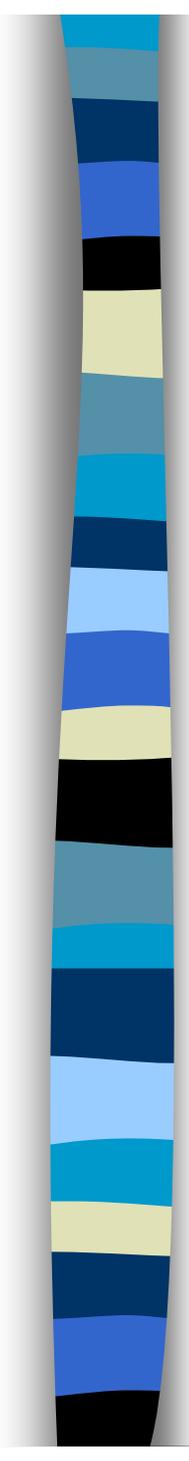
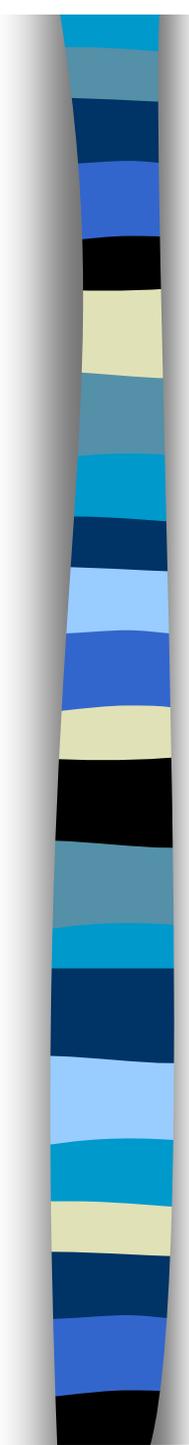


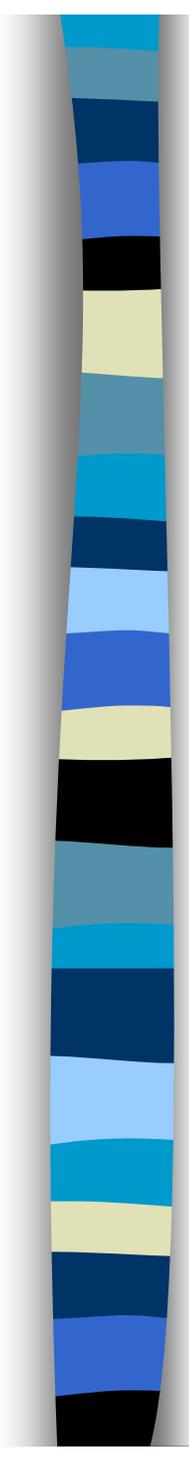
# The Maryland State Tuition/Fee Waiver Overview



On July 1, 2007 HB 1309, Higher Education – Foster Care Recipients – Waiver of Tuition and Fees was passed in to law.

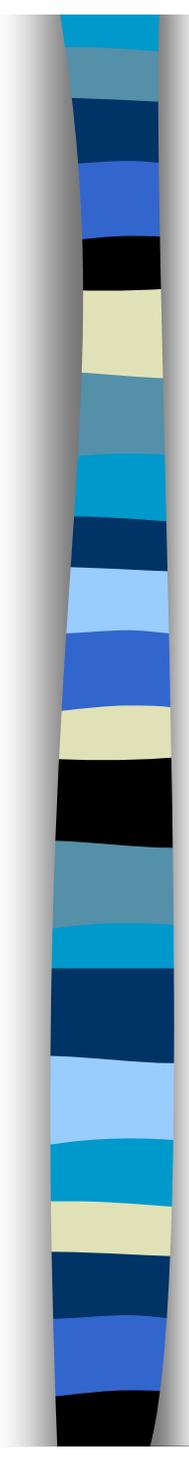


What this means to you as foster/kinship care youth is that all foster/kinship care youth in out-of-home placements are now eligible to attend all Maryland public colleges and universities.



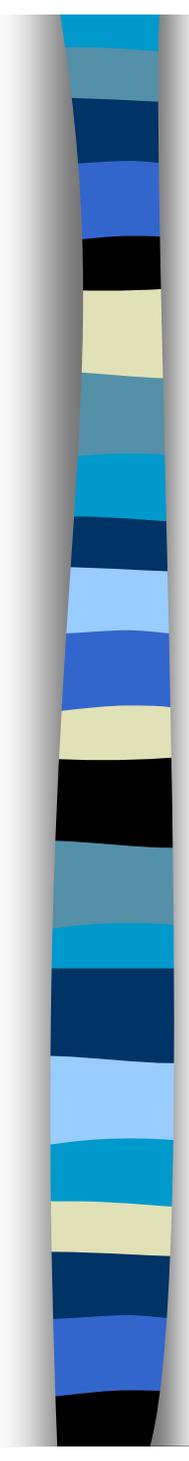
## You are eligible if you:

- Foster/kinship care youth who resided in an out-of-home placement at the successful completion of high school/GED;
- Former foster/kinship care youth who was in an out-of-home placement at the time they successfully completed high school/GED;



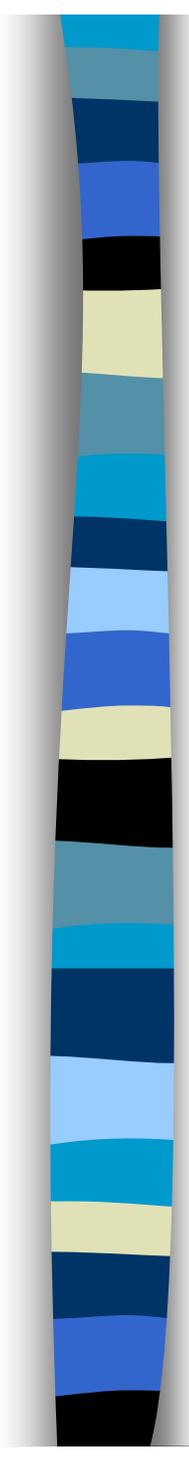
## Eligibility continued

- Adopted foster/kinship care youth who resided in an out-of-home placement in the state on their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and was adopted from an out-of-home placement after the individual's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- Foster/kinship care youth who is accepted at a public 2 or 4 year Maryland College/University;



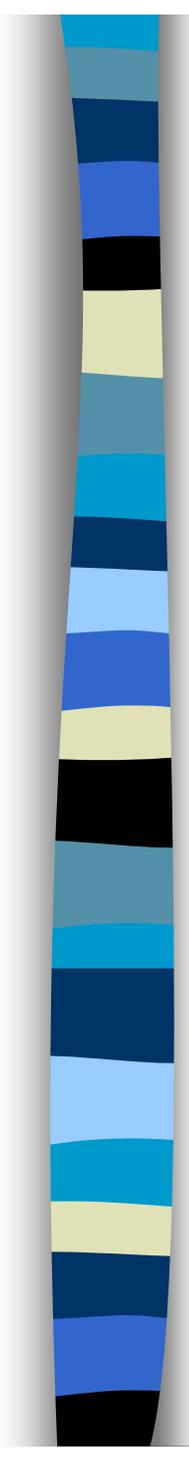
# Eligibility continued

- Must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) package on or before March 1st of the year you plan to attend school;
- You complete your studies within five (5) years of when you start;



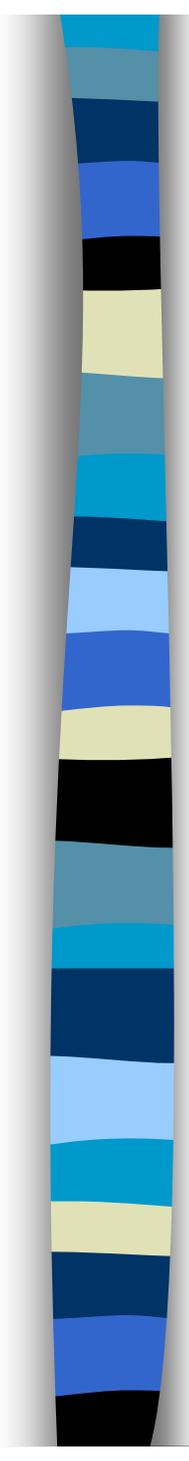
## Eligibility continued

- Must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at Maryland public institution on or before age 21.



