- (1) [consider]-CONSIDER-whether a-workforce shortage field provides a public good or benefit to the citizens of Maryland; AND
- (II) ON-DETERMINATION THAT A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD PROVIDES A PUBLIC GOOD OR BENEFIT, GIVE PRIORITY TO THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD WHEN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.
 - (h) (1) A grant recipient:
 - (1) may MAY be enrolled at an eligible institution INSTITUTION
 - (I) [on] ON a part-time or full-time basis; AND
 - (H) DURING A-FALL, SPRING, OR SUMMER-TERM.
- (2) SHALL EARN AT LEAST 12 UNDERGRADUATE OR 9 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS IN EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, INCLUDING SUMMER SESSIONS;
- (2) (3) Except as provided in paragraph (3) (4) of this subsection, e-grant recipient shall be an undergraduate student at an eligible institution. AND
 - (3) A grant recipient-may
- (4) MAY be a graduate student if the Office determines that the shortage field requires employees with a graduate level education.
- (i) (1) In this subsection, "cost of attendance" means 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.
- (2) Subject to [paragraph (3)] PARAGRAPHS (3), (4), AND (5) of this subsection, the Commission shall establish in guidelines the annual grant awards under this section.
 - (3) Annual grant awards shall be within the following ranges:
- (i) For a part-time student attending a 2-year eligible institution \$1,000 and 12.5% of cost of attendance;