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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
H-107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Report on Maryland Foster Care Tuition
Waiver and Maryland Unaccompanied
Homeless Youth recipients
MSAR #11769

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Education Article §15-106.1(d), the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) presents the information below on Maryland Foster Care Tuition Waiver recipients and Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver recipients. The statute requires the collection of the number of enrolled students who (1) received the specified tuition exemption during the prior academic year; (2) received the specified tuition exemption at any point during their enrollment at the institution; and (3) earned a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or certificate from the institution during the prior academic year. The following data are an aggregation of submissions provided by all public postsecondary institutions in the State.

Foster Care Tuition Waiver			
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2019	Total Number of Recipients from FY 2014 through FY 2019	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2019
Public Community Colleges	299	398	13
Public Four-Year Institutions	142	173	32
Totals	441	571	45

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver			
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2019	Total Number of Recipients from FY 2015 through FY 2019	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2019
Public Community Colleges	124	148	11
Public Four-Year Institutions	126	151	18
Totals	250	299	29

Student totals are not provided, as individual recipients may have received awards over multiple years.

In total 27 public postsecondary institutions (16 community colleges and 11 public four-year institutions) awarded the Foster Care waiver to students from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Similarly, 23 public institutions (13 community colleges and 10 public four-year institutions) awarded the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waiver in the reporting year.

- The majority of the recipients of the Foster Care waiver were enrolled at Maryland's community colleges. Conversely, a greater number of recipients graduated from the public four-year institutions in 2019 than public community colleges.
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waiver recipients were evenly distributed among Maryland's public institutions in 2019.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Barbara Schmertz, Director of Research & Policy Analysis at barbara.schmertz@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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