

Maryland “Dream Act”²

Students who qualify under the Maryland “Dream Act” criteria for an exemption from the out-of-state tuition differential are not classified as a Maryland resident for **admission** or tuition purposes. In order to qualify for the exemption under the Dream Act, students must meet all of the criteria set forth below:

- (1) Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
 - (2) Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;
 - (3) Attended a community college in Maryland not earlier than 2010 Fall semester and met the requirements for the nonresident tuition exemption at the community college (with the exception of the requirements set forth in §b.3 of the law regarding registering as an entering student at a community college no earlier than the 2011 Fall semester);
 - (4) Was awarded an associate’s degree by or achieved 60 credits at a community college in Maryland;
 - (5) If applicable, provides the institution with a copy of the affidavit submitted to the community college regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;
 - (6) Provides to the institution documentation that the individual or the individual’s parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return:
 - a. for at least three years while the individual attended a high school in Maryland;
 - b. annually while the individual attended a community college in Maryland;
 - c. annually during the period, if any, between graduation from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college and registration at a Maryland public senior higher education institution; and
 - d. annually during the period of attendance at the Maryland public senior higher education institution;
- and,
- (7) Registers at a Maryland public senior higher education institution in the state not later than 4 years after graduating from or achieving 60 credits at a Maryland community college.

² As authorized under Annotated Education Code of Maryland § 15-106.8