

EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY & JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Conditions of Award
Academic Year 2023-2024



Purpose:

The purpose of the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program is to provide student financial assistance to certain individuals due to their eligible military or public safety service or due to their eligible family or marital relationship to such an individual.

The purpose of the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program is to provide student financial assistance to eligible children and surviving spouses of school employees who, as a victim in an act of violence occurring in the line of duty, either died or sustained an injury that rendered the school employee 100 percent disabled.

Definitions:

- Child/children means a son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter.
- Disabled public safety employee means a State or local public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that: (1) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be employed as a State or local public safety employee; and (2) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department, ambulance, or rescue squad or company, precludes the member from continuing to be employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member was engaged at the time of injury.
- School employee includes an employee of public or nonpublic school in the State.
- Service connected means with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in the line of duty in the active military.
- State or local public safety employee means a person who is a: (1) Career or volunteer member of a fire department, ambulance, or rescue squad or company; (2) Law enforcement officer; (3) Correctional officer; or (4) Member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of this State at the time of death.
- Surviving spouse means a person who has not remarried.
- Victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks” means a Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines flight #93 in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements:

You must be:

- A Maryland resident, and if a dependent, your parents must also be Maryland residents.
NOTE: The following persons are not required to be a resident of Maryland at the time of application or at the time of the disabling or fatal event: public safety employees; or spouses and children of public safety employees who were killed in the line of duty or who sustains an injury, in the line of duty that rendered the public safety employee 100 percent disabled.
- The son, daughter, or stepchild of a member of the United States armed forces who is deceased as a result of military service or who suffered a service connected 100 percent permanent disability as a result of military service; or,
- The surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who suffered a service-connected 100% permanent disability as result of military service;
- A veteran who suffers a service connected disability of 25 percent or greater as a result of military service and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for Federal veterans’ educational benefits; or,
- The son, daughter, or stepchild or surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania; or,
- A POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son, daughter, or stepchild; or,
- The son, daughter, or stepchild or surviving spouse of a State or local public safety employee or volunteer who died in the line of duty or who sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the public safety or employee or volunteer 100 percent disabled;
- A State or local public safety employee or volunteer who became 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.
- The son, daughter, stepchild, or surviving spouse of a school employee who, as a result of an act of violence either died in the line of duty or sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the school employee 100% disabled.

Persons Eligible for Scholarship:

- You must be at least 16 years old and enroll at an eligible postsecondary institution in Maryland, as follows:
 - Full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester) undergraduate; or
 - Full-time (9+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-8 credits per semester) graduate student; or professional program.
 - Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the coursework is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; or
 - Be enrolled in a private career school.

NOTE: If the student fails to meet any of these eligibility requirements, the award will be canceled.

Use and Amount of Scholarship Award:

- The scholarship awarded may be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible institution; and may not
- Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate at a 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.
- as determined by your school's financial aid office; and
- Be less than the lesser of \$3,000, or
- The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

NOTE: Award amounts may not reflect subsequent tuition and fee increases made throughout the academic year.

Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Awarding:

- No more than 15 Conroy-Cryor scholarships may be awarded annually to Veterans who suffer from a service connected disability of 25 percent or greater; and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits.
- Awards to the sons, daughters, stepchildren, or spouses of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks may not exceed the amount specified when combined with any other scholarships received by a student based on the student's status as a child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Overawards: Please be aware that if the institution you are attending notifies OSFA that you are receiving other financial assistance that causes you to exceed your financial need for the award or exceed the cost of attendance at the institution (e.g.: private scholarships; Veteran's Benefits; athletic scholarships), your State financial aid may be reduced or cancelled.

Renewal Requirements:

- Awards will be renewed if recipients continue to meet eligibility requirements as outlined above and maintain the satisfactory academic progress standards of at the institution each year.
- Awards shall continue to be renewed until the recipient completes their program of study or are otherwise no longer eligible for the award.
- The scholarship may be renewed on an annual basis for up to 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study if the recipient:
 - Is enrolled on at least a part-time basis in an eligible Maryland postsecondary institution; and
 - Continues to meet all other eligibility requirements.

NOTE: As a condition of receiving a Maryland State scholarship or grant, you pledge to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger your enrollment in a Maryland college, as well as your Maryland financial aid award.

Award Payment:

The institution is required to fund all eligible students and are then reimbursed by the State. If funds cannot be reimbursed in the fiscal year in which awards are made, priority will be given to reimbursing funds for those awards in the following fiscal year. Institutions may not hold funds from eligible students, while waiting for funds from the State.