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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Scholarship Administration to offer during a  
5 certain period of time each year Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships  
6 to certain students who have been accepted into certain academic programs  
7 under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to offer scholarships  
8 to certain students currently enrolled in certain undergraduate programs under  
9 certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for certain  
10 undergraduate students to receive a Maryland Science and Technology  
11 Scholarship; requiring the Administration to establish certain procedures; and  
12 generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship  
13 Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Education  
16 Section 18-2002 and 18-2007  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 18-2002.

23 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in  
24 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Administration shall annually select  
26 secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success in  
27 higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland  
28 higher education institution of the student's choice, if the recipient meets the  
29 following qualifications:

1 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

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

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

8 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

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

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

13 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution  
14 within 2 years of completing [high] SECONDARY school or, failing to do so, provides  
15 evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship] Administration of extenuating  
16 circumstances;

17 (5) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection [(c)] (D) of this  
18 section; and

19 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any  
20 additional criteria the Commission may establish.

21 (b) (1) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, IF  
22 FUNDS REMAIN AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS UNDER  
23 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE 50% OF  
24 THE REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:

25 (I) ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
26 EDUCATION;

27 (II) HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT A  
28 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS DESIGNATED BY THE  
29 COMMISSION;

30 (III) ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;

31 (IV) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF  
32 THIS SECTION; AND

33 (V) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD  
34 AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

35 (2) (I) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR,  
36 IF FUNDS REMAIN AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS UNDER

1 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE 50% OF  
2 THE REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE:

3 1. CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC  
5 SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

6 2. IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF A 4-YEAR PROGRAM, THE FIFTH  
7 YEAR OF A 5-YEAR PROGRAM, OR THE SECOND YEAR OF A 2-YEAR PROGRAM.

8 (II) TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE  
9 WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL OFFER  
10 A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT TO BE USED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
11 EDUCATION IN THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT:

12 1. HAS EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF  
13 AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS CALCULATED AND INDICATED  
14 ON A COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE LAST COMPLETED SEMESTER BEFORE THE  
15 APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED;

16 2. IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACADEMIC  
17 PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION;

18 3. IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

19 4. AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION  
20 (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

21 5. ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE  
22 AWARD AND SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION MAY  
23 ESTABLISH.

24 (C) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a  
25 student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a  
26 4-year eligible institution.

27 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A STUDENT WHO  
28 RECEIVES AN AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

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

31 [(i)] 1. Remains a resident of the State;

32 [(ii)] 2. Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the  
33 State;

34 [(iii)] 3. Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and  
35 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as  
36 determined by the Administration;

1 [(iv)] 4. Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year  
2 basis or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of  
3 extreme extenuating circumstances;

4 [(v)] 5. Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as  
5 determined by the institution; and

6 [(vi)] 6. Maintains the standards of the institution.

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

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

15 (5) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS  
16 SECTION MAY NOT RENEW THE AWARD.

17 [(c)] (D) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the  
18 award for each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

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

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

23 (ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle as set  
24 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

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

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

29 (2) The service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled  
30 prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

31 18-2007.

32 The [State Scholarship] Administration shall [publicize]:

33 (1) PUBLICIZE the availability of Maryland Science and Technology  
34 Scholarships; AND

1                   (2)     ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF §  
2 18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR:

3                   (I)     PUBLICIZING TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE  
4 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ALL ELIGIBLE  
5 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;

6                   (II)    DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL  
7 GRADUATES AND STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN UNDERGRADUATE  
8 PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE GRADUATES  
9 AND STUDENTS; AND

10                  (III)   RANKING AND MAKING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL  
11 GRADUATES AND ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

12     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 June 1, 2001.