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Application Procedures For District 24 Senatorial Scholarships

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Senator Joanne C. Benson Scholarship Committee has been established to select awardees for the 2025-2026 academic year. The application procedure requires the submission of the completed application form and required documents.

IMPORTANT: ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED

IF YOU RECEIVED A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP LAST YEAR, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-APPLY. YOUR SCHOLARSHIP IS GOOD FOR UP TO 8 SEMESTERS, AS LONG AS YOU ARE IN GOOD STANDING AT YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE, YOU MUST RE-APPLY IN JANUARY 2026.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Residence in District 24; parental residence if you are a dependent student.
- Admission to a Maryland College or University, unless "Unique Major" status has been granted*.
- Financial Need – Student Aid Report which is generated from your FAFSA. **FAFSA's must be filed by March 1, 2025.**
- Community Service
- Unique Major – If your program of study does not qualify as a "unique major", as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, we cannot make an award for an out-of-state school.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Signed and completed 2025-2026 Scholarship Application
- Academic Records (official documents):
 - High School student and college applicants – most recent transcript
 - High School Students -Test Scores – SAT/ACT
 - Student Aid Report (SAR) based on your FAFSA
 - Essay (300-400 words) (see last page of application)

Note: Please print your name and provide the last 4-digits of your Social Security number on each supplemental page.

DEADLINE AND MAILING ADDRESS

Completed applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by Monday, July 27th, 2025 and mailed or emailed to:

Senator Joanne C. Benson Scholarship
James Senate Office Building,
11 Bladen Street, Suite 201
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991
Email: CBingham@senate.state.md.us

Senatorial Scholarship Application
Senator Joanne C. Benson

Annapolis Office Phone: (410) 841-3148

Please complete the following form and return to Senator Joanne C. Benson at:
James Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen Street, Room 201, Annapolis, MD 21401-1991 by **July 27, 2025**

Name of Applicant _____

Sex F M Social Security Number (last 4 digits) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Home Address _____
(include city/state)

Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Father (Guardian) Name _____

Mother (Guardian) Name _____

Father (Guardian) Occupation & Employer _____

Mother (Guardian) Occupation & Employer _____

Your Martial Status Married Divorced Single

Do you have any dependents Yes No If yes, how many? _____

Do your parents have additional dependents Yes No If yes, how many? _____

College Attendance Plans

Full-time Student

Part-time Student

Undergraduate

Graduate

Name of School you will attend _____

City and State of School _____
