

with impaired hearing, including the deaf.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 59 of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland ([1969 Replacement Volume and] 1972 Supplement), title "Higher Education," subtitle "Scholarships," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

59.

(a) As used in this section, "training center for teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF," means any accredited college or university [within the State of Maryland] having [a] AN APPROVED program for the preparation of teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF which satisfies the requirements established by the [Council on Education of the Deaf] MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION for certification as teachers [for the deaf] OF PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF.

(b) In addition to any other scholarships that may be awarded or provided for under other provisions of this article, there shall be a program of scholarships for the preparation of teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF, to any training center for teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF.

(c) Eligibility for a scholarship under this section shall be limited to persons (1) who are senior undergraduate students or candidates for a Master's Degree in the area of education of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF, (2) who have clearly shown a commitment to teach [deaf children] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF, in the State of Maryland through successful completion of prerequisite course work, (3) who are recommended by the training center for teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF, they are applying to or attending after consultation with the Maryland [School for the Deaf] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, and (4) whose financial needs and resources meet the requirements therefor as determined by rules and regulations adopted by the State Scholarship Board.

(d) Each year, the State Scholarship Board shall cause the availability and conditions of scholarships under this section to be made known at colleges and universities both within and without this State. Applicants therefor shall submit an application in form prepared by the State Scholarship Board, which shall demonstrate the applicant's merit and his eligibility under section (c) above. From the qualified applicants admitted by the training centers for teacher of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF, the State Scholarship Board shall select [10] 30 persons, and alternates in such number as to assure that [10] 15 scholarships FOR TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND 15 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR STATE APPROVED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS shall actually be awarded and accepted annually.

(e) The scholarships shall be held for one year, and may be renewed for an additional year at the option of the training center for teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, INCLUDING THE DEAF. Each scholarship shall be in an amount equal to the costs of tuition for one year at the training center for teachers of [the deaf] PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED