

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 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 FULL-TIME tuition assistance award OR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A PART-TIME 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 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 (1) FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT, 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 IN-STATE resident student at the University of Maryland, College Park.

(2) FOR A PART-TIME STUDENT, THE AMOUNT OF AN AWARD MAY NOT EXCEED THE APPLICABLE COST OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES FOR A COMPARABLE UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE 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] AN undergraduate STUDENT 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.

(2) A degreed recipient and a teacher recipient may renew an award for 1 year if that recipient maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.