

at an eligible institution as a full-time student in an undergraduate program necessary for teacher education; or

(ii) A degreed recipient shall enroll in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in a field of critical shortage; or

(iii) A recipient who is already a teacher shall sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible institution as a full-time student in a teacher certification program in an area in which there is a critical shortage of teachers;

(4) Furnish a surety bond to this State with security satisfactory to the State--Scholarship--{Board}--~~ADMINISTRATION~~ COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION, that upon completion of undergraduate studies if not a teacher, or completion of certification studies if already a teacher, the recipient shall teach in this State for 1 1/2 years for each year that the recipient has a tuition assistance award;

(5) Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and advance in academic standing at least 1 year in each year in which an award is renewed; and

(6) Satisfy whatever other criteria the State Scholarship-Board ADMINISTRATION and the State Board of Education establish.

(c) This subtitle precludes the recipient of tuition assistance from receiving other forms of State sponsored financial assistance. Awards to teacher recipients may not be used to supplant retraining efforts by local boards of education.

(d) The annual amount of tuition assistance shall be equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board, not to exceed the lesser of costs incurred for the program required for teacher certification in a field of critical shortage or the sum of these costs for a full-time undergraduate resident student at the University of Maryland, College Park.

(e) (1) A nondegreed recipient may renew an award for one year if the recipient:

(i) Remains a full-time undergraduate in an area of critical shortage; and

(ii) Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and advances in academic standing at least 1 year for each year for which an award is renewed.