

- (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1 year in good academic standing at the institution;
- (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before applying for a general State scholarship; or
- (iii) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community college.

(c) Each applicant shall:

- (1) Be a resident of this State; [and
- (2) At the time of his initial application, be a resident of the legislative district from which he seeks appointment.

(d) Each applicant shall demonstrate] (3) DEMONSTRATE to the State Scholarship [Board] ADMINISTRATION a definite financial need[.]; AND

[(e) Each applicant shall accept] (4) ACCEPT any other conditions attached to the award.

(C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT SHALL:

(1) HAVE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT OR, FAILING TO DO SO, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECIPIENT'S HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

(2) BEGIN COLLEGE ~~IN THIS STATE~~ WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

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(4) ~~(3)~~ (4) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOL;

(5) ~~(4)~~ AS A STUDENT IN THE 9TH GRADE, HAVE SIGNED PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD, SIGN A PLEDGE TO REMAIN DRUG FREE;

(6) (5) ENROLL IN COLLEGE AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT;

(7) (6) HAVE AN ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME BELOW A POVERTY INDEX DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION; AND