

(1) Shall administer any federal program of scholarships or grants to students or institutions except for the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship which shall be administered by the Maryland State Department of Education; and

(2) May do anything necessary to comply with any federal law relating to these scholarships or grants.

(e) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

(1) Arrange for the competitive examination required of applicants for certain scholarships; and

(2) Send the results of the examination to the appropriate institutions and to the person who awards the scholarship.

(f) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

(1) Analyze under uniform standards the financial need of each applicant for a scholarship for which financial need is a consideration; and

(2) Send its analysis to the appropriate institution and the person who awards the scholarship.

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(b) [Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH recipient of an Educational Excellence Award shall:

(1) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate program at an eligible institution or be enrolled in a [two-year] 2-YEAR associate degree program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution;

(2) Be a resident of this State;

(3) Demonstrate to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE a definite financial need; and

(4) Accept any other conditions attached to the award.

(c) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

(1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and have completed high school or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of extenuating circumstances;

(2) Begin college within 1 year of completing high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of extenuating circumstances;

(3) Be under the age of 22 years at the time of receiving the first award;