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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Blount, Hoffman, Hollinger, Ruben, Lawlah, Collins, Dyson, Frosh, Pinsky, Sfikas, Boozer, Currie, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Neall, Madden, Conway, Della, Derr, Dorman, Forehand, Fry, Green, Hafer, Hughes, Jimeno, Kelley, Middlebrooks, Roesser, Stone, and Trotter Trotter, and Hogan**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship  
4 Program ~~for certain students~~; providing for the awarding of Maryland Science  
5 and Technology Scholarships; establishing the requirements for receiving a  
6 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship; requiring the State Scholarship  
7 Administration to send each Senator and Delegate certain information;  
8 providing for the funding of the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships;  
9 providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the  
10 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Education  
13 Section 18-2001 through ~~18-2008~~ 18-2007, inclusive, to be under the new  
14 subtitle "Subtitle 20. Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships"  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, The Department of Business and Economic Development and key  
19 members of the business community report that Maryland's businesses are

1 experiencing a shortage, or anticipate a shortage, of qualified applicants in the fields  
2 of computer science, engineering, and technology; and

3 WHEREAS, A Maryland Higher Education Commission survey of over 2,500  
4 employers in all regions of the State indicates that additional workers are needed in  
5 these critical areas; and

6 WHEREAS, These fields of science and technology are among the highest  
7 growth industries for the 21st Century; and

8 WHEREAS, An educated, well trained and highly skilled workforce is crucial to  
9 economic development and job growth in this State as higher education and business  
10 needs are closely linked; and

11 WHEREAS, It is an important role for the State to ensure that institutions of  
12 higher education are producing graduates with skills needed by business; and

13 WHEREAS, This Science and Technology Scholarship Program intends to help  
14 meet the State's economic development needs by rewarding students who work hard  
15 in school, demonstrate their ability, and agree to use their training and skills to  
16 become valued members of Maryland's workforce; now, therefore,

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 **SUBTITLE 20. MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

21 18-2001.

22 IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

23 (1) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC  
24 PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE  
25 BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER ~~A CERTIFICATE~~, AN ASSOCIATE'S  
26 DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

27 (2) (I) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE IN  
28 AN OCCUPATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY AS  
29 DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

30 (II) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN PAID STUDENT  
31 INTERNSHIPS, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

32 (III) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP  
33 ADMINISTRATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-101(B).

1 18-2002.

2 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
 3 SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. THE  
 4 ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT ~~SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS~~  
 5 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN  
 6 HIGHER EDUCATION AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH ~~STUDENT~~ INDIVIDUAL  
 7 SELECTED TO BE USED AT A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THEIR  
 8 CHOICE, IF THE ~~RECIPIENT~~ INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

9 (1) QUALIFIES ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

10 (I) HAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT INDICATING AN  
 11 OVERALL ACADEMIC GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS  
 12 EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AFTER  
 13 COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR;

14 (II) INTENDS TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN  
 15 ACADEMIC PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
 16 COMMISSION; AND

17 (III) HAS GRADUATED FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL ~~IN MARYLAND~~;

18 (2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

19 (3) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE  
 20 PROGRAM AT A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

21 ~~(4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION~~  
 22 ~~INSTITUTION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO,~~  
 23 ~~PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION~~  
 24 ~~OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;~~

25 ~~(5)~~ (4) AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF  
 26 THIS SECTION; AND

27 ~~(6)~~ (5) ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD  
 28 AND SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

29 (B) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF  
 30 \$1,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR  
 31 A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

32 (2) IF ACCEPTED BY THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT, EACH AWARD MAY BE  
 33 RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3 YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL  
 34 AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

35 (I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

1 (II) ATTENDS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN  
2 THE STATE;

3 (III) IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
4 AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER OR ITS  
5 EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

6 (IV) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON AN ACADEMIC  
7 YEAR BASIS OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE  
8 ADMINISTRATION, OF EXTREME EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

9 (V) IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE AS  
10 DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION; AND

11 (VI) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

12 (3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
13 SUBSECTION, EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
14 SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED IN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM MAY  
15 RENEW THE ANNUAL AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN  
16 UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
17 INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

18 (4) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION, EACH AWARD MAY BE RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A  
20 MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ~~A CERTIFICATE OR AN~~  
21 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

22 (C) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE  
23 THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF:

24 (1) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL  
25 AWARD TO:

26 (I) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR  
27 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
28 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

29 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
30 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2  
31 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT  
32 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT  
33 DOES NOT:

34 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
35 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
36 SUBTITLE; AND

1 2. PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR  
2 EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS  
3 SUBTITLE; AND

4 (2) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND  
5 CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

6 18-2003.

7 A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR  
8 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

9 18-2004.

10 EACH YEAR AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND  
11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND  
12 REGULATION AND THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARDS EVALUATING  
13 SUCH FACTORS AS HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE NEEDS OF MARYLAND'S  
14 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE  
15 COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A LIST OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR THE  
16 MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

17 18-2005.

18 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP  
19 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY  
20 THE GOVERNOR.

21 ~~18-2006.~~

22 ~~EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS~~  
23 ~~ARTICLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~  
24 ~~SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS~~  
25 ~~TITLE.~~

26 ~~18-2007.~~ 18-2006.

27 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH  
28 SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE  
29 DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE  
30 AWARDED.

31 ~~18-2008.~~ 18-2007.

32 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE  
33 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 July 1, 1998.

