

(III) SHALL BE PAID BY THE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; AND

(IV) MAY BE HELD AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, BUT NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS.

(F) (1) EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY AND CONDITIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN AND OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE.

(2) EACH APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE APPLICANT'S MERIT AND ELIGIBILITY.

(3) (I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE RECIPIENTS.

(II) IF A RECIPIENT DOES NOT ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD IT TO ANOTHER ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

(G) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, REPAYMENT SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 10 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION.

~~(G)~~ (H) FUNDS FOR THE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

(2) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY THE RECIPIENT TO TEACH IN THIS STATE IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE AND WHICH IS:

(I) AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND

(II) APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.