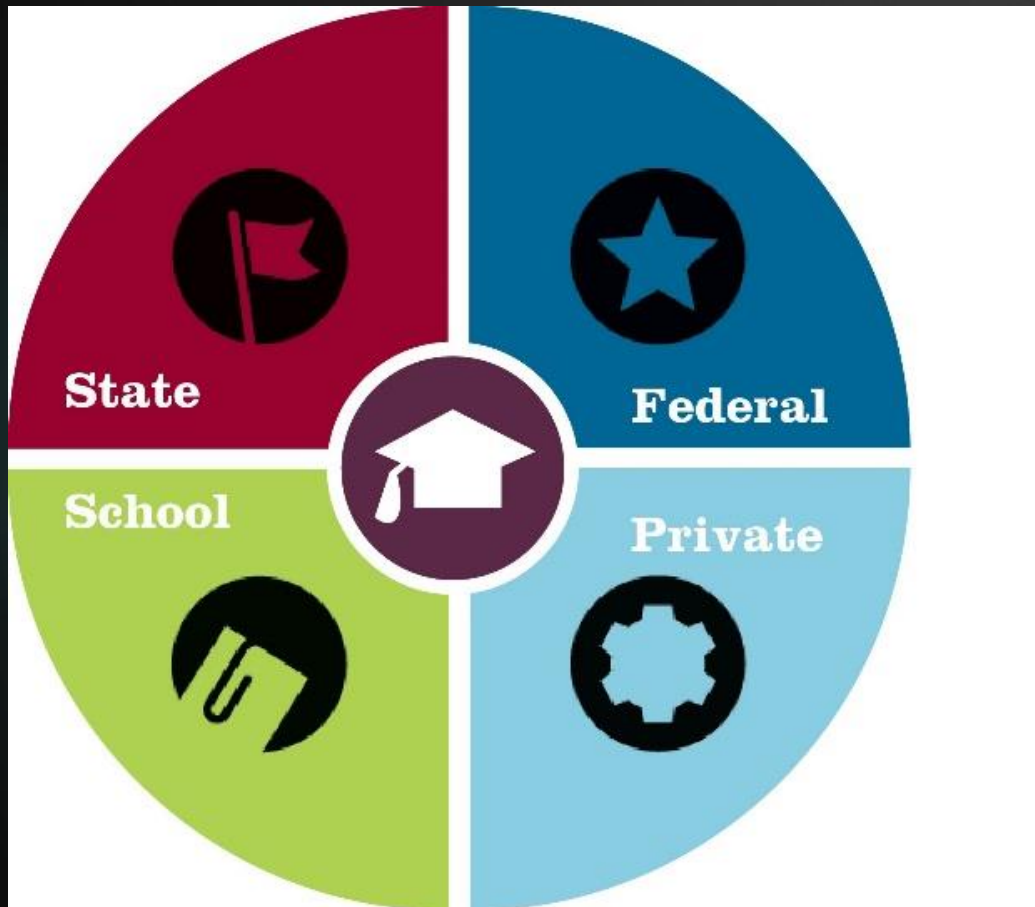
Testing

No matter what option you choose there is likely some form of testing. Be prepared for what is going to be on each test.

- ▶ Drivers License
- ▶ ASVAB
- ▶ College Entrance Testing (SAT/ACT)
- ▶ EEI Tech Testing
- ▶ Apprenticeship Testing
- ▶ Placement Testing

Financial Aid

Sources



Types



Federal

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.gov
- ▶ It is extremely important that the FAFSA be filed as soon as possible. You will use the information from your (and your parents) 2020 taxes for the School Year 2022-2023.
- ▶ The FAFSA will not be processed without the appropriate signatures (both student and parent). Need separate email addresses and FSA IDs.
- ▶ Be sure that you do not miss any deadlines. In order to be eligible for Maryland State Programs, you must list a Maryland school on the FAFSA.
- ▶ Everyone who is considering some type of post-secondary education (any accredited 4-year or 2-year college, technical, trade, or business school) should file a FAFSA.
- ▶ 3 days you will receive an email with your Student Aid Report (SAR).

STATE

- ▶ Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)
- ▶ Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA)
- ▶ Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS)
(set up of account where you can easily link your FAFSA to MSFAA).
- ▶ Maryland Delegates and Senators Scholarships
- ▶ Must graduate from a Maryland High School and attend a Maryland school

Individual College

- ▶ Most school will send financial aid offers approximately 2-3 weeks after acceptance letter
- ▶ Scour their website.
- ▶ Know how their process works.
- ▶ Contact them.

Frostburg State https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/financial-aid/_files/pdf/scholarship_book.pdf

Marshall University

<https://www.marshall.edu/sfa/scholarships/>

Local/Associated Organizations

- ▶ North Point – Rachel Thomas, PTSO, and Athletic Boosters
- ▶ Charles County Scholarship Fund -
<https://www.ccboe.com/ss/charles-county-scholarship-fund-inc/>
- ▶ Scholarship Fair
- ▶ Church
- ▶ Parents/Grandparents Work
- ▶ Membership Organizations (Sororities, Moose Lodge)

General Scholarship Search

- ▶ You should never be required to pay a search fee for scholarships. Any site asking for payment is probably a scam. Learn how to protect yourself at www.studentaid.gov/types/scams.
- ▶ Scholarships.com
- ▶ Scholarshipamerica.org
- ▶ Fastweb.com
- ▶ Careeronestop.org
- ▶ College & Career Center Newsletter
- ▶ Individual Meetings

Resources – CAJones@ccboe.com

- ▶ NP College & Career Center Webpage
- ▶ Visits – College, Military, Workforce
- ▶ Fairs (College, Job, & CTE)
- ▶ Presentations & Workshops
- ▶ Monthly Newsletters
- ▶ Email Updates
- ▶ Individual Meetings

Final Notes

- ▶ With a good plan that is executed with diligence, you will be successful.
- ▶ It does take great effort to earn money for college.
- ▶ Just breathe! You got this!