

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION TO RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM ACROSS THE STATE.

(D) (1) THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 PER ACADEMIC YEAR.

(2) EACH AWARD SHALL BE RENEWABLE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 1 YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO THE ORIGINAL AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

(I) CONTINUES TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON AN ACADEMIC YEAR BASIS.

(E) AN AWARD GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED FOR:

(1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES;

(2) ROOM AND BOARD; AND

(3) BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

(F) THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER STATE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT.

~~(G) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS:~~

~~(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 — \$500,000; AND~~

~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009 — \$1,000,000 \$ 250,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2007.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall establish a workgroup to study the consolidation of economic development student assistance grants and work-based shortage grants into a single grant program. The grant program should, to the extent practicable, establish uniform criteria for grant eligibility, award amounts, and service obligation requirements. The program should include a methodology for prioritizing work-based shortage grants on an annual basis.

(2) The Commission shall include in the workgroup representatives from:

(i) the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;