

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

SUBTITLE 20. MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

18-2001.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER ~~A CERTIFICATE~~, AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

(2) (I) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE IN AN OCCUPATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

(II) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN PAID STUDENT INTERNSHIPS, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

(III) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION AS DEFINED IN ~~SECTION 18-101(B)~~ § 18-101(B) OF THIS TITLE.

18-2002.

(A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT TO BE USED AT A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE, IF THE 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;

(2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

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