

COURSES OF STUDY, TRAINING, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE AS DETERMINED UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(E) IN MAKING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

~~(1) GIVE PRIORITY TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN MARYLAND; AND~~

(2) ENDEAVOR TO SELECT AWARD RECIPIENTS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S RICH CULTURAL, GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

(F) EACH INDIVIDUAL AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST HAVE INDICATED AND DEMONSTRATED TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL A SERIOUS INTENT TO ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

18-2704.

(A) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

(1) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; AND

(2) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

(I) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

18-2705.

(A) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE RECIPIENT'S TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES, BUT THE AWARD AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF THESE COSTS FOR A FULL-TIME, RESIDENT STUDENT AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME, RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.