

(E) (1) FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT, THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE COST OF TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD, NOT TO EXCEED THE LESSER OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE OR THE SUM OF THESE COSTS FOR A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE RESIDENT STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK.

(2) FOR A PART-TIME STUDENT, THE AMOUNT OF AN AWARD MAY NOT EXCEED THE APPLICABLE COST OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES FOR A COMPARABLE UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK.

(F) (1) A NONDEGREED RECIPIENT MAY RENEW AN AWARD FOR 1 YEAR IF THE RECIPIENT:

(I) REMAINS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE; AND

(II) MAINTAINS A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND ADVANCES IN ACADEMIC STANDING AT LEAST 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS RENEWED.

(2) A DEGREED RECIPIENT AND A TEACHER RECIPIENT MAY RENEW AN AWARD FOR 1 YEAR IF THAT RECIPIENT MAINTAINS A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

(G) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL PROJECT ANNUALLY THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES FOR EMPLOYMENT EXPECTED IN EACH OF THE SUBSEQUENT 5 YEARS IN AREAS OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM PROGRAMS QUALIFYING THEM TO TEACH IN THESE FIELDS DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION THOSE PROGRAMS THAT CONTINUE TO BE AREAS OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE AS EVIDENCED BY PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDING PROJECTED QUALIFIED GRADUATES.

(2) IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH AN AREA IS DETERMINED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO NO LONGER BE AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DISCONTINUE MAKING NEW AWARDS IN THAT AREA.

(3) DELETION OF ANY ACADEMIC FIELD AS AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE DOES NOT:

(1) TERMINATE THE RIGHT OF EXISTING RECIPIENTS TO RENEW AWARDS UNDER § 18-704(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR