

A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE, IF THE ~~RECIPIENT INDIVIDUAL~~ RECIPIENT 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 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR;

(II) INTENDS TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND

(III) HAS GRADUATED FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MARYLAND ~~IN MARYLAND~~;

(2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

(3) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AT A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

~~(4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION WITHIN 1 YEAR 2 YEARS OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;~~

~~(4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;~~

~~(6)~~ ~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

~~(6)~~ ~~(6)~~ ~~(6)~~ ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD AND SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

(B) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

(2) IF ACCEPTED BY THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT, EACH AWARD MAY BE RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3 YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

(I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

(II) ATTENDS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;