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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Maryland Teacher Scholarship to be the Teaching  
4 Fellows for Maryland scholarship and altering certain elements of the  
5 scholarship program; requiring certain institutions of higher education to  
6 provide certain matching funds to participate in a certain program; altering the  
7 eligibility criteria and the service obligation for the scholarship; authorizing  
8 certain recipients to work in certain public schools and certain public  
9 prekindergarten programs to satisfy a certain service obligation under certain  
10 circumstances; altering the amount of a certain award; requiring certain  
11 institutions of higher education to develop and implement a certain honors  
12 program in response to certain dedication and accomplishment under certain  
13 circumstances; requiring the Governor annually to include certain funds in the  
14 State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make certain  
15 awards ~~under this Act; requiring certain awards to be made~~ in certain years;  
16 requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to award certain  
17 scholarships in a manner that reflects ethnic, gender, racial, and geographic  
18 diversity; altering certain definitions; making a stylistic change; and generally  
19 relating to scholarships for individuals who pledge to work as public school and  
20 public prekindergarten teachers.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Education

23 Section 18–2201 through 18–2207 and 18–2210

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Education  
5 Section 18–2208 and 18–2209  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

8 BY repealing  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 18–2209  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 18–2201.

17 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (b) “Eligible institution” means a ~~public~~:

19 **(1) PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION** [or private nonprofit]  
20 institution ~~of higher education~~ in [this] THE State that possesses a certificate of  
21 approval from the ~~Maryland Higher Education~~ Commission AND HAS A  
22 **DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION; OR**

23 **(2) PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN**  
24 **THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE**  
25 **COMMISSION, HAS A DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, AND**  
26 **AGREES TO PROVIDE A MATCHING GRANT TO AN UNDERGRADUATE OR**  
27 **GRADUATE STUDENT, AS APPROPRIATE, WHO RECEIVES A TEACHING FELLOWS**  
28 **FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LESSER OF:**

29 **(I) 100% OF THE ANNUAL COST OF TUITION AND**  
30 **MANDATORY FEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK; OR**

31 **(II) 50% OF THE COST OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES**  
32 **AT THE PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

33 (c) “Office” means the Office of Student Financial Assistance as defined in §  
34 18–101(c) of this title.

1 (d) (1) “Service obligation” means to teach full time in the State as a  
2 teacher in a Maryland public ~~elementary or secondary~~ school **OR A PUBLIC**  
3 **PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM THAT HAS AT LEAST 50% OF ITS STUDENTS**  
4 **ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS (FRPM).**

5 (2) “Service obligation” does not mean employment as teaching  
6 assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

7 18–2202.

8 There is a program of [Maryland Teacher Scholarships] **TEACHING FELLOWS**  
9 **FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS** that are awarded under this subtitle for students  
10 who pledge to work as public ~~elementary and secondary~~ school **OR PUBLIC**  
11 **PREKINDERGARTEN** teachers in [this] **THE** State upon completion of their studies **AT**  
12 **SCHOOLS THAT HAVE AT LEAST 50% OF THE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL**  
13 **ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS (FRPM).**

14 18–2203.

15 (a) The Office shall annually select eligible students and offer a scholarship  
16 to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their choice.

17 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a recipient of the  
18 [Maryland Teacher Scholarship] **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND**  
19 **SCHOLARSHIP** shall:

20 (i) Be a Maryland resident **OR HAVE GRADUATED FROM A**  
21 **MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL;**

22 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be  
23 accepted for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a full–time or  
24 part–time undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a course of study or program  
25 in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher’s certificate;

26 (iii) 1. For a student currently enrolled in high school, have  
27 earned an overall grade point average of at least [3.0] **3.3** on a 4.0 scale or its  
28 equivalent after completion of the first semester of the senior year; or

29 2. For a student currently enrolled as a full–time  
30 undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least [3.0] **3.3** on  
31 a 4.0 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an  
32 academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher’s certificate;

33 **(IV) HAVE ACHIEVED A SCORE OF AT LEAST;**

1                    **1. 500 ON THE READING AND MATH PORTIONS OF**  
2 **THE SAT, WITH A COMBINED SCORE OF AT LEAST 1100 ON THE READING AND**  
3 **MATH PORTIONS OF THE SAT;**

4                    **2. A COMPOSITE ACT SCORE OF 25; OR**

5                    **3. 50% ON THE GRE;**

6                    [(iv)] (v) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service  
7 obligation upon completion of the recipient's required studies;

8                    [(v)] (vi) Accept any other conditions attached to the award;  
9 and

10                   [(vi)] (vii) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may  
11 establish.

12                   (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, an individual  
13 who, at the time the individual is scheduled to matriculate at an eligible institution,  
14 will have been employed as a teaching assistant at a public ~~elementary or secondary~~  
15 school **OR PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM** in the State for at least 2 years:

16                   (i) May apply for a [Maryland Teacher Scholarship]  
17 **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** under this subtitle; and

18                   (ii) Is eligible to hold a [Maryland Teacher Scholarship]  
19 **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** as a full-time or part-time  
20 undergraduate or graduate student.

21                   (c) A recipient of the [Maryland Teacher Scholarship] **TEACHING FELLOWS**  
22 **FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** may not hold a Maryland professional teacher's  
23 certificate.

24                   (d) (1) Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high  
25 school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

26                   (2) Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution  
27 shall provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may  
28 submit a final high school transcript.

29                   (3) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
30 but who are high school graduates, shall provide a final high school transcript.

31                   (4) Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently  
32 enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible  
33 institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

1 (5) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
2 but who are college graduates, shall provide a final college transcript.

3 18–2204.

