

Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship Program (MHDSP)

The *Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship Program* (MHDSP) was created by the Massachusetts Legislature to support economic growth and development. Based on the most current data from the Executive Office of Workforce Development, this new scholarship program will support students pursuing programs of study in specific professions, and who plan to work in those areas upon graduation. For the first cycle of awards, high demand disciplines designated for scholarship eligibility at the bachelor's degree will include those in:

- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**
- **Nursing and other health professions** disciplines such as radiology, Occupational Therapy, medical and clinical laboratory technology
- **Elementary and Secondary Education (except Special Education)**
- **Business, specifically Finance and Accounting**
- **Certificate programs in computer science**

The high demand fields are current estimates of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development that are tied to long term projections on jobs and occupations, based on the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OES) program, from 2010 to 2020. These disciplines reflect a certain expected growth in occupations and further project the number of likely replacements, as the Massachusetts workforce continues to age.

To be eligible for the Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship, an applicant must meet specific program guidelines (see attached) and complete the following:

- the online scholarship application,
- the current year FAFSA (if not already completed),
- submit an official copy of the college transcript to the following address:
**MASS High Demand Scholarship
Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance
454 Broadway, Suite 200
Revere, MA 02151**

Subject to available funds, scholarships will be awarded based on enrollment status as follows:

- **University of Massachusetts Students**
- \$6,500 per year or \$3,250 per semester - Full-time enrollment (12 credits or more)
- \$3,250 per year or \$1,625 per semester - Part-time enrollment (6-11 credits)

The 2012-2013 MHD Scholarship Application - Application Deadline: January 15, 2013. Students should [Create a new 2012-2013 MHDS Account](#) and click on a verification email to [Login](#) and complete a five-minute application. Providing a transcript is step 2.