

(c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.

(2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

(d) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as defined in § 18-101(b) of this title.

18-2202.

There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.

18-2203.

(a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their choice.

(b) (1) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

~~(i)~~ (I) Be a Maryland resident;

~~(ii)~~ (II) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a [full-time undergraduate student or a] full-time or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

~~(iii)~~ ~~(i)~~ (III) 1. For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core curriculum courses at the time of application; or

~~(ii)~~ 2. For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

~~(iv)~~ (IV) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon completion of the recipient's required studies;

~~(v)~~ (V) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

~~(vi)~~ (VI) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL IS SCHEDULED TO MATRICULATE AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, WILL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT AT A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS: