

2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;

(iv) Is a disabled public safety employee;

(v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government Article, who:

1. Suffers a service-related disability of 25% or greater; and

2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits; or

(vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

(E) FOR A PERSON WHO GRADUATES FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE IN 2004, THAT PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON:

(1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

(2) IS A STUDENT AT A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION; OR

(3) GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF APPLICATION.

(e) (F) A scholarship awarded under this section:

(1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible institution; and

(2) May not:

(i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the 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.

(f) (G) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the award for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

(2) The Office may not award more than 15 scholarships annually under subsection (d)(3)(v) of this section.