

CHAPTER 339

(Senate Bill 604)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Senatorial Scholarships

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a certain requirement to take a certain examination as part of the application process for a senatorial scholarship;~~ altering the maximum amount of a certain award for a senatorial scholarship; repealing a certain condition relating to the use of a certain award for summer school; ~~repealing a certain deadline; repealing a certain requirement for the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make a certain announcement; repealing a certain authorization for a certain appointment for receipt of a certain scholarship;~~ and generally relating to senatorial scholarships.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section ~~18–401, 18–402(a), 18–407, and 18–408~~

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Section ~~18–402(a), 18–404, 18–406(c), and 18–407~~ 18–404 and 18–406(c)

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~~BY repealing~~

~~Article – Education~~

~~Section 18–408~~

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

Article – Education

18-401.

There is a program of senatorial scholarships in this State that are awarded under this subtitle.

18-402.

(a) ~~¶(1)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each ~~¶ EACH~~ applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall ~~BE~~:

~~¶(i)~~ Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

~~¶(ii)~~ ~~(1)~~ ~~¶Be accepted~~ **ACCEPTED** for admission in the regular undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or

~~(2)~~ ~~¶be enrolled~~ **ENROLLED** in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution.

~~¶(2)~~ An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

(i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1 year in good academic standing at the institution;

(ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application for a senatorial scholarship;

(iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education; or

(iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community college.¶

18-404.

(a) Each Senator may award \$34,500 of senatorial scholarships each year.

(b) (1) The annual allocation under subsection (a) of this section applies to initial-year awards. After 4 years of operation, the annual allocation to each Senator

for initial-year and continuing awards may not exceed four times the amount of his allocation under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) If a recipient moves to the legislative district of another Senator, the allocation to the recipient shall continue to be drawn on the account of the Senator who originally awarded the scholarship.

(c) (1) A senatorial scholarship may be awarded in \$100 increments.

(2) [However, an] **AN** award for a single year may not be less than \$400 or more than [\$2,000] ~~THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES FOR A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING IN THAT YEAR~~ EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.

[(2) A recipient may not be awarded more than \$8,000 for undergraduate, graduate, or professional study.]

18-406.

(c) Any recipient of a senatorial scholarship may use up to one-half of the yearly award for summer school [if the recipient is scheduled to graduate immediately after the fall academic semester following summer school].

18-407.

(a) ~~Each~~ Senator shall award all of his senatorial scholarships on or before September 1 of each year.

(b) If any Senator fails to award all of his scholarships on or before September 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to applicants from the Senator's legislative district who:

(1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or

(2) Are attending an eligible institution and have completed at least 1 year in good academic standing.

(c) ~~1~~ The Office shall ~~1~~:

(1) Notify ~~1~~ ~~NOTIFY~~ each Senator of the applicants to whom it awards the Senator's scholarships ~~1~~; and

(2) Announce publicly the names of all recipients ~~1~~.

~~1~~(d) ~~(B)~~ To the extent a scholarship awarded under § 18-404 of this subtitle is not used by a student, moneys appropriated to the Commission for that award not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for use by the awarding Senator in the Senatorial Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal years.

~~1~~18-408.

(a) If there is no qualified applicant in a legislative district, a qualified applicant who resides in another legislative district may be appointed to receive the senatorial scholarship.

(b) A senatorial scholarship awarded under this section is for 1 year. However, a student who receives an appointment under this section is eligible to receive a subsequent appointment for not longer than 3 years. ~~1~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.