

(1999 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Education**

15-106.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) RESIDED IN A FOSTER CARE HOME IN THE STATE ON OR AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S 18TH BIRTHDAY; OR

(II) 1. RESIDED IN A FOSTER CARE HOME IN THE STATE ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ~~16TH~~ 14TH BIRTHDAY; AND

2. WAS ADOPTED OUT OF A FOSTER CARE HOME AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S ~~16TH~~ 14TH BIRTHDAY.

(3) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.

(II) "TUITION" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND ALL FEES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IF:

(I) THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT REACHES THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;

(II) THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND

(III) THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT HAS ~~SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE RECIPIENT QUALIFIES~~ FILED FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AID BY MARCH 1 EACH YEAR.

(2) IF A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDY AND IS ENROLLED BEFORE THE RECIPIENT'S 21ST BIRTHDAY AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION.

(3) A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT WHO IS EXEMPT FROM TUITION UNDER THIS SECTION CONTINUES TO BE EXEMPT UNTIL THE EARLIER OF: