

REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES

“Dream Act” General Information

As an open-admission institution, Garrett College grants admission to all students regardless of immigration status. Maryland legislation provides the opportunity for some non-U.S. citizens who attended high school in Maryland to receive in-county or out-of-county tuition rates. In order to qualify for this exemption, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Attended a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland;
2. Graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in Maryland or received the equivalent of a high school diploma from the State;
3. Registers within six (6) years after graduating from a public or nonpublic secondary school in the State or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma in the State;
4. Provides documentation that the student, or the student’s parent or legal guardian, has filed Maryland income tax returns annually for the three (3) year period before the academic year in which the tuition rate exemption would apply (home schooled students are subject to this requirement in the same manner);
5. Provides an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident within 30 days after the individual becomes eligible to do so;
6. Provides proof that the individual has registered with the selective service system. *(This currently applies to all males 18 – 25. Proof of selective service registration can be obtained by filing with the Post Office and returning a receipt to the college that shows proof of registration or by providing a selective service card.)*

The address used on the Maryland income tax return and the location of high school the student graduated from (for students who have received a GED, where student most recently attended high school) will be used in determining the tuition rate (in-county or out-of-county).

Each community college will verify statutory compliance for each eligible student. Students seeking this exemption must be prepared to annually provide copies of Maryland Tax Returns and other documents.

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THIS EXEMPTION FROM NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES

1. Complete the “Request & Affidavit for Exemption from Non-Resident Tuition Rates”.
2. Submit the completed form along with all required documents to the Office of Records & Registration.

Applying for the exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay by the college deadline any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before your eligibility is determined. For specific instructions regarding documentation and deadline dates, contact the Office of Records & Registration at 301-387-3113.

