

SENATE BILL 980

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By: **Senators Hooper, Colburn, Peters, and Stone**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Scholarship Program – Eagle Scout 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 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 28. THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
2 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 **18-2801.**

4 **(A) THERE IS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**
5 **RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

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

7 **(1) (I) BE AN EAGLE SCOUT; OR**

8 **(II) BE A RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD;**

9 **(2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;**

10 **(3) BE ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN**
11 **THE STATE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT REACHES THE AGE OF**
12 **21 YEARS; AND**

13 **(4) BE ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE**
14 **OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

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

17 **(D) A RECIPIENT MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNTIL THE**
18 **EARLIER OF:**

19 **(1) 5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN**
20 **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF**
21 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR**

22 **(2) THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT IS AWARDED A BACHELOR'S**
23 **DEGREE.**

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

1 **(1) 50 AWARDS TO EAGLE SCOUTS; AND**

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

3 **(F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER,**
4 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$200,000 FOR THE**
5 **EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP**
6 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2007.