

The College of Southern Maryland

Guide for Tuition Rate for Eligible Undocumented Immigrant Students

(The law passed by the Legislature in 2011 as "SB 167")

GENERAL INFORMATION

As an open-admission institution, **The College of Southern Maryland** grants admission to all students regardless of citizenship. Maryland Senate Bill 167 enacted in the 2011 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, also known as the Maryland Dream Act, allows some non-U.S. citizens to be exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate.

In order for a student to qualify for an exemption from paying out-of-state tuition, the student must have:

- (1) Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
- (2) Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;
- (3) Registered within four years after graduating from a public or nonpublic secondary school in the State or receives the equivalent of a high school diploma in the State;
- (4) Provided 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 that coincide with the individual's attendance at a public or nonpublic secondary school in the State (home schooled students are subject to this requirement in the same manner);
 - b. annually each year between secondary school attendance and enrolling at the college, and
 - c. annually while attending a community college;
- (5) Provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;
- (6) Provides proof that the individual has registered with the selective service system. *(This currently applies to all males 18 – 25. Proof of selective service registration can be obtained by filing with the Post Office and returning a receipt to the college that shows proof of registration or by providing a selective service card.)*

Each community college will verify statutory compliance for each eligible student. Students seeking this exemption must be prepared to provide copies of Maryland Tax Returns and other documents. A student who meets the requirements described above may be eligible to pay the in-county tuition rate at the community college that serves the high school from which he/she graduated or most recently attended (if he/she received a GED).

Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by the college deadline any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. For institution-specific instructions regarding documentation and deadline dates, contact the college's admissions office.

Affidavit For Undocumented Immigrant Student Tuition Rate

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ELIGIBILITY:

I, the undersigned, am applying for an Out-of-State Tuition Exemption for eligible Maryland undocumented immigrants at **The College of Southern Maryland** and I declare the following:

1. I attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland for at least 3 academic years not earlier than the 2005-2006 school year;
2. I graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State not earlier than the 2007-2008 school year;
3. I, or my parent or legal guardian, have filed Maryland income tax returns:
 - i. annually, while I attended a high school in Maryland; and
 - ii. annually during the period, if any, between graduation from high school and enrolling in a community college; and
 - iii. I will continue to submit proof of tax filings each year I am enrolled at the community college;
4. I am enrolling at this institution not later than 4 years after graduating from high school or receiving a GED;
5. I will file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after becoming eligible to do so.
6. I have registered with the Selective Service System. *(This applies to all males 18 and older. You must submit a copy of proof of selective service registration. This can be obtained from your local post office).*

High School Information (provide information on all school[s] you attended in grades 9–12)

High School Name	City	State	From - To (Month/Year)

Did you earn a high school diploma or the equivalent (eg. GED) from the State of Maryland? Yes No

If yes, what year and school, (if applicable)? _____

I understand I may be eligible to pay out-of-county tuition by declaring the above information and that I may be further eligible to pay in-county tuition if I graduated from or most recently attended a high school within the following county or counties: _____.

I certify that the information provided is complete and correct. I understand that **The College of Southern Maryland** reserves the right to request additional information if necessary. In addition, I swear, under the penalties of perjury, that I will file an application to become a Permanent Resident within 30 days of becoming eligible to do so. I further understand that if any of the information provided above is untrue I will be liable for payment of any tuition charges from which I was exempted and may be subject disciplinary action.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Admissions Office Use Only

- Maryland high school transcript received
- Proof of graduation from Maryland high school or a Maryland GED
- Verified that enrollment is within 4 years of h/s graduation/GED
- Copies of MD Income Tax Returns
- Proof of selective service filing
- Data recorded for MHEC reporting

PERC STRK RGPE STAL CRI Imaged
Tuition rate:
 In-County Out-of-County Out-of- State
Term(s) & Years verified: _____

Registrar Office Signature

Date