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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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The Senatorial Scholarship Program was enacted into law by the Maryland General Assembly (MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION Subtitle 08 FINANCIAL AID Chapter 04 Senatorial Scholarship Program Authority: Education Article, §11-105(u) and 18-204(c) and Title 18, Subtitle 4, Annotated Code of Maryland) The Senatorial Scholarship Program provides funds for enrollment in undergraduate, graduate or professional studies at approved colleges, universities and private career (or vocational) schools in the State of Maryland to eligible students.

To Be Eligible for a Senator Sarah Elfreth Scholarship, Applicants MUST:

- 1. LIVE IN THE 30th DISTRICT.** Please go to <http://mdelect.net/> to make sure Senator Elfreth is your representative. If she is, then please submit this application. If she is not, please contact your district delegates and senator for their specific scholarship applications. The main number to the Maryland General Assembly is (301) 858 – 3000.
- 2. COMPLETE AND FILE THE APPLICATION FOR A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** The application must be completed and filed by the deadline of Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 11:59pm.
To be considered complete, applications must include:
 - This completed form OR [completing the application online here](#).
 - A copy of SY 2023-2024 transcripts
 - Your responses to two essay questions.
- 3. COMPLETE AND FILE THE FAFSA or MSFAA by March 1, 2024. (APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID):** This form may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, in high school libraries, or from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, 6 N. Liberty St., Baltimore, MD 21201, Phone (410) 767-3300, or <http://www.mshec.state.md.us/>
- 4. PLAN TO ATTEND A MARYLAND COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL.** The applicant must attend a college, university, or private career school in the State of Maryland. The private career school must have the approval of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate, and must be accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education. **Applicants may be eligible for scholarship assistance to attend out-of-state colleges, universities or private career schools if they are enrolling in an academic program which is not offered in a Maryland college, university, or private career school. For further information, contact MHEC at <https://mhec.maryland.gov/pages/default.aspx>, or osfamail@mhec@maryland.gov**
- 5. PLAN TO ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME:** Full-time attendance is defined as 12 credits per semester for undergraduate and 9 credits per semester for graduate students. Part-time attendance is defined as 6 to 11 credits

per semester for undergraduates and 6 to 8 credits per semester for graduate students.

6. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DECISIONS ARE MADE BY COMMITTEE.** Selection is based on a combination of factors. All eligible applicants will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. All students are encouraged to apply. Students will be notified sometime between May 15 and May 30.

SENATOR SARAH ELFRETH'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30, SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

(Deadline: Sunday, April 14, 2024 at midnight)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY. Questions may be directed to the office

(410) 841-3578 or sarah.elfreth@senate.state.md.us.

Please read the information regarding eligibility and selection criteria before completing this form.

Name (Last, First, MI):

Male _____ Female _____ Other: _____ DOB: _____

Address (Street, City, and Zip Code):

Phone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name and location of the Maryland undergraduate, graduate, vocational or private career school you plan to attend during the 2023-2024 school year.

**Note: Applicants may be eligible for scholarship assistance to attend out-of-state colleges, universities or private career schools ONLY if they are enrolling in an academic program which is not offered in a Maryland college, university, or private career school or if the Unique Major Application has been approved. . For further information,*

College/University/School: _____

Unique Major, if applicable: _____

Attendance will be (please check one):

Full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) _____ Part-time (6-11 semester hours) _____

I am currently (please check one):

High School Senior _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate Student _____ Working/Returning to school _____

If graduating high school in 2024:

Name of High School or other accredited program: _____

Current GPA _____ Graduation Date: _____ College Acceptance Received: Yes _____ No _____

If returning to college or graduate school in 2024-2025:

Name of college/graduate school most recently attended: _____

School years attended: _____

If attending graduate school in 2024 - 2025:

List previous degrees received, date awarded, and name of granting college or graduate school:

Date you submitted FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form: _____

You MUST submit your FAFSA application by March 1st to be eligible for this scholarship.

Attachments:

Please attach a copy of your **SY 2023-2024 transcripts** (we can accept unofficial copies by the deadline) and your responses to the essay questions below.

- **Essay #1:** Choose one of the options below to write your response to. Responses must be no more than 500 words.
 - **Option I.** Write an essay about a time that you exercised courage or stood up for what you believed in.
 - **Option II.** If you had the authority to change your community in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?
- **Essay #2:** Please write a short response about how you plan to use your education to make a positive impact in your community or in the world at-large. How would this scholarship help you achieve that goal? (250 words max.)

Certification:

“The information reported in, or attached to, this application is complete and accurate.”

Student’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Postmark completed application by Sunday, April 14, 2024 to:

**Senator Sarah Elfreth
11 Bladen Street, Room 104
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991**

Or E-Mail completed application by midnight, Sunday, April 14, 2024 to

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