



## **The 2019 Baltimore County Public Schools Scholarship Loan Program**

The Baltimore County Public Schools Scholarship Loan Program helps support new BCPS graduates in preparing for professional careers in K-12 education. Imagine yourself as a teacher here and then apply for the BCPS Scholarship Loan Program.

### **We want you back!**

After you graduate from Baltimore County Public Schools, consider returning to our school system as an effective and engaging teacher. Choose BCPS as the place to grow your exciting and rewarding career as an educator.

As the nation’s 25<sup>th</sup> largest school system, we serve more than 113,000 diverse students in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

We offer attractive benefit packages and numerous opportunities for ongoing professional growth and development. More importantly, we offer you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students, just as BCPS teachers did for you.

### **Stay with Team BCPS!**

#### **How it works**

Graduating BCPS seniors accepted as scholarship loan recipients will receive \$4,000 per year for up to four years. The award may be used for tuition, fees, books, or educational supplies.

Renewal awards are automatic, pending transcript verification of GPA (in good academic standing) and full-time status.

After earning a degree from an approved Maryland teacher education program, these former BCPS students will return to BCPS as teachers and role models for students.

#### **How to apply**

Applications will be distributed to BCPS high schools in January and will also be available online on the [Baltimore County Public Schools](#) website.

To apply, you must:

- Be a BCPS high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.80.
- Submit, along with your application a resume documenting school and community activities and a total of three references. Two references can be from classroom teachers, guidance counselors, and/or principals, and one reference should be from a community service representative or employer.



## **A few rules**

BCPS scholarship loan recipients must:

- Sign and return a promissory note agreeing to teach full-time in a Baltimore County public school, one year for each year of the award.
- Enroll full-time (12+ credits per semester) in an approved teacher education program at an institution in Maryland. Each recipient must declare an education major and commit to teach with BCPS.
- Maintain residency in Maryland.
- Begin employment as a full-time teacher within six months of college graduation.

## **A few final caveats**

Recipients of multiple awards requiring service obligations must perform that service in consecutive years until service obligation is met.

Failure to maintain eligibility for the award based on GPA, full-time status or Maryland residency, will require recipient to fulfill the obligations of the promissory note.

Recipients who are convicted of any criminal charges that would preclude them from teaching in BCPS will be disqualified from the scholarship loan program.

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