

equivalent [in core curriculum courses at the time of application] AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR; or

(ii) For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

(4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon completion of the recipient's required studies;

(5) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

(6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

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(a) Except for an Educational Excellence Award under § 18-301 of this title or a Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this title, the recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship may not hold any other scholarship awarded under this title.

(b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

(1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible institution in the State;

(2) Be a resident of the State;

(3) Earn [a cumulative] AN OVERALL grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent [in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high school transcript] after COMPLETION OF the first semester of the senior year [of high school];

(4) Begin attending an eligible institution within 2 years of completing high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Administration of extenuating circumstances;

(5) Enroll as a full-time student at an eligible institution;

(6) Have an annual total family income of \$95,000 or below;

(7) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

(8) Satisfy any additional criteria the Maryland Higher Education Commission may establish.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.