

3. Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

4. Makes satisfactory progress toward the nursing degree or diploma according to the standards of the eligible institution attended.

(c) Each recipient of the nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall:

(1) Be a nursing student;

(2) Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent;

(3) Be selected by the Administration on a competitive basis from among the qualified applicants based on academic criteria established by the Commission; and

(4) Perform the service obligation.

(d) (1) Each recipient of a nursing scholarship awarded under this section may be entitled, based on financial need, to an additional grant to meet living costs not to exceed \$2,400 annually for a full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time student.

(2) Each additional grant shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum amount of \$9,600, if the recipient meets the requirements for continuing the scholarship award under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

(3) The Administration shall require a recipient of a nursing scholarship who seeks an additional grant for living costs to provide information to the Administration sufficient to assure that the student has a definite financial need.

(e) The Commission shall establish and publish rules and regulations to administer the grants awarded under this section.

(f) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 107

(House Bill 329)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Maryland HOPE Scholarships - Eligibility

FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain amount the maximum total family income