

# HOUSE BILL 845

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By: Wicomico County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Community College Promise Scholarship Eligibility –**  
3 **Delmar High School Graduates**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship  
5 to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School  
6 in Delmar, Delaware; and generally relating to the Community College Promise  
7 Scholarship.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18-3603(b)(2)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Education**

16 18-3603.

17 (b) An applicant is eligible for a Maryland Community College Promise  
18 Scholarship award if the applicant:

19 (2) (I) **ENROLLS AT:**

20 1. **THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY**

21 **WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES;**

22 2. **THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE REGION WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES; OR

2                   3. A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE THAT HAS AN  
3 ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR STUDENTS; AND

4                   (II) 1. Enrolls as a candidate for a vocational certificate, a  
5 certificate, or an associate's degree or participates in a registered apprenticeship after  
6 graduating from a high school or successfully completing a GED in the State[:

7                   (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this item, at the community  
8 college located in the county or, in the case of a regional community college, in the region,  
9 where the applicant lives; or

10                  (ii) At a community college in the State that has an on-campus  
11 residential facility for students]; OR

12                  2. A. ENROLLS AS A CANDIDATE FOR A VOCATIONAL  
13 CERTIFICATE, A CERTIFICATE, OR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR PARTICIPATES IN A  
14 REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AFTER GRADUATING FROM DELMAR HIGH SCHOOL  
15 IN DELMAR, DELAWARE; AND

16                  B. IS A RESIDENT OF DELMAR, MARYLAND;

17                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2026.