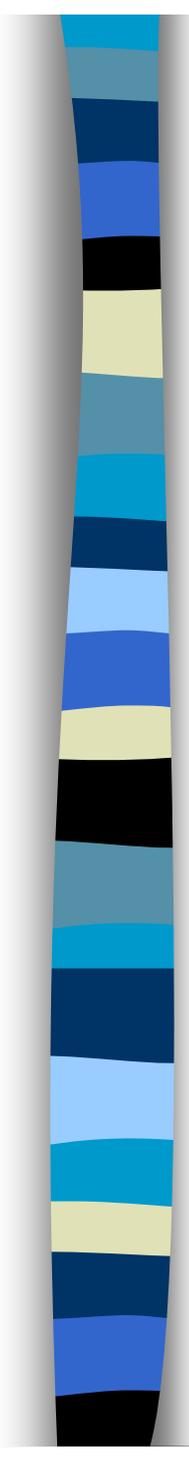
# How to Apply

- Youth needs to go the financial aid office at the institution they are attending and inform them they are a foster care youth.



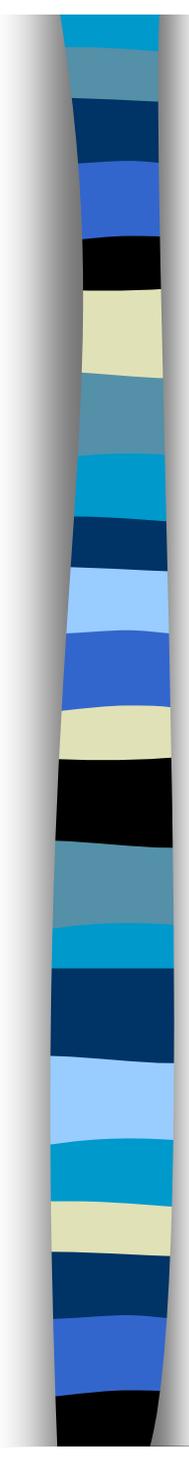
## Award Amount

- Tuition and mandatory fees are waived.
- All forms of financial aid/awards/scholarships are applied first.
- If the tuition/fees are greater than the financial aid/awards/scholarships, the state waiver, then waves the difference.



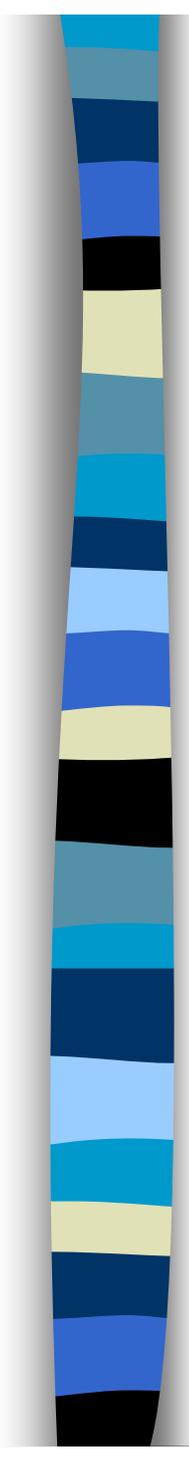
## Award Amount continued

- If the financial aid/awards/scholarships are greater than the tuition/fees, the balance is placed in the students account or refunded to the student.
- There is no exchange of money.



# Renewing the State Waiver

- You can renew your eligibility for the State Waiver each year for an additional 4 years or until a bachelor's degree is awarded.
- You must complete a new FAFSA application by March 1<sup>st</sup>, maintain satisfactory academic progress, attend and remain enrolled.



# Summer School

- In order to attend summer school and use the state waiver, you need to complete the fall and spring semesters and then you become eligible to attend summer school.