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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Scholarship Program - Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold**
3 **Award Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient
5 Scholarship Program; providing for the qualifications of the recipients of a
6 scholarship under this Act; providing for the amount and duration of a
7 scholarship award; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to
8 approve a certain number of scholarships to certain individuals on a certain
9 basis each year; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the
10 annual budget beginning in a certain fiscal year; providing for the application of
11 this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Eagle Scout and Girl
12 Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Education
15 Section 18-2801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 28. The Eagle Scout and
16 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program"
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 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 **SUBTITLE 28. THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
23 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

24 18-2801.

25 (A) THERE IS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT
26 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

27 (B) A RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

- 1 (1) (I) BE AN EAGLE SCOUT; OR
- 2 (II) BE A RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD;
- 3 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;
- 4 (3) BE ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
5 STATE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT REACHES THE AGE OF 21
6 YEARS; AND
- 7 (4) BE ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A
8 BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

9 (C) THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT
10 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR IS \$2,000.

11 (D) A RECIPIENT MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNTIL THE EARLIER
12 OF:

13 (1) 5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN
14 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF
15 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR

16 (2) THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT IS AWARDED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

17 (E) THE OFFICE SHALL APPROVE UP TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF
18 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EACH YEAR ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS:

19 (1) 50 AWARDS TO EAGLE SCOUTS; AND

20 (2) 50 AWARDS TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS.

21 (F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE
22 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$200,000 FOR THE EAGLE
23 SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
24 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
26 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
27 any effect on or application to any student enrolled in a public institution of higher
28 education before the effective date of this Act.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2006.