

Chapter 397

**(House Bill 74)**

AN ACT concerning

**Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program –  
Expansion of Scope**

FOR the purpose of altering the name of the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program to be the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; expanding the scope of the Program to include fall and spring public service internships; specifying the dates that scholarship awards must be made for spring, summer, and fall internships; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–1701, 18–1702, and 18–1704 to be under the amended subtitle  
“Subtitle 17. Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship  
Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Education**

Subtitle 17. Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service [Summer] Internship Scholarship  
Program.

18–1701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Eligible student” means a junior, senior, or graduate student who attends an institution of higher education in the State.

(c) **“INTERNSHIP” MEANS A PAID OR AN UNPAID INTERNSHIP IN THE STATE WITH:**

**(1) AN ORGANIZATION, AN INSTITUTION, AN ASSOCIATION, A SOCIETY, OR A CORPORATION THAT:**

**(I) IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986; AND**

**(II) AFFORDS THE STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING BOARD GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, FUNDRAISING, OR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; OR**

**(2) THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.**

**[(c)] (D)** “Program” means the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service [Summer] Internship Scholarship Program.

**[(d)] (E)** “Shriver Center” means the Shriver Center located at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**[(e)]** “Summer internship” means a paid or unpaid summer internship in the State with:

(1) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that:

(i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(ii) Affords the student the opportunity to participate in and support management functions, including board governance, executive leadership, financial management, human resources, fundraising, or facilities management; or

(2) The State or any local government in the State.]

18–1702.

(a) There is a scholarship program known as the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service [Summer] Internship Scholarship Program in the State.

(b) The purpose of the Program is to assist college and graduate students to explore public service career opportunities through [summer] internships.

(c) The Shriver Center shall administer the Program.

(d) [On or before January 1 of each year, an] **AN** institution of higher education in the State may nominate eligible students to participate in the Program **ON OR BEFORE:**

**(1) JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER AND FALL INTERNSHIPS;**  
AND

**(2) OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SPRING INTERNSHIPS.**

(e) Priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an eligible student who:

(1) Is a resident of the State;

(2) Has demonstrated an interest in a career in public service; and

(3) Assists in providing:

(i) Legal services:

1. To low-income residents in the State who cannot afford legal services; or

2. In a public service position;

(ii) Social work services to low-income residents in the State;

(iii) Nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in § 18-802 of this title; or

(iv) Other services in the public or nonprofit sectors in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or underserved residents or areas of the State.

(f) (1) Subject to paragraph [(3)] **(2)** of this subsection, [on or before May 1 of each year, the Shriver Center shall award scholarships to] **FOR** eligible students who have agreed to serve in a public service [summer] internship, **THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON OR BEFORE:**

**(I) JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR FOR SPRING INTERNSHIPS;**

**(II) MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS; AND**

**(III) AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR FALL INTERNSHIPS.**

[(2) The Shriver Center shall award no more than:

(i) 75 scholarships for the summer of 2008; and

(ii) 100 scholarships for the summer of 2009.

(3) (2) Funds for the scholarships awarded under this subtitle shall be as provided in the State budget.

(g) Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship award under the Program shall be \$3,000.

(h) The Shriver Center shall serve as a clearinghouse for public and nonprofit entities that wish to hire public service [summer] interns participating in the Program.

18-1704.

(a) Funds for the [Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship] Program may be provided on an annual basis in the State budget.

(b) The Governor may provide funding in the State budget to the Shriver Center to administer the Program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.**