January 17, 2020

Dear scholarship applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Maryland House of Delegates scholarship through the office of Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo. To be eligible for a 2020-2021 scholarship, you must be a resident of District 15-Montgomery County. In addition, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has established the following minimum criteria:

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
You and your parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents. You must enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university as a full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student, or attend certain private career schools. Audited courses cannot be used to reach the minimum credit hours required for full-time or part-time status.

**ELIGIBLE MAJORS**
All majors are eligible. You may use this scholarship at an out-of-state school if your major is not available at any Maryland school. To be considered for unique major approval, students must submit the curriculum outlined for their intended major and a cover letter that includes: name, date of birth, Social Security number, address, phone number, name of major, name of institution, degree to be earned, and academic year of entrance. Information about unique majors can be found at https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Documents/Financial%20Aid/UNIQUE%20MAJOR%20APPLICATION%20(16-17).pdf

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
If you are submitting the electronic application, we recommend that you have the following documents prior to beginning the application:

1. An essay of less than 500 words on the following topic: Describe an issue you are passionate about and the contributions you have made to further the cause or to help correct an injustice.
2. A copy of your most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial);
3. A resume or list of your extracurricular activities;
4. Complete the FAFSA and submit to MHEC (must be on file with MHEC). If you complete the FAFSA before March 1, it will automatically be on file with MHEC.
5. Complete the electronic application at Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo Scholarship or go to https://goo.gl/forms/R9pxez2w3ftqMY1k2
If you are submitting the paper application, you will need to send the following:
1. Completed application;
2. Submit an essay of less than 500 words on the following topic: Describe an issue you are passionate about and the contributions you have made to further the cause or to help correct an injustice.
3. Submit a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial);
4. Submit a resume or list of your extracurricular activities;
5. Complete the FAFSA and submit to MHEC (must be on file with MHEC). If you complete the FAFSA before March 1, it will automatically be on file with MHEC.

Where to send:
We strongly recommend that all materials be sent as attachments to email. They can be emailed to: David.Fraser.Hidalgo@house.state.md.us.

If using regular mail, please address to:
Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo
House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 223
Annapolis, MD 21401

Deadline:
The postmark deadline is April 20, 2020. Awards will be determined by early summer. You will be notified by MHEC if you have been awarded a scholarship from Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo.

Criteria for awarding scholarships:
The criteria for awarding delegate scholarships will include:

- Residency in district 15 (if you do not know your district, go to www.mdelect.net; type your address in the box.
- Financial need;
- Academic goals and achievements;
- Extracurricular activities

The delegate scholarship is for a single academic year. You must reapply for the scholarship each academic year.

Thank you for applying, and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Fraser-Hidalgo
Delegate – District 15