

(c) In conducting their operations, the Commission and [Administration] OFFICE shall share resources and coordinate their activities in order to enhance the efficient utilization of resources in the performance of their functions.

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(a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title, the [Administration] OFFICE has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the [Administration] OFFICE shall:

(1) Administer the scholarship and tuition assistance programs under this title;

(2) Issue and disseminate public information about these scholarships;

(3) Regulate the form and submission of applications for scholarships and tuition assistance under this title; and

(4) Conduct conferences and interviews with applicants to evaluate their eligibility.

(c) The [Administration] OFFICE may adopt any rule or regulation necessary to carry out its powers and duties.

(d) The [Administration] OFFICE:

(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: