

# SENATE BILL 40

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By: **Senator Peters**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship –**  
3 **Bowie State**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the  
5 Maryland Higher Education Commission to award at least a certain percentage of  
6 annual grant money from the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor  
7 Scholarship to students at Bowie State University; and generally relating to the  
8 Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 18–605  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 18–605.

18 (a) There is a Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship  
19 Program.

20 (b) An individual is eligible for a scholarship under this section if the individual  
21 is:

22 (1) Eligible for in-State tuition;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A member of a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program;

2 (3) A minority student or a student who is a member of another group  
3 historically underrepresented in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs; and

4 (4) A student at a historically black college or university in the State.

5 (c) The Office shall:

6 (1) Award **AT LEAST 25%** of its total annual grant money to students at  
7 Bowie State University;

8 (2) Award **[75%] THE REMAINING AMOUNT** of its total annual grant  
9 money to students at historically black colleges and universities other than Bowie State  
10 University;

11 (3) Determine the amount of each award;

12 (4) Select the recipient of each award; and

13 (5) Prioritize students with financial need in selecting recipients of each  
14 award.

15 (d) The Governor shall include in the State budget an annual appropriation of at  
16 least \$1,000,000 to the Program.

17 (e) The Office shall adopt procedures or regulations necessary to implement this  
18 section.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2021.