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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Prince George's 3D Scholars Program?

The Prince George's 3D Scholar program is a specialized program where students earn 30 credits towards an associate's degree while in high school, then immediately transition to Prince George's Community College (PGCC) and University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) at a highly-reduced cost to earn a bachelor's degree in one of three courses of study: Business Administration, Cyber Security or Criminal Justice. Students receive a high school diploma and two college degrees: an Associate's degree and a Bachelor's degree.

What are the entrance requirements?

- 9th or 10th grade in Fall 2020
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average at your high school.
- Minimal college placement test score requirements on the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer exam per 3D scholars application.
- Complete application with essay and two teacher recommendations to counselor by November 15, 2019; final decisions will be completed via lottery

Does everyone who applies get accepted? If not, when will I find out if I am accepted?

Acceptance letters will be mailed by March 2020.

What fees am I responsible to pay?

While students are enrolled at PGCPs, PGCPs will pay tuition for all eligible dually enrolled students while they are enrolled in PGCC. PGCPs will also pay all fees and textbook expenses for students who receive free and reduced-price meals (FARMS). If a student is not a FARMS student, payment for all fees and textbooks are the responsibility of the student.

- When a student transitions to PGCC, he/she will be responsible for tuition at a discount of 50%, as well as fees and textbooks. If a student is PELL eligible, tuition, fees, and textbooks will be paid by the PELL grant, and in some cases the grant will cover all costs.
- When a student transitions to UMGC, he/she will receive a waiver for all tuition and fees with the exception of any technical or lab fees related to a specific course. Most courses at UMGC do not require textbooks.

Where can I find the application?

www.pgcps.org/3DScholars/

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Is transportation provided by PGCPs?

Yes. The program is housed at Charles H. Flowers HS. 3D Scholars must enroll as a C.H. Flowers student and will obtain transportation to C.H. Flowers and to PGCC daily.

When will I begin taking college courses?

3D scholars can begin taking college courses as soon as the summer before their 11th grade year. Students must test “college ready” on all areas of the Accuplacer, SAT or ACT to participate in dual enrollment as a 3D scholar.

Will all of my college courses also count for my high school graduation?

Only dual credit courses will count for high school graduation. These dual credit courses are a limited, pre-approved list of courses, and the grades are weighted on a 5.0-point scale on the high school transcript.

Do homeschool or private school students qualify for this opportunity?

No. Students must enroll in a PGCPs school to take advantage of the paid tuition.

What do students do in the case of inclement weather, once enrolled in a course?

Students may be subject to attendance requirements set forth by the college. Students are responsible for making up any schoolwork at the college that is missed due to inclement weather or any change in schedules at their high school.

Which school calendar do I follow?

Students must follow the high school calendar for high school courses and follow the college calendar for college courses.

How is the 3D Scholars program different from dual enrollment?

This is the first program that provides a definitive path directly to a bachelor’s degree from high school.

Students will receive an advisor at each institution to provide individual guidance through the program to ensure a seamless transition from high school, to community college, and from community college to the university.

Who should I contact if I have questions or need more information?

Email: 3Dscholars@pgcps.org
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