

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-303(a) and (c)(1), 18-304(b)(1), 18-306, and 18-701(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

18-303.

(a) Except for AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED UNDER § 18-701 OF THIS TITLE, a Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this [article] TITLE, AND A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER § 18-2001 OF THIS TITLE, the recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may not hold any other scholarship awarded under this title.

(c) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

(1) Have [completed high school in this State with] ATTAINED a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND HAVE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;

18-304.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an Educational Excellence Award may be awarded in \$100 increments and the award for a single year may not be less than [\$200] \$400 or more than \$3,000.

18-306.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for 5 years if the recipient:

(1) Continues to be a resident of this State;

(2) Continues to be a full-time student at an eligible institution and takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester, or its equivalent as determined by the Administration;

(3) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree; and

(4) Maintains the standards of the institution.