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# Johns Hopkins

## **Baltimore Scholars Program:**

a full-tuition scholarship for Baltimore City public high school students accepted to Johns Hopkins University

*Johns Hopkins has enjoyed a long history of working to support public education in Baltimore and throughout Maryland, and we are pleased to explain the latest in our efforts to help city school students, teachers, administrators, and parents: the Baltimore Scholars Program. Here, you'll find answers to the most common questions about this initiative.*

### **What is it?**

Q. What is the Baltimore Scholars Program all about?

A. *The centerpiece of this program is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship for full-time undergraduates at Johns Hopkins.*

Q. Does anything else go along with the scholarship?

A. *Yes, guidance and enrichment. Baltimore Scholars benefit from working closely with a faculty and staff program committee to achieve their goals, beginning as soon as they enroll. They also attend special events throughout the school year. Even before matriculation, Johns Hopkins assists Baltimore students in preparing for both college and the Baltimore Scholars program.*

### **How many participate?**

Q. How many Baltimore Scholars are expected each year? Is there a limit?

A. *The program is not limited in its enrollment. Participation each year is dependent upon the number of eligible applicants who are admitted to the university. The Class of 2009 includes 21 Baltimore Scholars.*

Q. What schools and majors are represented?

A. *Students from public schools across Baltimore City participate in the program. Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore City College, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, and Baltimore School for the Arts are represented in the Class of 2009. Baltimore Scholars have a wide variety of interests; majors across the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering are represented.*

### **Who is eligible?**

Q. What are the requirements to be considered for the program?

A. *Baltimore Scholars must:*

- *be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.*
- *graduate from a Baltimore City public high school.*
- *have been a student in a Baltimore City public school for at least 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and have been a resident of Baltimore City, along with the custodial parent, for those same three years.*

## **What's behind the program?**

Q. Why is Johns Hopkins undertaking this initiative?

A. *We want all of Baltimore's best students to consider studying at Johns Hopkins—a world-class university in their own backyard. We also want Baltimore families who are choosing a high school for their students to know that Johns Hopkins supports our city's public schools as a great way to prepare for college.*

## **What about selection and criteria?**

Q. How do I apply?

A. *Simply apply for undergraduate admission to the Johns Hopkins division you'd like to attend: the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the Whiting School of Engineering, the Peabody Conservatory, (or, in the special circumstances outlined below, the School of Nursing or the School of Professional Studies in Business and Education.) Specific instructions are available through each division's admissions office. No separate application is needed for the Baltimore Scholars Program. You're automatically considered if you meet the three eligibility requirements listed above.*

*No application for financial aid is required, unless you are seeking consideration for additional financial assistance to cover living expenses (room and board).*

*In general, Johns Hopkins seeks students who are well-prepared for college, who are deeply interested in learning, and who contribute to their schools and communities. These are the same qualities we seek in Baltimore Scholars.*

Q. When would I be notified about my scholarship status?

A. *Along with your acceptance to Johns Hopkins, by April 1 each year.*

## **Other questions of interest:**

Q. What if I can't afford room and board? Is financial aid available beyond the cost of tuition?

A. *Yes, additional financial aid is available. Students requiring additional assistance need to follow the normal financial aid application process. We'll meet demonstrated need for room and board, and other expenses such as books, supplies, and a personal allowance.*

Q. What happens if I win an additional scholarship from an outside source? Would it be added to my Baltimore Scholars award?

A. *Yes, other scholarship awards can be combined with the Baltimore Scholars award, but only up to the level of the cost of attendance at Johns Hopkins (including room and board and expenses). After the total cost of attendance is met, funds from your Baltimore Scholars award would be reduced to bring your scholarships in line with actual cost.*

Q. I have a parent who works at the university. Would I receive the full Baltimore Scholars Program grant in addition to the tuition grant benefit my parent receives?

A. *No. We will adjust Baltimore Scholars awards to ensure that total tuition scholarship assistance (from all sources) is not greater than the cost of tuition at Johns Hopkins.*

Q. I am a Baltimore City resident with financial need, but I attend a private secondary school on financial aid. Am I eligible for the Baltimore Scholars Program?

A. *No. This program is restricted to public schools. Students with need who are in private schools are eligible to have that need met through our regular financial aid process.*

Q. I graduated from a Baltimore City public school a couple of years ago, but went to work because I couldn't afford a college. Am I eligible for the Baltimore Scholars Program?

A. *No. The program began with students graduating from high school in 2005.*

Q. I graduated from a Baltimore City public school a couple of years ago, and have attended community college. If I transfer to Johns Hopkins, am I eligible for the Baltimore Scholars Program?

A. *Under certain circumstances. Up to three Baltimore Scholars annually are selected from applicants for the part-time undergraduate programs in business or information systems at the Johns Hopkins School of Professional Studies in Business and Education (SPSBE). Baltimore Scholars in SPSBE typically begin study at Johns Hopkins after competing the equivalent of 60 undergraduate credits elsewhere, often by earning an associate's degree at a community college.*

Q. I graduated from a Baltimore City public school a couple of years ago, and have attended another four-year college. If I transfer to Johns Hopkins, am I eligible for the Baltimore Scholars Program?

A. *No. The program's focus is on students applying from high school for places in the Johns Hopkins freshman class (with the noted exceptions above and below.)*

Q. I'm interested in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, but it's only for junior and seniors. Can I still be a Baltimore Scholar there?

A. *Yes. Baltimore Scholars who are accepted for transfer admission to the School of Nursing after their sophomore year at another Johns Hopkins division transfer their scholarships as well.*

Q. Are there any limits on what Baltimore Scholars can do as Johns Hopkins students? Would I be able to live in the residence halls, study abroad, take courses in all the Johns Hopkins divisions, change my major, take part in extracurricular activities, get a campus job, and do whatever other students do?

A. *Absolutely. Baltimore Scholars will enjoy the full Johns Hopkins experience.*

Q. What happens if my family moves out of Baltimore City while I am a Baltimore Scholar?

A. *If your family moves out of Baltimore City once you are designated a Baltimore Scholar that designation does not change.*

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