

The Maryland DREAM Act allows certain high school graduates who are undocumented immigrants to qualify for the lowest tuition rates at their public colleges and universities. The Maryland DREAM Act became law on December 6, 2012 and applies to all future semesters thereafter. The law applies in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland, including the city of Baltimore.

What does the Maryland DREAM Act do?

This law enables certain undocumented high school graduates to obtain a post-secondary education — from an associate’s degree to a bachelor’s degree — at an affordable price.

First, if students meet the requirements of the law, they can qualify for the in-county rate at the Maryland community college in jurisdiction from which they graduated from high school.

Second, students who earn their first 60 credits or an associate’s degree from a community college and continue to meet the requirement of the DREAM Act are eligible for the in-state rate at a four-year public university in Maryland.

What are the requirements of the Maryland DREAM Act?

To be eligible for the Maryland DREAM Act, students who are undocumented immigrants entering a 4-year higher education institution must have:

1. attended a Maryland high school for at least three years, starting no earlier than the 2005-2006 school year
2. graduated from a Maryland high school or received a GED no earlier than the 2007-2008 school year
3. attended a Maryland community college no earlier than the fall 2010 semester and met the requirements for the nonresident tuition exemption at the community college
4. been awarded an associate’s degree by or achieved 60 credits at a community college in Maryland.

If a student is eligible for the Maryland DREAM Act, what are the next steps?

Eligible students must submit the following documents to the University of Baltimore:

1. completed [University System of Maryland Non-Resident Tuition Fee Differential Exemption Request Form](#) (available at www.ubalt.edu/residency)
2. signed affidavit vowing to file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after becoming eligible to apply
3. proof of registration with the U.S. Selective Service, if the student is male (students can register for Selective Service at any U.S. Post Office; a receipt from the US Post Office that indicates that the application was submitted will be accepted as proof)

4. copies of Maryland state income tax returns filed by the student or the student's parents or legal guardian. The tax returns must be from:
 - each of the three years the student attended high school
 - each year that the student attended a community college
 - each year between high school and community college.
5. an official copy of the student's high school transcript that shows his or her graduation from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or a copy of the student's GED, if not already on file with the University of Baltimore
6. if applicable, a copy of the affidavit submitted to a community college regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the Individual becomes eligible to do so.

Where do I send my documents?

The Office of the University Registrar accepts documents:

- in person in the Academic Center, Room 126
- via fax at 410.837.4820
- via email to records@ubalt.edu
- via postal mail to:

University of Baltimore
Office of the University Registrar
1420 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Who can answer any additional questions I have about the Maryland DREAM Act?

For questions, please contact the Office of the University Registrar at 410.837.4825 or records@ubalt.edu.