

(1) "Institution" means any public or private nonprofit educational institution situated within this State which:

(1) Provides a program of education beyond the high school level;

(2) Awards an associate's, bachelor's, or advanced degree;

(3) Is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools or by a national accrediting association or group recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation; and

(4) Meets the conditions of § [12-203] 11-302 of [the Education] THIS Article [of the Maryland Code].

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(c) "Eligible institution" means an accredited college or university that has a program of undergraduate or graduate studies that would certify the recipient to teach in this State in an area of critical shortage and which is:

(1) Authorized by the [State Board for] MARYLAND Higher Education COMMISSION; and

(2) Approved by the State Board of Education.

18-1402.

(a) There is a program of teacher education tuition assistance in this State known as the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Tuition Assistance Program.

(b) The recipient of a teacher education tuition assistance award shall use the award at an eligible institution.

(c) The State-Scholarship-Board-ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION may adopt rules and regulations that establish:

(1) Procedures for applications and renewals of tuition assistance; and

(2) Requirements that a tuition assistance recipient provide to the State adequate financial security to assure compliance with the teaching obligation mandated by this subtitle.

(d) The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations to determine academic criteria for selection of tuition assistance recipients from eligible applicants.