

2022-23 University System of Maryland Regent Scholars Application Process Frequently Asked Questions

I. Eligibility

Are students that have already transferred from a community college to a USM institution eligible to apply for these awards?

Students that are currently matriculating at a USM institution are not eligible. The USM Regent Scholars awards have been designated to provide financial aid to Maryland community college students that are planning to transfer to USM institutions.

Can international students apply Regents scholarships?

No, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to be eligible for USM Regents Scholars award consideration.

II. Application

Can applicants apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes, community College students can apply for multiple scholarships if they meet the requirements for those awards. However, applicants must submit a separate application for each scholarship for which they are applying.

Will a students' application still be considered if they have less than the required minimum G.P.A.?

No. The minimum GPA requirement ranges from 3.8 to 4.0 depending on the award. Applicants that have met the specified GPA criteria will receive the best consideration for these awards.

Is there a minimum word requirement for the "Professional and Academic Goals" component of the application?

There is no minimum or maximum word count required for the professional and academic goals essay component of the application.

III. Beginning Matriculation in Alternative Semesters

If a student plans to begin their matriculation at their preferred transfer USM institution during the Spring semester, when should they apply to USM Regent Scholars award consideration?

Applicants that plan to begin their matriculation at an USM institution in the Spring semester should apply in the same application cycle as the students that intend to begin in the Fall term. Students that intend to begin in the Spring are expected to meet all application requirements by the regular deadline.

Please Note: If an applicant has been awarded a USM Regents Transfer Scholarship but has plans to continue their enrollment through the Fall term in order to complete their Associates degree, they are expected to maintain the minimum GPA requirement while enrolled in community college courses.

If a student wants to apply for a USM Regent Scholars award, but has planned to take a year break before beginning their matriculation at a USM institution, what would be the appropriate timeframe for submitting their application?

Because the student will not enroll until the following academic year, they should wait to apply during the application submission window for the following year.