

CHAPTER 476
(House Bill 839)

AN ACT to add new Section 135A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1965 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 135 thereof authorizing the County Commissioners of Worcester County to award certain scholarships to students of medicine, and providing generally for the terms, conditions, requirements and stipulations for the award and use of these scholarships.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 135A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1965 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 135 thereof, and to read as follows:

135A.

(a) *The County Commissioners of Worcester County may award ~~two scholarships~~ ONE SCHOLARSHIP annually to students of medicine from Worcester County and to levy and pay not more than ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (~~\$1,500.00~~) TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) per year toward the cost of tuition, board, books and other expense for each student, but such a scholarship shall not be held by the same student for more than four years.*

(b) *The County Commissioners may adopt such regulations as they deem necessary to award and administer the scholarship program, subject to the further provisions of this section.*

(c) *The scholarships may be granted to students who meet the eligibility standards provided for in this section and who wish to attend any school of medicine within or without the State of Maryland that is recognized by the ~~Maryland State Department of Health~~ AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland and the Worcester County Medical Society, as a duly accredited school of medicine.*

(d) *Eligibility for a scholarship under this section is limited to persons (1) who have been residents of Worcester County for at least five years preceding an award for a scholarship, (2) who have received or expect to receive within the academic year of application, or prior thereto, a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning within or without the State of Maryland, (3) whose financial needs and resources meet the requirements therefor as determined by rules and regulations that may be adopted and promulgated by the County Commissioners, ~~which shall be so prepared and applied as to assure that a definite financial need is a prerequisite to receiving a scholarship under this section,~~ and (4) who furnish a surety bond to the County Commissioners, in such amount and with such security as may be determined by the County Commissioners, the condition of which bond is that the applicant,*