

Testimony

Greetings to Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Movado Gray a FGCB student. I am writing this letter on behalf of a situation which took place at the end of my sophomore year in 2020 Mid-2021. I resubmitted documentation through the MHEC portal however, I wasn't given an answer on if I will be awarded the grant such as, the amount until late July a month before my actual semester starts in August 2021. Around this time all my school documentation plus COVID and vaccine records must be turned in. Also I stay on campus so my housing registration and paperwork needed to be turned in, but without knowing if I was awarded or not the school paperwork was put on hold until receiving my award. I understand that COVID could've played a huge part in the delay however, I was feeling a sense of "what if's" and a bit of anxiety knowing that if this doesn't go in my favor, I would be in jeopardy this school year with financial aid. As a junior in college that's the last thing anyone wants to think about. I thought if I turned in everything sooner the better. I thought if I turned my documentation on time, shouldn't I receive an answer a bit sooner than a month before my classes start? This is why I am in support of HB 1030 and SB 501 so that students like myself will not have to be worried before beginning a new school year, but they can feel confident that they will receive their GA grant in time.