

FOR the purpose of modifying the distinguished scholar program by increasing the number of scholarships to be awarded and the amount of each award; and modifying the eligibility requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education  
Section 18-1101, 18-1102, 18-1103, and 18-1104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Education

18-1101.

There is a distinguished scholar program of [100] 300 scholarships to be awarded by the State Scholarship Board to residents of the State in the manner provided in this subtitle for use at postsecondary institutions of higher education in the State.

18-1102.

(a) The Board shall annually select the [100] 300 secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success in higher education as determined by criteria established by the Board and offer scholarships to these students to be used at any Maryland postsecondary institution of their choice, if they meet the following qualifications:

(1) QUALIFY ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

[(1)] (I) Have a secondary school transcript indicating an overall academic grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade point average[.]; OR

(II) ARE A FINALIST OF THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION.

(2) Have matriculated at a postsecondary educational institution in the State.

(3) Qualify as a Maryland resident.

(B) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD SHALL SELECT THE RECIPIENTS AS FOLLOWS:

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