

Article - Education

18-603.

(a) There is a [program of tuition assistance] CHARLES W. RILEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM under this section.

(b) Any career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the Office for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate, for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical technology.

(c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Office no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition reimbursement is sought.

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall correct any statutory reference that is rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.