

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; *but if the applicant is adjudged to have definite financial need in the final judgment of a THE AWARDED member of the General Assembly from the county or senatorial or legislative district in which the applicant resides, that fact shall be accepted for the purposes of this section, and the State Scholarship Board by regulation or otherwise may not negate the acceptance of this judgment of financial need or impose upon it requirements of time or procedure.* 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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(b) Any award to be made according to the provisions of this subtitle shall be given only to an applicant who has met the following conditions: (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 the Board, except that when an award is made to a student who is already attending an institution of higher learning and who has completed one academic year at said institution 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 political subdivision from which he seeks appointment, except as otherwise provided in this section, (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, and (5) that he shall have demonstrated, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Scholarship Board, the requisite financial need. Definite financial need shall be a prerequisite to receiving a scholarship under the provisions of this section; *but if the applicant is adjudged to have definite financial need in the final judgment of a member of the General Assembly from the county or senatorial or legislative district in which the applicant resides, that fact shall be accepted for the purposes of this section, and the State Scholarship Board by regulation or otherwise may not negate the acceptance of this judgment of financial need or impose upon it requirements of time or procedure.* 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.