A Scholarship That Changes Lives

The University of Maryland Incentive Awards Program recognizes and rewards young people who want to better their opportunities through a college education. It is specifically targeted toward students who demonstrate uncommon persistence, academic ability and maturity despite adverse life situations.

Every year, participating high schools in Prince George's County and Baltimore City each nominate five students to compete for a University of Maryland Incentive Award. One student from each high school is selected as an Incentive Award Scholar to enroll at the University of Maryland, College Park, for the following fall semester.

Recipients of the Incentive Award are granted a four-year scholarship, and benefit from a supportive community of advisors, mentors and administrative staff while at Maryland. In return, Incentive Award Scholars are expected to be active in their home communities, serving as role models for future students. Among the finest public universities in the nation, the University of Maryland offers a quality education in more than 100 fields. The diverse community of faculty and students at Maryland provides a stimulating environment that encourages exposure to new ideas and differing opinions.