

(II) PART-TIME NURSE POSITION AT THE RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(2) THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD BY A RECIPIENT WHO IS NOT YET REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BEGIN REPAYMENT OF THE GRANT AWARD AND WHO ACCEPTS EMPLOYMENT THAT FULFILLS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION SHALL BE FORGIVEN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR A:

(I) FULL-TIME NURSE POSITION AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION; OR

(II) PART-TIME NURSE POSITION AT THE RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

[(e)] (H) The Commission shall establish and publish rules and regulations to administer the grants awarded under this section.

[(f)] (I) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

Subtitle 11. Distinguished Scholar [Program] PROGRAMS.

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(A) THERE IS A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS TO BE AWARDED BY THE OFFICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION FOR USE AT 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

(B) THE OFFICE SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AS DETERMINED BY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH OF THESE STUDENTS TO BE USED AT ANY MARYLAND 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE, IF THE STUDENT MEETS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

(1) HAS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT INDICATING AN OVERALL ACADEMIC GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE;

(2) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 CREDIT HOURS OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

(3) QUALIFIES AS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

(4) APPLIES THE SCHOLARSHIP WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING THE REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM; AND

(5) ATTENDS THE 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT.