

(3) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE A RECIPIENT OF A NURSING SCHOLARSHIP WHO SEEKS AN ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR LIVING COSTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE THAT THE STUDENT HAS A DEFINITE FINANCIAL NEED.

(E) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(F) FUNDS FOR THE NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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(a) The Administration shall annually select the 350 secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success in higher education as determined by criteria established by the Administration and offer a scholarship to each of these students to be used at any Maryland postsecondary institution of the student's choice, if the student meets the following qualifications:

(1) Qualifies academically as follows:

(i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall academic grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade point average;

(ii) Is a finalist of the National Merit Scholarship Program or the Achievement Scholarship Program administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; or

(iii) Has a superior creative talent or skill in art, music, dance, or the theater, as determined by an audition or portfolio review process established by the Administration;

(2) Has matriculated at a postsecondary educational institution in the State; and

(3) Qualifies as a Maryland resident.

(b) (1) At least 150 of the 350 awards shall be granted to superior academic achievers whose secondary school transcripts [through] INDICATE AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER OF the junior year [indicate] an overall academic grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent grade point average.

(2) At least 2 recipients who meet the qualifications specified under this section shall be selected from each county of the State.