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Martin O'Malley  
Governor, State of Maryland

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President, Maryland Senate

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Advisory Council and Program was created by HB 1307 (Chapter 413, Acts of 2004) to provide financial assistance to Maryland residents attending a Maryland higher education institution to prepare for and pursue careers in public service. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is to provide, each year, a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the administration of this program. This letter is in response to this request.

The Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant program was enacted into law by the Maryland General Assembly (Annotated Code of Maryland - Education Article Section 18-701) in 2006. In FY 2008 the William Donald Schaefer Scholarship and six other programs were consolidated into the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant program. No new awards were made under the William Donald Schaefer Scholarship program after FY 2007. The advisory council appointed by the Secretary of Higher Education to award William Donald Schaefer Scholarships is inactive.

Should you have questions regarding the William Donald Schaefer Scholarship program or its implementation, please contact Robert Parker, Director, OSFA, at 410-260-4558 or [rparker@mhec.state.md.us](mailto:rparker@mhec.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.  
Secretary of Higher Education