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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President
Senate of Maryland
H-107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Maryland Higher Education
Commission- Scholarship/Grant End of
Year Fiscal Reports**
MSAR #10051, #9665, #9450, #9473, and
#9425

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with Sections 18-301, 18-708, 18-604, 18-603, and 18-2901 of the Education Article, the Maryland Higher Education Commission is required to provide an annual report on each scholarship/grant fund includes an accounting of all financial receipts and expenditures. This report combines all of the required scholarship/grant reports into one single document and provides annual expenditures and number of recipients data for the following programs:

1. *Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant (#10051),*
2. *Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship (#9665),*
3. *Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Service Tuition Reimbursement Program (#9450),*
4. *Maryland First Scholarship (#9473), and*
5. *Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program (#9425).*

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In FY 2015 the expenditures and total number of recipients for each scholarship/grant program were as follows:

Program	Expenditures	Number of Recipients
Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant	\$1,063,500	357
Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship	\$1,384,127	172
Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Service Tuition Reimbursement Program	\$257,228	84
Maryland First Scholarship	Unfunded	0
Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program	\$81,402,035	31,158

Overview of Scholarship/Grant Programs

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) is an office within the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) responsible for the administration of a variety of state-funded financial assistance programs. These programs are designed to improve access to higher education for needy students; encourage students to major in areas of great economic need to the State, such as teaching and nursing; provide loan repayment assistance to Maryland residents working in select fields; and encourage Maryland's brightest students to attend college in the State. Maryland students use the assistance from these programs at community colleges, independent colleges and universities, private career schools, and the State's public four-year campuses.

1. Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant

The purpose of the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program is to assist in meeting the State's need for well trained and highly skilled workers in shortage areas. Students who perform well academically and agree to use their training in eligible programs as members of Maryland's workforce may qualify for scholarship assistance.

2. Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraqi Conflicts Scholarship

The Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts (VAIC) Scholarship is a state-funded

program that provides financial assistance to United States Armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are currently high school seniors and enroll in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution.

3. Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Service Tuition Reimbursement Program

The purpose of this tuition reimbursement program is to encourage members of firefighting, ambulance, and rescue organizations serving Maryland communities to improve their professional skills by reimbursing them for the tuition costs of courses leading to a degree in fire service or emergency medical technology.

4. Maryland First Scholarship

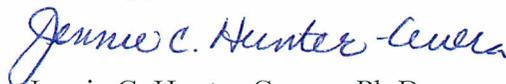
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5. Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program

The purpose of the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program is to provide need-based scholarship assistance. The State's neediest students will be guaranteed access to postsecondary education in Maryland through Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Guaranteed Access Grants. Low and middle-income students will be awarded financial assistance through Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Assistance Grants.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Mr. Lee Towers, Legislative Liaison at 410-767-3059, or lee.towers@maryland.gov

Sincerely,



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