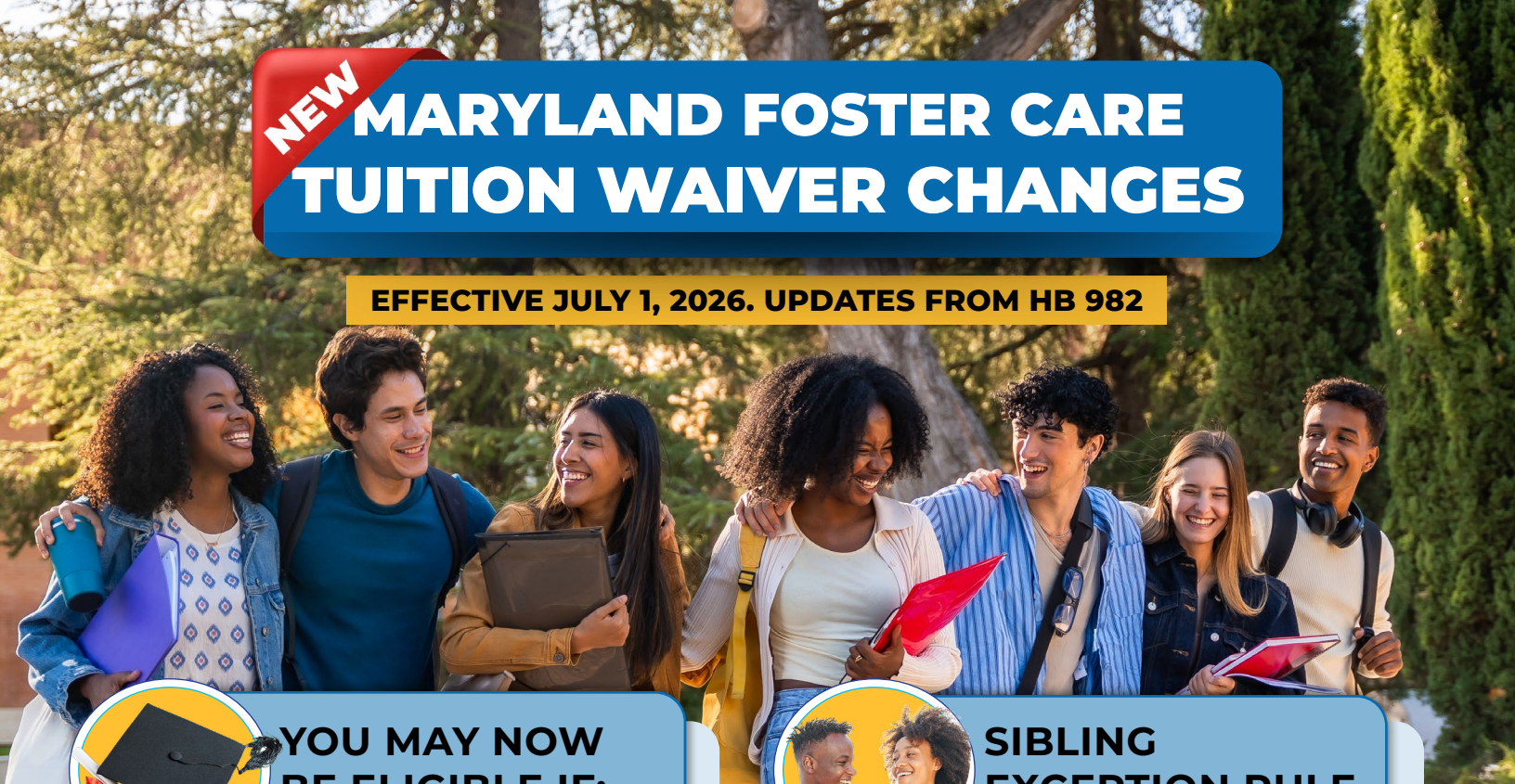




NEW

MARYLAND FOSTER CARE TUITION WAIVER CHANGES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026. UPDATES FROM HB 982



YOU MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE IF:

- In Maryland Foster Care for at least one year.
- Exited care after age 8 to Reunification, Guardianship, or Adoption.



SIBLING EXCEPTION RULE

- If a younger sibling exits care to the same guardianship or adoptive home as an older sibling.
- Older sibling was over age 8 when exiting care.

→ **BOTH** siblings qualify for the tuition waiver!



KEY DETAILS TO KNOW

- For use at Maryland Public Colleges & Universities.
- Must Initially Use the waiver by age 25.



WHAT TO DO NOW

- Apply to a qualifying college.
- Must File FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and MSFAA (Maryland State Financial Aid Application).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MHEC:

https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_fostercare.aspx

Or check out
the Tuition
Waiver FAQ:



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