Dear 33rd District Resident

I am excited to share the following information regarding the application process for District 33 Delegate Heather Bagnall Scholarship for the academic year 2021-2022. Please read through **ALL** instructions carefully and your file your application by **April 15th.**

**How to Apply for a Delegate Scholarship:**

1. The Maryland Higher Education Commission guidelines for the Delegate Scholarship program only allow me to award scholarships to students who permanently reside within the 33rd legislative district. For this reason, **I urge you to confirm your elected representatives** at [www.mdelect.net](http://www.mdelect.net) prior to completing an application. Applying to the incorrect office may result in missed deadlines and opportunities for an award.
2. Once you have confirmed that you qualify for the District 33 Delegate Heather Bagnall Scholarship based on your residency, you may apply for the scholarship. The application can be found [here](https://forms.gle/hmE7TbxzYmty8omU9). If you have any questions or difficulties completing the application, please feel free to contact my office at heather.bagnall@house.state.md.us or by phone at 410-841-3406.
3. In addition to completing this application, you **must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2021.**  This form may be downloaded at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Please understand that though the official FAFSA deadline is June 30th; however, it is a **requirement** of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and I cannot award a scholarship to anyone who has no filed the FAFSA by March 1st. The District 33 Delegate Heather Bagnall Scholarship questionnaire prompts applicants to give general information, list college information (if applicable), examples of community involvement, as well as financial status. With this, it is imperative that the financial information on your application matches the financial information on your FAFSA. Furthermore, applicants are encouraged to describe any special circumstances which create a need for financial aid.
4. My scholarship committee and I will review applications and make award decisions. Following that process my office will contact you by **June 15th.** Please make sure to fully complete all components of the application to avoid any delay. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

 Upon submission of your application you will receive an automated confirmation. **If you do not receive confirmation, please follow up with my office to ensure that your application was received.**  Please save that email for your records; should there be any complication or if you have any questions regarding the submittal of your application, you will need that email as proof of receipt.

Delegate Heather Bagnall