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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 each year  
5 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships to certain students who have  
6 been accepted into certain academic programs under certain circumstances;  
7 requiring the Administration to offer scholarships to certain students currently  
8 enrolled in certain undergraduate programs under certain circumstances;  
9 altering a certain qualification for the scholarship; establishing certain  
10 requirements for certain undergraduate students to receive a Maryland Science  
11 and Technology Scholarship; requiring the Administration to establish certain  
12 procedures; and generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology  
13 Scholarship 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:

1 **Article - Education**

2 18-2002.

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

10 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

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

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

17 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

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

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

22 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution  
23 within [2] 5 years of completing [high] SECONDARY school or, failing to do so,  
24 provides evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship] Administration of  
25 extenuating circumstances;

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

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

30 (b) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE  
31 REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:

32 (I) ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
33 EDUCATION;

34 (II) HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT A  
35 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS DESIGNATED BY THE  
36 COMMISSION;

1 (III) ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;  
2 (IV) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF  
3 THIS SECTION; AND

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

6 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE  
7 REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:

8 (I) ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC  
10 SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION;

11 (II) ARE CLOSEST TO DEGREE COMPLETION;

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

16 (IV) ARE ENROLLED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN AN ACADEMIC  
17 PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION;

18 (V) ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;

19 (VI) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF  
20 THIS SECTION; AND

21 (VII) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD  
22 AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12                  (IV)    DISTRIBUTING REMAINING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH §  
13 18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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