

**University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Differential Exemption**  
***For Eligible Maryland High School Graduates***

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

**General Information**

Any student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. § 1101 (A)(15), who meets all of the following requirements shall be exempt from paying the nonresident tuition differential at all public colleges and universities in Maryland.

Requirements:

- (1) Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland;
  - (2) Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Maryland;
  - (3) Registers as an entering student at a public institution of higher education in Maryland not later than 6 years after graduating from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma in Maryland;
  - (4) If applicable, provides the institution with a copy of an affidavit regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;
  - (5) If applicable, provides the institution with documentation that the student has complied with the requirement to register with the Selective Service System;
  - (6) Provides the institution with documentation that the individual or the individual's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return annually for the 2-year period before the academic year in which the tuition rate exemption would apply;
- and,
- (7) An individual shall retain the individual's tuition status at a public institution of higher education if the individual:
    - a. Uses an address in the State on the Maryland income tax return of the individual or the individual's parent or legal guardian annually until the individual is awarded a degree from the public institution of higher education; and
    - b. On or after June 15, 2012, was exempt from paying the out-of-state or out-of-county tuition rate at a public institution of higher education.

**PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THIS EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION**

Your institution has established deadlines for submission of exemption requests; however, requests are not to be submitted until you have been admitted to a USM institution. Once you are determined to be eligible for the exemption, you will continue to receive it as long as you fulfill the eligibility requirements or until the University no longer offers this exemption. The exemption covers the Nonresident Tuition differential and the Educational Fee differential charged to nonresidents. Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by the campus deadline any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. If you are granted the exemption, any differential will be refunded. For institution-specific instructions regarding documentation and deadline dates, contact the institution's Office of the Registrar.

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**University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request**

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Complete and sign this form to request an exemption from Nonresident Tuition. You must submit any documentation required by the University. Contact the USM institution to which you have been admitted for additional procedures and deadlines.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Term applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility:

I, the undersigned, am applying for a University System of Maryland Nonresident Tuition Exemption for eligible Maryland High School graduates at (specify university) \_\_\_\_\_ and I declare the following:

I:

- Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland;
- Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Maryland;
- Registered as an entering student at a public institution of higher education in Maryland not later than 6 years after graduating from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma in Maryland;
- If applicable, will provide the institution with a copy of an affidavit regarding the filing of an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after I become eligible to do so;
- If applicable, will provide the institution with documentation that I have complied with the requirement to register with the Selective Service System;
- Will provide the institution with documentation that I, or my parent or legal guardian, have filed a Maryland income tax return annually for the 2-year period before the academic year in which the tuition rate exemption would apply;

And I understand:

I will retain my tuition status at the institution of higher education if:

- a. I use an address in the State on my Maryland income tax return or my parent or legal guardian's Maryland income tax return annually until I am awarded a degree from the public institution of higher education; and
- b. On or after June 15, 2012, I was exempt from paying the out-of-state or out-of-county tuition rate at a public institution of higher education.

Did you earn a high school diploma or the equivalent in the State of Maryland?  Yes  No

If yes, what year and school? \_\_\_\_\_

(provide information on all colleges/universities attended)

Community College/University Name	City	State	From-To (MM/YY)-(MM-YY)

*I certify that the information provided is complete and correct. I understand that the University reserves the right to request additional information if necessary. In the event the University discovers that false or misleading information has been provided, I may be billed by the University retroactively to recover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition for the current and subsequent semesters.*

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Signature of applicant

Date

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