**MARYLAND STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

**New Information**: Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the qualified children of undocumented immigrants who are eligible for in-state or in-county tuition in Maryland are now eligible to apply for certain MD State financial aid grants and scholarships.

Parents and/or students to be eligible must have filed 2017 Federal Taxes and 3 years of Maryland State taxes (2015, 2016, 2017). They must continue to file for the 2018 tax year.

**Here are the steps to apply. The application MUST be completed by MARCH 1st with ALL supporting documents.**

**Step #1 –** Go to the MHEC website: [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us) or [www.mhec.maryland.gov](http://www.mhec.maryland.gov)

**Step #2** – **Click on MDCAPS** located on front page of your screen.

**Step #3** – First, create a MDCAPS student login account by clicking on “yellow” **LOG IN** tab. Enter all personal information

\*You will be asked to create **username** and specific **passwords** with special characters (such as an upper case, symbol, etc.). Make sure you remember this information to reenter. If you have no social security number enter 9 zeros (000000000). When finished, **click on “Create Log-In”**

**Step #4** – You will be sent an **“activation link”** in your personal email. Go to your email account and retrieve this code/link. Return to the MDCAPS site and officially log in.

**Step #5** – Go to the **MSFAA Eligibility Wizard. Select “MSFAA for Undocumented Link”.** This is a series of questions you must answer in order to determine if you are or are not eligible to receive MD State financial aid. After completing the MSFAA Eligibility Wizard, an email message will appear if eligible to file a MSFAA Application. It will state, **“Eligible for MSFAA”.**

**Step #6 –** If eligible, select **“Click Here to Apply for MSFAA”. This application is REQUIRED.**

**Complete the entire application and provide the specific documents required, including your 2017 Federal tax return information. Review ALL information and submit.**

**MSFAA APPLICATION DEADLINE :MARCH 1 (Must mail in Parent Signature Form)**

**Step #7** – To qualify for **in-county tuition**, students **Must** **complete the FCC, “Tuition Application and Affidavit for Undocumented Students”. Turn in to FCC Admission Office as soon as possible**

**Step #8** – Several MD State financial aid programs **may require student applicants to complete a separate application in addition to the MSFAA** to be considered. This includes the **PROMISE Community College Scholarship, MD Educational Assistance Grant or Md Guaranteed Access Grant.**

**Step #9 –** If eligible on the MSFAA application**, you must complete a separate PROMISE Scholarship Application available on the MHEC portal. Go to your MDCAPS portal and it will be listed, if eligible. Complete, provide all required information & documents for the PROMISE Scholarship by APRIL 1st.**

* **Continue to check your MDCAPS portal and meet deadline requirements. Always “ACCEPT” your awards, so you do NOT lose them.**