

(2) Send the results of the examination to the appropriate institutions and to the person who awards the scholarship.

(f) The Administration shall:

(1) Analyze under uniform standards the financial need of each applicant for a scholarship for which financial need is a consideration; and

(2) Send its analysis to the appropriate institution and the person who awards the scholarship.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

Subtitle 3. [General State Scholarship] ~~FREE STATE GRANT~~ EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD Program

18-301.

(A) There is a program of [general State scholarships] ~~FREE STATE~~ EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS in this State that are awarded under this subtitle.

(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF AWARDS:

(1) GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANTS THAT ARE AWARDED TO THE NEEDIEST STUDENTS TO ENSURE THAT 100 PERCENT OF EDUCATIONAL COSTS, AS DEFINED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION, ARE PAID; AND

(2) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS THAT ARE AWARDED TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME STUDENTS TO ASSIST IN PAYING EDUCATIONAL COSTS, AS DEFINED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

18-301.1.

The State Scholarship Administration shall publicize the availability of [general State scholarships] ~~FREE STATE~~ EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

18-302.

(a) Except for a distinguished scholar award under § 18-1101 of this article, the recipient of a AN [general State scholarship] ~~FREE STATE~~ EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD may not hold any other scholarship awarded under this title.

(b) [(1) Each applicant for a general State scholarship shall:

(i) Take a competitive examination administered by the State Scholarship Administration; and