

284C. Federal Scholarship Program.

If and when a Federal Scholarship Program shall become available for the grant of federal funds to scholarship candidates or educational institutions of this State, such Program shall be administered by and under the supervision of the State Scholarship Board; and such Board is hereby empowered and authorized to effectuate the same and do all things necessary to implement and administer the same in accordance with provisions of federal legislation pertaining thereto by regulation or rule of said Board.

284D. General State Scholarship Program.

(a) In addition to any other scholarships that may be awarded or provided for under other provisions of this article, there shall be a program for scholarships under the provisions of this section. Eligible institutions are those degree-granting institutions of higher education and junior colleges within this State whose curricula are approved by the State Department of Education. Eligible students shall be high school graduates who reside in the State (1) who have not previously attended a school of college rank, or have been awarded a scholarship under the provisions of this section and have attended a junior college for one or two years and elect to transfer to a college or university to complete a four-year curriculum, (2) who have been recommended for college by the high school principal or an appropriate official of the junior college; and (3) whose financial need, and/or the financial conditions of whose parents or guardian, meets the requirements therefor determined by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Scholarship Board, which shall be so prepared and applied as to assure that definite financial need shall be a prerequisite to receiving a scholarship under the provisions of this section. No person shall be awarded or hold a scholarship under the provisions of this section if he holds any other scholarship awarded under the provisions of this article.

(b) In order to take part in the program, the several institutions shall cooperate with the Scholarship Board each year in the preparation of an examination to be administered to each applicant in that year for a general scholarship. The Board is authorized and empowered from time to time to adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations covering the time and place or places for giving the examination and also other details not herein specified. The examination papers shall be graded by the Scholarship Board. In carrying out its duties under this section the Board may call upon the State Department of Education for assistance.

(c) From the examination papers which are graded with a passing mark in any year, the Scholarship Board shall certify not more than one hundred and fifty-two applicants for scholarships. In each county and in each legislative district of Baltimore City a number of scholarships shall be awarded equal to the combined membership from that county or legislative district in the two Houses of the General Assembly, and the scholarships thus awarded shall be to those applicants who received the highest grades in their respective county or legislative district. If for any reason a recipient of a scholarship from a county or legislative district shall refuse or for any reason be unable to accept and use the scholarship on the graded list in the respective county or legislative district the next qualified applicant on the graded list in the county or legislative district shall be selected.