

It is the legislative intent that applicants be certified for the full number of scholarships, and that vacancies and unfilled scholarships and unused funds be distributed so long as the requirements of this section are observed.

(d) Any applicant awarded a scholarship may apply for the next ensuing scholastic year to any one of the eligible institutions as defined in sub-section (a) of this section. The institution at its discretion may reject the applicant according to its admission standards. Once appointed to a scholarship, and accepted by one of the eligible institutions, the applicant may hold the scholarship for four years subject to the following conditions: (1) that he be a full time student (minimum 12 semester hours); (2) that in the estimation of the institution in which he is enrolled he shall be progressing satisfactorily toward a degree and (3) that he maintains the ~~department~~ DEPARTMENT standards of such institutions.

(e) Over a period of four consecutive scholastic years, at the maximum rate of one hundred AND FIFTY-TWO (152) annually, the maximum of ~~four hundred~~ SIX HUNDRED EIGHT (608) scholarships shall be awarded. Thereafter the program shall continue from year to year, subject to the same annual and overall maximum figures.

(f) Funds for the granting of scholarships shall be included in the budget from year to year beginning with fiscal year 1962-63, to be administered by the Scholarship Board. Students electing and attending a school shall receive an award covering tuition to a maximum of \$500 per year. The payments shall be made to the institution. As any funds so unused and retained aggregate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) and successive multiples thereof, they may be utilized by the Scholarship Board as units in furnishing additional scholarships under the provisions of this section, if they can be expended during the current fiscal year in the manner provided in this section. Any of such funds remaining unused at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the general funds of the State treasury.

(g) Nothing herein contained shall in any way impair or affect the control by any said university or school of its operation or of any of the studies pursued therein, or impair or in any way affect the power to fix the standards of scholarship required for admission to the university or school or for the continued prosecution of studies therein, or the examination or other method of ascertaining or determining such fitness in scholarship or otherwise, or the power to maintain, prescribe and enforce the discipline, rules and regulations of the university or school.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That no scholarships authorized by the provisions of Section 284D of this Act shall be awarded prior to July 1, 1962. There shall be included in the budget bill from year to year the necessary appropriations for the scholarship programs specified in Section 284D of this Act to carry out this intent of the General Assembly.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this sub-title or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this sub-title which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this sub-title are declared to be severable.*