

~~(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE A PREFERENCE FOR FUNDING TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT SERVE A STUDENT BODY IN WHICH AT LEAST 50% OF THE STUDENTS ARE:~~

~~(I) LOW INCOME OR MODERATE INCOME; OR~~

~~(II) MEMBERS OF GROUPS THAT ARE UNDERREPRESENTED NATIONALLY IN HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

~~11-7A-10.~~

~~(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR, THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP SHALL SCHEDULE AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MINORITY POSTSECONDARY ACHIEVEMENT THAT FOCUSES ON BEST PRACTICES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.~~

~~(B) THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS ON:~~

~~(1) THE COLLEGE READINESS OF STUDENTS;~~

~~(2) TEACHER PREPARATION; AND~~

~~(3) FINANCIAL AID.~~

~~(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN THE BUDGET.~~

~~18-304.~~

~~(a) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Administration shall determine the amount of each Educational Excellence Award based on the financial need of the applicant.~~

~~(2) In determining the amount of financial need, the Administration shall consider regional cost of living differences.~~

~~(3) THE AMOUNT OF AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 40% OF THE STUDENT'S FINANCIAL NEED, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION.~~

~~18-307.~~

~~(e) (1) On or before May 1 of each year, the Administration shall send each Senator and each Delegate a list of individuals in each legislative district to whom Educational Excellence Awards are awarded.~~

~~(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY AWARD A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.~~

~~18-2200.~~

~~(A) Funds for the Maryland teacher scholarship program shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.~~