

(B) TUITION ASSISTANCE CANNOT EXCEED:

- (1) \$2,000 IN ANY ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR PROGRAM;
- (2) \$3,000 IN ANY ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; OR
- (3) \$6,000 IN TOTAL.

18-2105.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR EACH STUDENT MAY BE USED OVER A PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN 5 YEARS.

18-2106.

(A) A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES TUITION ASSISTANCE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO:

- (1) SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM;
- (2) PLEDGE TO WORK IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM FOR 4,000 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS FULL- OR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT; AND
- (3) ENROLL IN A DEGREE PROGRAM IN HUMAN SERVICES IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(B) PRIOR EMPLOYMENT IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM MAY NOT COUNT TOWARD THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION.

18-2107.

(A) A STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE STATE ANY FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE STUDENT FAILS TO:

- (1) EARN AT LEAST 12 CREDIT HOURS IN EACH ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT RECEIVES ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE PROGRAM;
- (2) MAKE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD FULFILLING ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICABLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR
- (3) COMPLETE THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) REPAYMENTS SHALL INCLUDE SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) A STUDENT SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE EDUCATIONAL OR EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.