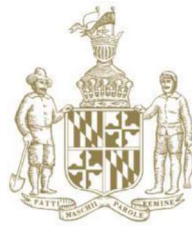


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Dear District 29 Resident:

I am excited to share the following information regarding the application process for my Senatorial Scholarship. Please read the instructions carefully and file your application by the **April 1, 2024** deadline. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) guidelines for the Senatorial Scholarship program only allow me to award scholarships to students who permanently reside within the 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Students are eligible to apply if they plan to attend an in-state two or four year institution or an in-state trade or technical school. In order for students who are attending an out of state school to be eligible to receive funds from the Senatorial Scholarship Program they must have an approved unique major from the MHEC.

**I urge you to confirm your elected representatives** at [www.mdelect.net](http://www.mdelect.net) prior to filing an application. Applying to the incorrect office may result in missed deadlines and opportunities for an award.

**How to Apply for a Scholarship:**

1. The 2024-2025 school year application can be found by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions or difficulties completing the application, please contact my Annapolis office for assistance.
2. In addition to completing the application, you **must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2024**. This form can be downloaded at <https://studentaid.gov/>. Please understand that though the official FAFSA deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>; it is a **requirement** of MHEC that you must file your FAFSA by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for a Senatorial Scholarship. I cannot award a scholarship to anyone who has not filed the FAFSA by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Shortly after the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, my scholarship committee and I will review all applications and make award decisions. I am hopeful that decisions will be made by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure to fully complete all components of the application. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Upon completion of your application you will receive an automated confirmation to the email you provided in the form. **If you do not receive notification, please follow up with my office to ensure that your application was received.** Please save that email for your records; if there is any problem or any question regarding my office receiving your application, you will need to provide proof of receipt.

To be considered for a scholarship from my office you will need to **complete the 2024 - 2025 application and submit it by 11:59pm on April 1, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted.** The application must be completed online. If you have a special circumstance that does not allow you to complete the application online please contact my office.

If you are interested in applying after the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, please email [jack.bailey@senate.state.md.us](mailto:jack.bailey@senate.state.md.us) to request to be added to the waitlist. Should funds remain after the on-time applications are reviewed and initial awards are made, you will be contacted by my office with further instructions. Timeliness is incredibly important in this process as it is unlikely that funds will be remaining as need in previous years far outweighed available resources.

I look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey  
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