

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 73F be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1959 Edition and 1964 Supplement, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 73E thereof, as added by Chapter 392 of the Acts of 1965, and to be under the new subheading "Scholarships for Nurses and Technicians" and to read as follows:*

*Scholarships for Nurses and Technicians*

*73F.*

*(a) A program of scholarships is hereby established, for courses of study leading to the certificate, diploma, or other evidence of qualification to practice on completion of specialized training in the following categories:*

- Registered Nurse*
- Licensed Practical Nurse*
- X-Ray Technician*
- Laboratory Technician*
- Physical Therapist*
- Occupational Therapist*

*(b) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded to those persons who (1) are residents of Charles County, (2) who make application to the County Commissioners of Charles County, at such times and places and in a manner to be determined and announced by the County Commissioners, (3) whose applications are reviewed and favorably recommended by the staff physicians of Physicians Memorial Hospital at La Plata, (4) who are selected by the County Commissioners, after such review and recommendation by the staff of Physicians Memorial Hospital, on the basis of demonstrated aptitude, interest, and ability, and financial need, and (5) who furnish surety bonds to the County Commissioners of Charles County, in such amount and with such surety as the Commissioners may determine, the condition of which bonds shall be that the applicant, provided he or she completes the course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, practices in his or her field in Charles County for a period of not less than two years, within a period, following completion of such course of study, of three years extended by the duration of any military service of the applicant commencing in such three-year period.*

*(c) Scholarship may be awarded under this section for study at any accredited institution within Maryland or the District of Columbia offering courses of instruction in the scholarship holder's field. Each scholarship shall cover the full tuition and fees charged by such institution for such course of instruction, but no further amounts, shall be paid by the County Commissioners directly to the institution, and shall continue as long as the holder is satisfactorily progressing toward completion of his or her course of instruction. Nothing herein contained shall in any way impair or affect control by the several institutions of their operation or of the studies pursued therein or of the standards and qualification required for admission and continued study in such institutions.*