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Harford Community College Receives GEERS Grant Funding

Governor Hogan provided \$10 million of Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds to Maryland's community colleges to provide workforce development courses and continuing professional education that lead to government or industry-required certification or licensure, especially to those who lost jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Harford Community College is one of the colleges that has received such funding.

Harford received \$477,265 in GEER funding for:

- Scholarships to cover full tuition costs for some programs
- Stipends to cover textbooks, software, materials, and supplies
- Achievement stipends for students who complete a series of certifications
- Curriculum development and marketing costs
- Program administrative costs

Eligible programs offered at Harford include Additive Manufacturing & Welding, Certified Customer Service Professional (CCSP), Drones FAA Certification, National Bookkeeper Certification, OSHA Forklift Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Personal Trainer Certification, ServSafe and Forklift Certification for students with intellectual disabilities, MOS certification for Word/Excel/Outlook, A+, Network +, Security+ and Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA). Students, including those from out of state, who are enrolled in these programs and who began their studies on or after July 1, 2020 may be eligible for scholarships to cover all tuition and fees. The grant may not be used to supplant other funds.

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