

Article 9 - Charles County

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(a) A program of scholarships is hereby established, for courses of study leading to the certificate, diploma, or other evidence of qualification to practice on completion of specialized training in categories as specified by the County Commissioners.

[(b) Scholarships under this section shall be awarded to those persons (1) who are residents of Charles County; (2) who make application to the County Commissioners of Charles County, at such times and places and in a manner to be determined and announced by the County Commissioners; (3) whose applications are reviewed and favorably recommended by a scholarship committee appointed by the County Commissioners which said scholarship committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the County Commissioners and said committee shall include a Doctor of Medicine, an educator, a nurse, an ordained minister, and one other person; and all of said members of the scholarship committee shall be full-time residents of Charles County; and each of the five members shall have four year appointments, except that those appointments made or confirmed initially shall be one for one year, one for two years, one for three years and two for four years, beginning July 1, 1970; (4) who are selected by the County Commissioners after such review and recommendation by the scholarship committee on the basis of demonstrated aptitude, interest and ability, and financial need; and (5) who furnish surety bonds to the County Commissioners of Charles County, in such amount and with such surety as the Commissioners may determine, the condition of which bonds shall be that the applicant, provided he or she completes the course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, practices in his or her field in Charles County for a period of not less than two years within a period, following completion of such course of study, of three years extended by the duration of any military service of the applicant commencing in such three year period. Nursing scholarship recipients shall practice at physician's memorial hospital, the Charles County health department, or the Charles County Nursing Home.

(c) Scholarship may be awarded under this section for study at any accredited institution within Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia offering courses of instruction in the scholarship holder's field. The amount of each scholarship shall be recommended by the scholarship committee to the County Commissioners. Nothing herein contained shall in any way impair or affect control by the several institutions of their operation or of the studies pursued therein or of the standards and qualification required for admission and continued study in such institutions.