

# **Student Achievement and Success Program (SASP) Scholarship Eligibility and Selection Procedures**

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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 Student Achievement and Success Program (SASP) is to enhance student success by identifying SASP students who meet the eligibility requirements and award them an incentive scholarship.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage Student Achievement and Success Program (SASP) participants to successfully achieve their educational goals by providing up to \$500 a semester (fall or spring, receiving a maximum of \$2000 over 4 semesters) financial incentive that encourages and rewards student persistence, achievement and success. Scholarship recipients will be required to participate in at least four (4) new and existing SASP and other college services each term. All awards are contingent on the availability of funds on a yearly basis.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible to receive a SASP 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 nine (9) or more credit hours for the semester the scholarship is being awarded. (Participants enrolled in less than 9 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; a minimum 2.3 adjusted GPA during the third and fourth semesters; Be enrolled in nine (9) or more credit hours for the term.
- 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.
- Demonstrate participation in at least four (4) SASP/college services/activities.
- Meet once each term with SASP representative to assess 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).
- 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.

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- 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 SASP 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's 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.