

(ii)] EACH RECIPIENT OF A FREE STATE AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD SHALL:

(1) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate program at an eligible institution or be enrolled in a two-year [terminal certificate] ASSOCIATE DEGREE program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution[.];

[(2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

(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)] (2) 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;

(3) BE UNDER THE AGE OF 22 YEARS AT THE TIME OF RECEIVING THE FIRST AWARD;

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