



## Eligibility Guidelines for MD Dream Act (SB 167)

*For eligible Maryland High School Graduates; effective December 6, 2012*

Harford Community College grants admission to students regardless of citizenship. Maryland Senate Bill 167 provides the opportunity for some undocumented non-U.S. citizens who attended high school in Maryland to receive in-state tuition (in-county or out-of-county tuition rates). **In order to qualify for this exemption from the out-of-state rate, students must meet the following requirements and submit all relevant documents:**

- (1) Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 (official high school transcript required);
- (2) Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a Maryland high school diploma;
- (3) Registers at a community college within 4 years of graduating from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland not earlier than Fall 2016 (official college transcript required);
- (4) Provides documentation that the student, or the student's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return:
  - a. Annually for the 3 years' student attended a MD public or nonpublic high school (home schooled students are subject to this requirement in the same manner);
  - b. Annually for each year between graduation from MD high school and enrolling at the community college, and
  - c. Annually while attending a community college;
- (5) Provides an affidavit stating that the student will file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days of being eligible to do so;
- (6) Provides proof that the student has registered with the selective service system.

Once you are determined to be eligible for in-state (in-county or out-of-county) rates, you will continue to receive it as long as you fulfill the eligibility requirements or until the College no longer offers this exemption.

Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by Harford Community College's deadline any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined.

In the event that Harford Community College discovers that false or misleading information has been provided, the student may be billed by the College retroactively to recover the difference between in-county or out-of-county and out-of-state tuition for the current and subsequent terms.

**Please note:** The tuition rate is determined by location of school and not the current place of residency. Therefore, if you graduated from a Harford County public or nonpublic high school OR if you received the equivalent of a high school diploma and your most recently attended high school was in Harford County, you would receive the in-county tuition rate.

**If you are eligible for the tuition rate exemption, contact Jeanne Goss in Admissions via email at [jgoss@harford.edu](mailto:jgoss@harford.edu) or by phone at 443-412-2306 to set up an appointment to review your application. Determining your eligibility may take a minimum of 2 weeks.**

## **MD Dream Act Checklist**

- Official High School Transcript or MD GED with graduation date ➤ To be eligible, student must have attended a MD high school for at least 3 years
- Register as a new student at a MD community college within 4 years of graduating high school
- Official copy from MD Comptroller of student, parent or guardian's MD income taxes for the 3 years' student attended high school
- Official copy from MD Comptroller of student, parent or guardian's MD income taxes for each year between graduation and enrolling at community college
- Signed and notarized Affidavit declaring intention to file for Permanent Residency when eligible
- Proof of Selective Service registration, if applicable

*Once approved for the MD Dream Act:*

- Official copy from MD Comptroller of student, parent or guardian's MD income taxes annually while attending community college