A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Scholarship Program – Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients

FOR the purpose of establishing the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program for Eagle Scouts and recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award who meet certain qualifications; and generally relating to the establishment of the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 18–3901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 39. Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

Subtitle 39. Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program.

18–3901.

(a) There is an Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program.
(B) A recipient of a scholarship award under this section shall:

(1) (I) Be an Eagle Scout; or

(II) Be a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award;

(2) Be a resident of the State;

(3) Be enrolled at an institution of higher education in the State on or before the date that the student reaches the age of 21 years; and

(4) Be enrolled as a candidate for an associate degree or a bachelor’s degree.

(C) The Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award recipient scholarship award for each school year is $2,000.

(D) A recipient may continue to receive an award until the earlier of:

(1) 5 years after first enrolling as a candidate for an associate degree or a bachelor’s degree at a public institution of higher education in the State; or

(2) The date that the student is awarded a bachelor’s degree.

(E) The Office shall approve up to the following number of scholarship awards each year on a first-come, first-served basis:

(1) 50 awards to Eagle Scouts; and

(2) 50 awards to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients.

(F) Beginning in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $200,000 for the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award recipient scholarship program established under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any student enrolled in a public institution of higher education before the effective date of this Act.
SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.