General Regulations Applicable to All Forms of Aid

AID procedures
The Office of Student Financial Aid will determine financial aid offers that best fit the needs and qualifications of the students. A financial aid offer is normally a combination of grants, loans and student employment, and is determined by the availability of financial aid and the financial circumstances of each student as expressed on the FAFSA.

Change in Financial Situation
It is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid of any changes to their financial circumstances during the year.

Citizenship Status
In order to be eligible for federal, state or university financial assistance, students must be United States citizens or eligible non-citizens.

Default/Owe Refund
To be eligible for financial aid from UMD, students cannot be in default on an educational loan, nor can they owe any refund on a Pell Grant or Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) previously received at any post-secondary institution.

Degree-Seeking
Students must be working toward a degree or an eligible certificate in order to be eligible to receive financial aid. Students must be admitted to the university as degree-seeking student or eligible certificate students.

Full-Time Status
For most types of aid, students must attempt at least 12 credit hours through the schedule adjustment period each semester in order to receive a full financial aid offer. Please refer to the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://financialaid.umd.edu/resources-policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/) when considering dropping below 12 credit hours for any given semester.

Reapplication Requirement
Need-based assistance is not automatically renewed from year to year. All students requesting need-based aid must complete and submit the FAFSA annually. Each application must indicate a continued financial need and the student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://financialaid.umd.edu/resources-policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/).

Receiving a Non-University Offer
If a student receives assistance (scholarship, grant or loan) from a non-university source, the university may reduce the financial aid offered by the university. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid of all outside offers.

Satisfactory Progress
At the end of each semester or upon a student's re-enrollment at UMD, the student's academic performance is reviewed. The student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://financialaid.umd.edu/resources-policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/) is determined to verify if the student is eligible to receive, or continue receiving, financial aid.