

Higher Education Adult Part-time Student Grant for West Virginia Residents (HEAPS)

ELIGIBILITY Criteria for HEAPS Grant Program:

- Is a West Virginia resident a minimum of 12 consecutive months and a United States citizen or a
 permanent resident of the U. S.;
- Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of study with a goal of attaining a certificate, an associate or bachelors degree as an undergraduate on a part-time basis at an eligible institution of higher education. Part-time means enrollment for not less than six or more than eleven semester hours of college course work or its equivalent. However, for no more than two semesters, a recipient may take three to five hours;
- Is making satisfactory progress at the time of application. Satisfactory progress for a first time award means being accepted for enrollment by the institution the applicant plans to attend. Thereafter, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale:
- Demonstrates financial need;
- Demonstrates that he or she has applied for, accepted, or both, other student financial assistance in compliance with federal financial aid rules, including the Federal Pell Grant. Applicant must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Has complied with the Military Selective Service Act;
- Is not in default on a higher education loan; and,
- Is not incarcerated in a correctional facility.

SELECTION: Recipients will be selected each year based on the applicants' eligibility and the availability of funds. Priority will be given to students who filed the FAFSA by March 1, 2014. Awards will be made based on the student's financial need and enrollment as follows:

| Enrollment Status | Semester Award Amount | Academic Year Award Amount |
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| 3 – 5 credit hours | \$325 / \$325 | \$650 |
| 6 – 8 credit hours | \$650 / \$650 | \$1,300 |
| 9 – 11 credit hours | \$975 / \$975 | \$1,950 |

RENEWALS: HEAPS grants are eligible for renewal consideration until the program of study is completed but not to exceed an additional nine years beyond the first year of the award.

| Name: MUI | | | D: <u>901</u> | |
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| Email: | Phone Number: | | | |
| Planned Enrollment: | Fall 2014 | hours | Spring 2015 | hours |
| Student's Signature | | | Date | |

Return the completed form to *Student Financial Assistance, Marshall University, One John Marshall Dr., Old Main 116, Huntington, WV, 25755 or fax to 304-696-3242*.