

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 540  
(House Bill 454)

AN ACT to repeal Section 64 of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Higher Education," subtitle "Scholarships," and to enact new Section 64 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to provide for State scholarships to children of firemen, rescue squad members, and law enforcement officers of the State or its political subdivisions killed in the line of duty, to provide for the manner of awarding the scholarships, their extent, and where they may be used.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 64 of Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Higher Education," subtitle "Scholarships," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 64 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

64.

(a) Any child between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three of any person who was a volunteer fireman or a volunteer member of a rescue squad and who was killed in the line of duty, if the volunteer was a resident of the State at the time he was killed, shall receive upon application to the State Scholarship Board, State aid for tuition, matriculation fees, boards, room rent, books and supplies for the child attending any accredited school of higher education in Maryland.

(b) The amount of aid granted shall not exceed five hundred dollars per year for each applicant, and shall be paid to the institution on vouchers approved by the State Scholarship Board.

(c) The State Scholarship Board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as reasonable and necessary for the administration of this section.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE NEED CRITERION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (C), ANY CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 23 OF ANY PERSON WHO WAS A FIREMAN, PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER, A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A RESCUE SQUAD, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, IF THE DECEASED WAS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME HE WAS KILLED, ~~[[SHALL]]~~ ~~[[MAY]]~~ SHALL RECEIVE UPON APPLICATION TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, STATE AID FOR TUITION, MATRICULATION FEES, BOARD, ROOM RENT, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CHILD ATTENDING ANY ACCREDITED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN MARYLAND.