

for a recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship or a HOPE Community College Transfer Scholarship; and generally relating to Maryland HOPE Scholarships.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-2303(b) and 18-2503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

18-2303.

(b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

(1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible institution in the State;

(2) Be a resident of the State;

(3) Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high school transcript after the first semester of the senior year of high school;

(4) Begin attending an eligible institution within 2 years of completing high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Administration of extenuating circumstances;

(5) Enroll as a full-time student at an eligible institution;

(6) Have an annual total family income of [\\$80,000] \\$95,000 or below;

(7) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

(8) Satisfy any additional criteria the Maryland Higher Education Commission may establish.

18-2503.

To qualify for a Community College Transfer Scholarship, an applicant shall:

(1) Be a resident of the State;

(2) Be a student at a community college in the State;

(3) Maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while a student at a community college in the State;

(4) Have completed at least 60 credits at a community college in the State or have earned an Associate's Degree by the end of the semester in which the applicant plans to transfer;