

1. A VETERAN OR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO IS SERVING OR HAS SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT; OR

2. A MEMBER OF THE RESERVE OR MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD WHO WAS ACTIVATED AS A RESULT OF THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL SUPPLEMENT ANY FEDERAL EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR WHICH A RECIPIENT QUALIFIES AS A RESULT OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S MILITARY SERVICE OR STATUS AS A DEPENDENT OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OR OF A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(E) (1) EACH SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED, AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, TO PAY FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE, INCLUDING:

(I) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES; AND

(II) ROOM AND BOARD.

(2) THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF A SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT 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.

(F) A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL MAINTAIN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

(G) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 5 YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY OR 8 YEARS OF PART-TIME STUDY.

(H) A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL FILE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AID BY MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(I) (1) THE OFFICE MAY NOT AWARD AN INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO AN INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION ~~(C)(4)~~ (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION AFTER JUNE 30, 2012.

(2) THE OFFICE MAY RENEW A SCHOLARSHIP AFTER JUNE 30, 2012, IF THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVED AN INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP BEFORE THAT DATE.

(J) A SENATOR OR DELEGATE MAY AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE TO AWARD ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBTITLES 4 AND 5 OF THIS TITLE TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(K) (1) FUNDS FOR THE VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

~~BE~~ BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR. ~~AND~~