4 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a  
5 [Maryland Teacher Scholarship] **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND**  
6 **SCHOLARSHIP** shall repay the Commission the funds received as set forth in § 18–112  
7 of this title if the recipient does not:

8 (1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or  
9 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

10 (2) [Perform] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**  
11 **PERFORM** the service obligation **TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC**  
12 **PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM THAT HAS AT LEAST 50% OF ITS STUDENTS**  
13 **ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS (FRPM)** for 1 year for each year  
14 that the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

15 (3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland  
16 within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the Maryland  
17 Department of Education.

18 **(B) IF A RECIPIENT IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION**  
19 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE**  
20 **POSITIONS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**  
21 **THAT HAS AT LEAST 50% OF ITS STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED**  
22 **PRICE MEALS (FRPM), THE RECIPIENT MAY WORK IN ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL OR**  
23 **PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

24 **[(b)] (C)** The Office shall forgive a recipient of a [Maryland Teacher  
25 Scholarship] **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** for 2 years of  
26 an award if:

27 (1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination,  
28 approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

29 (2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination  
30 within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection  
31 (a)(3) of this section.

32 18–2205.

33 **(A)** The annual scholarship award shall be: [in the amount of:

1 (1) \$2,000 for a full-time undergraduate student, or \$1,000 for a  
2 part-time undergraduate student, enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

3 (2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled  
4 in a 4-year eligible institution; or

5 (3) \$2,500 for a part-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled  
6 at a 4-year eligible institution]

7 **(1) AT A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN**  
8 **THE STATE THAT HAS A DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,**  
9 **100% OF THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM**  
10 **AND BOARD OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR GRADUATE**  
11 **STUDENT, AS APPROPRIATE, AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
12 **IN THE STATE THAT HAS A SCHOOL OF EDUCATION THE PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER**  
13 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION; OR**

14 **(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AT A PRIVATE**  
15 **NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT HAS A**  
16 **DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO:**

17 **(I) THE LESSER OF:**

18 **1. 100% OF THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND**  
19 **MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR GRADUATE**  
20 **STUDENT, AS APPROPRIATE, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE**  
21 **PARK; OR**

22 **2. 50% OF THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND**  
23 **MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT,**  
24 **AS APPROPRIATE, AT THE ELIGIBLE PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF**  
25 **HIGHER EDUCATION; AND**

26 **(II) 100% OF THE ROOM AND BOARD OF A RESIDENT**  
27 **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR GRADUATE STUDENT, AS APPROPRIATE, AT THE**  
28 **ELIGIBLE PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE**  
29 **STATE.**

30 **(B) A PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL**  
31 **PROVIDE A MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE**  
32 **AWARD CALCULATED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION.**

1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each recipient of a  
 2 **[Maryland Teacher Scholarship] TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND**  
 3 **SCHOLARSHIP** may renew the award three times if the recipient:

4 (1) Continues to be a resident of the State **OR GRADUATED FROM A**  
 5 **HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE**;

6 (2) Continues to be a full-time or part-time undergraduate or  
 7 graduate student at an eligible institution as determined by the Office;

8 (3) Has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least **[3.0] 3.3**  
 9 on a 4.0 scale and maintains this minimum cumulative grade point average  
 10 throughout the remainder of this award, or failing to do so, provides evidence of  
 11 extenuating circumstances;

12 (4) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress  
 13 toward a degree; and

14 (5) Maintains the standards of the institution.

15 (b) ~~(1) Each recipient of a **[Maryland Teacher Scholarship] TEACHING**  
 16 **FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** who is enrolled in an associate degree  
 17 program as permitted in this subtitle may renew the award two times if the recipient  
 18 is enrolled in an associate degree program that, as determined by the institution,  
 19 requires 3 years to complete.~~

20 ~~(2)~~ Each recipient of the **[Maryland Teacher Scholarship] TEACHING**  
 21 **FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP** may renew the annual award four times  
 22 if the recipient is enrolled in a course of study that, as determined by the institution,  
 23 requires 5 years to complete.

24 18-2207.

25 A **[Maryland Teacher Scholarship] TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND**  
 26 **SCHOLARSHIP** may be used for tuition ~~and~~, mandatory fees, **AND ROOM AND BOARD**  
 27 at any eligible institution.

28 **18-2208.**

29 **IF AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION HAS ENROLLED AT LEAST 15 RECIPIENTS OF**  
 30 **A TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP, THE ELIGIBLE**  
 31 **INSTITUTION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ENRICHED HONORS**  
 32 **PROGRAM OF EDUCATION THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION**  
 33 **AND MERIT-BASED ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE STUDY OF EDUCATION AND**  
 34 **PREPARATION FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION.**

1 [18-2209.

2 Funds for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program shall be as provided in  
3 the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.]

4 **18-2209.**

5 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE**  
6 **BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION TO AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:**

7 **(1) ~~ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2015~~ FOR THE 2015-2016**  
8 **ACADEMIC YEAR, A SCHOLARSHIP TO 40 APPLICANTS;**

9 **(2) ~~ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2016~~ FOR THE 2016-2017**  
10 **ACADEMIC YEAR, A SCHOLARSHIP TO 80 APPLICANTS;**

11 **(3) ~~ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017~~ FOR THE 2017-2018**  
12 **ACADEMIC YEAR, A SCHOLARSHIP TO 120 APPLICANTS; AND**

13 **(4) ~~ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018~~ FOR THE 2018-2019**  
14 **ACADEMIC YEAR, AND EACH ACADEMIC YEAR THEREAFTER, A SCHOLARSHIP TO**  
15 **160 APPLICANTS.**

16 18-2210.

17 The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall ~~publicize:~~

18 **(1) PUBLICIZE the availability of [Maryland Teacher Scholarships]**  
19 **TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS; AND**

20 **(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS**  
21 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS ETHNIC, GENDER, RACIAL,**  
22 **AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2014.