

(2) May not:

(i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE; and

(ii) Be less than the lesser of:

1. \$3,000; or

2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

18-603.

(a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

(b) Any career or volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad member who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the Administration for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE, for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical technology.

(c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Administration no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition reimbursement is sought.

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.

18-701.

(a) There is a program of Economic Development Student Assistance Grants awarded under this subtitle for students who pledge to work in fields of geographic or critical shortage in this State upon completion of their studies.

(b) The purpose of the Program is to:

(1) Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of higher education in the State; and

(2) Address the economic development needs of the State.