
By: **Senators Hogan, Van Hollen, Middleton, Collins, Hooper, Currie,
Mooney, Harris, Dyson, Roesser, and DeGrange**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2000
Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Senate action: Adopted with floor amendments
Read second time: March 22, 2000

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a~~ altering the requirement that an applicant must
5 attend an eligible Maryland higher education institution within a certain
6 number of years of completing high school or provide evidence of certain
7 circumstances to qualify for a certain science and technology scholarship;
8 ~~repealing a requirement that an applicant must be a Maryland resident at the~~
9 ~~time of graduation from secondary school to qualify for a certain science and~~
10 ~~technology scholarship; providing that under certain circumstances the service~~
11 ~~obligation begins after graduation from a graduate program expanding certain~~
12 eligibility requirements for certain science and technology scholarships;
13 providing for the allocation of certain funds between certain students; and
14 generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship
15 Program.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Education
18 Section 18-2002
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
22 Article - Education
23 Section 18-2001 and 18-2003 through 18-2007
24 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article - Education**

5 18-2001.

6 In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (1) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as
8 defined in § 18-101(b) of this title.

9 (2) "Regular undergraduate program" means an academic program of
10 study in an institution of higher education at or below the baccalaureate level leading
11 to either an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.

12 (3) (i) "Service obligation" means employment in the State in an
13 occupation directly related to the eligible program of study as determined by the
14 Maryland Higher Education Commission.

15 (ii) "Service obligation" does not mean paid student internships,
16 paid fellowships, or volunteer service.

17 18-2002.

18 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
19 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. ~~The EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §~~
20 ~~18-2005 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE~~ Administration shall annually select secondary
21 school students ~~who have the greatest potential for academic success in higher~~
22 ~~education~~ AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WITHIN
23 THE LAST 5 8 YEARS and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
24 higher education institution of their choice, if the recipient meets the following
25 qualifications:

26 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

27 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
28 academic grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade
29 point average in core curriculum courses after completion of the first semester of the
30 senior year;

31 (ii) Intends to enroll as a full-time student in an academic program
32 as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

33 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school AND HAS NEVER BEEN
34 ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

1 (2) Is a Maryland resident ~~and was a Maryland resident at the time of~~
2 ~~graduating from secondary school~~;

3 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
4 Maryland higher education institution in the State;

5 ~~{(4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution~~
6 ~~within ~~2~~ 5 8 years of completing high school or, failing to do so, provides evidence~~
7 ~~satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;~~}

8 ~~{(5)}~~ ~~(4)~~ Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection (c) of this
9 section; and

10 ~~{(6)}~~ ~~(5)~~ Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and
11 satisfies any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

12 (b) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a
13 student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a
14 4-year eligible institution.

15 (2) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed on an
16 annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:

17 (i) Remains a resident of the State;

18 (ii) Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the State;

19 (iii) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and takes at
20 least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as determined by
21 the Administration;

22 (iv) Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year basis
23 or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of extreme
24 extenuating circumstances;

25 (v) Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as determined
26 by the institution; and

27 (vi) Maintains the standards of the institution.

28 (3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
29 recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a
30 baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the
31 recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by
32 the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

33 (4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
34 award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students
35 enrolled in an associate degree program.

1 (c) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the award for
2 each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

3 (1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

4 (i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after
5 completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was
6 awarded; and

7 (ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle and
8 simple interest equal to the prime rate of interest plus 2 percent calculated from the
9 date of the first payment of the grant award under this subtitle for any portion of the
10 award if the recipient does not:

11 1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic
12 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

13 2. Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that
14 the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

15 (2) ~~(1)~~ ~~{The}~~ ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS~~
16 ~~PARAGRAPH, THE~~ service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled
17 prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

18 ~~(II) IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN A GRADUATE DEGREE~~
19 ~~PROGRAM AFTER COMPLETION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE BACCALAUREATE~~
20 ~~PROGRAM, THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE~~
21 ~~GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM AND CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION~~
22 ~~FROM THE GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM.~~

23 18-2003.

24 A Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship may be used for tuition and
25 mandatory fees at any eligible institution.

26 18-2004.

27 Each year after consulting with the Department of Business and Economic
28 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
29 appropriate commission advisory boards and evaluating such factors as high
30 economic growth and the needs of Maryland's science and technology industry and
31 business community, the Commission shall establish a list of academic programs
32 eligible for the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship Program.

33 18-2005.

34 (A) Funds for the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship Program
35 shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

1 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-2002 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION
2 SHALL:

3 (1) ALLOCATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE
4 CURRENTLY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND

5 (2) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE
6 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, OFFER
7 SCHOLARSHIPS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS
8 WHO OTHERWISE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9 18-2006.

10 On or before May 1 of each year, the Administration shall send each Senator and
11 each Delegate a list of individuals in each legislative district to whom Maryland
12 Science and Technology Scholarships are awarded.

13 18-2007.

14 The State Scholarship Administration shall publicize the availability of
15 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2000.