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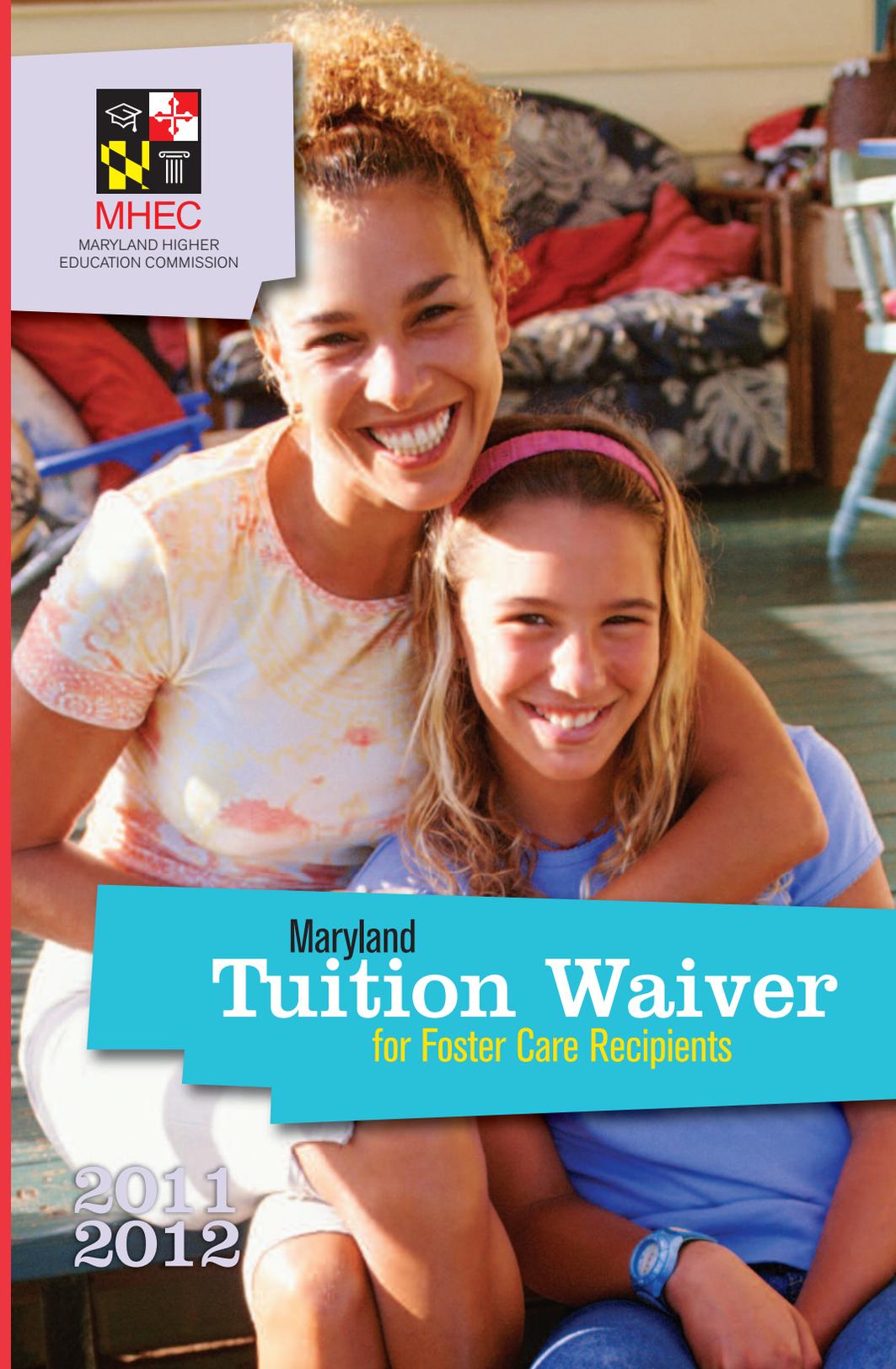
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Maryland Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Recipients

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WHO MAY APPLY

Certain students under the age of 21 who have resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland and who are attending public colleges in Maryland.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 of each year. This application is available at www.fafsa.gov. Contact the financial aid office of the institution you will attend to have the waiver activated.

WHEN TO APPLY

Apply between January 1 and March 1, each year.

ELIGIBLE MAJORS

All majors are eligible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must have resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland at the time you graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency examination (GED); you must have resided in an out-of-home placement in Maryland foster care home on your 13th birthday and were then adopted after your 13th birthday; or you must have been the younger sibling of an adopted individual who met the second eligibility requirement and were adopted concurrently with that sibling before your 13th birthday.

The Department of Human Resources must also confirm that you are eligible for the waiver. Each year in January and July, DHR produces a list of eligible students that is sent to each public higher education institution. The student's name must be on the list to receive the waiver. If a student's name is not on this list, the student should contact his/her caseworker.

You must enroll as a degree-seeking student at a public two-year or four-year higher education institution in Maryland on or before age 21.

AWARD AMOUNT

You are exempt from paying tuition and mandatory fees at a public college in Maryland. The tuition waiver applies to any balance on tuition and fees minus any grants and scholarships you receive. The tuition waiver does not apply to room and board and other expenses incurred as part of the overall cost of attendance.

RENEWING AN AWARD

You may renew your award for an additional four years or until your bachelor's degree is awarded, whichever occurs first. You must file a renewal FAFSA by March 1, each year; maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of the institution you will attend; and remain enrolled in an eligible program.



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