

ditions: (1) That he shall have passed, in the academic year preceding that for which the award is to be made, a competitive examination to be administered by the State Scholarship Board in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by that Board, the pertinent results of which shall be transmitted to the respective participating institutions and to the respective appointing authorities, except that when an award is made to a student who is already enrolled in an institution of higher learning and **[is]** *has completed one year of study* in good academic standing, the requirement for an examination is waived, (2) that he shall have been, at the time of the examination, a resident of the State and of the Senatorial district or subdistrict of the State from which he seeks appointment, except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Article, (3) that he shall have been accepted for admission to the regular undergraduate program of the institution at which the award is to be used and (4) that he shall have accepted any other conditions attached to the granting of the award by the law or by regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The respective appointing authorities, in making their appointments, shall take into consideration the financial needs of the several applicants as determined by the State Scholarship Board in accordance with the uniform rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by that Board, which shall be so prepared and applied as to assure that definite financial need shall be a prerequisite to receiving an award under the provisions of this section. Once appointed to receive an award according to the provisions of this section, a student shall be entitled to hold the award for four academic years, except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this section; provided that he becomes and remains enrolled in the institution at which the award is used in a full-time (minimum 12 semester hours) program of undergraduate study leading to the granting of a degree; and provided, further, that after his original appointment he continues to be a resident of the State. In any senatorial district where a Senator represents more than one county the number of scholarship units shall be divided as equally as possible among the qualifying students in each of the counties comprising the senatorial district.

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(a) The designation of the recipients of any award to be made by Senators and authorized by this subtitle shall be made by the Senators by **[July]** *August* 1 of the year in which the appointment is to be made. All such scholarships to which residents of Harford County are entitled shall be awarded by the Harford County Board of Education. In the event any designation is not made by this time, the right to make the award shall thereafter be exercised by the State Scholarship Board.

(b) The awards to be appointed by the State Scholarship Board shall be made to recipients in accordance with the rank order standing of candidates on the competitive scholarship examination *unless the award is made to a student who is already enrolled in an institution of higher learning and has completed one year of study in good academic standing*. Public announcement of the recipients shall be made by the Board after it has transmitted to each Senator or other appointing agency the list of recipients of the awards to be made by the Senator or other agency.