

# **Student Achievement and Success Program (SASP) Scholarship Eligibility and Selection Procedures for First Year Experience (FYE) Students**

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Anne Arundel Community College is committed to enhancing programs and services for students who are the first in their families to attend college, who need to build a foundation for success in college-level classes, who are low income, or an ethnic minority to meet their academic goals. One of the objectives of SASP is to enhance student success by identifying SASP students who meet the eligibility requirements and award them an incentive scholarship. First Year Experience (FYE) students are a cohort of SASP students who are first-time college students with two or more developmental course requirements, minority or low income.

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage FYE participants including FYE Bridge, FYE Extended and other identified First Year SASP students to successfully achieve their educational goals by providing a scholarship of Anne Arundel Community College in-county rate for three credits of development course work (FYE-T) and/or a scholarship incentive up to \$300 (FYE-S) each spring that encourages and rewards student persistence, achievement, and success. Scholarship recipients will be required to participate in at least thirty (30) contact hours of lab, college resources and activities during the fall. FYE Bridge students may receive up to \$200 for completion of the summer program and enrollment in ACA 100. FYE Extended students who have not accumulated 24 credits for the semester the scholarship is being awarded may receive up to \$500. Students may receive a maximum of \$2000 including SASP Scholarship Awards. All awards are contingent on the availability of funds on a yearly basis.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible to receive a FYE Scholarship and/or maintain the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in an Anne Arundel Community College certificate or degree seeking program.
- Enrolled in six (6) or more credit hours for the semester the scholarship is being awarded.
- Participants enrolled in less than 6 credits may be eligible based on the recommendation of the SASP Director. Decision may be based on credit limitations imposed due to Satisfactory Academic Progress restrictions or director's approval for less credits based on extenuating circumstances.
- A minimum 2.0 adjusted GPA during the first and second semesters.
- Participants without a GPA in their first term at AACC are eligible to receive the scholarship provided all other requirements are met.
- Participants who took developmental/ESL coursework (no GPA) are eligible provided they receive a grade high enough to allow them to proceed to the next course in the sequence.
- During the fall demonstrate participation in at least thirty (30) SASP/college services/activities or a modified number of contacts based on extenuating circumstances determined by the director or her designee.
- Students who register for spring classes prior to winter break and enroll in a required developmental course are eligible to receive FYE tuition scholarship waiver (FYE-T).

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- Meet once during the fall term with SASP representative to assess their FYE scholarship/academic status/progress.
- Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status each term (including okay and probationary status).
- Second year students with okay/probationary SAP may be eligible for a SASP Scholarship.
- Be currently enrolled in ACA 100, successfully completed ACA 100, or meets one of the alternative options:
  - Completed at least 15 credits with at least a 3.0 GPA
  - Completed over 23 credits with at least a 2.5 GPA
  - Transferred in an equivalent ACA 100 course
  - Transferred 12 credits
  - SASP Director Exemption based on documented extenuating circumstances
  - Black Male Initiative (BMI) requirement of 15 hours of academic support/supplemental instruction (includes ACA 100 or BMI retreat, SASP/FYE/DEV Lab, Pathway workshops)
- Students **ineligible** to receive the FYE Scholarship:
  - Students who are dependents or the spouse of regular college faculty or staff who are receiving (or eligible to receive) a tuition waiver.
  - Students who have not filed taxes for the year utilized to determine eligibility for Title IV financial aid.
  - Students who are not current with selective service.
  - Students who have Department of Homeland Security (DHLS) holds.
  - Students who have outstanding SASP loaned textbooks, calculators or laptops.
  - Students with an earned 1<sup>st</sup> associate degree or bachelor's degree.
  - Students who have exceeded the maximum award amount (\$2000).
  - Participants not meeting any of the eligibility requirements may be considered in subsequent enrolled term(s) if eligibility criteria are attained.