



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2016.03

Maryland Early Graduation Scholarship Program

- WHEREAS, Many states are using innovative approaches to reform public education and to better meet the needs of high school students and their families. One such approach is to provide incentives to students who graduate early from high school;
- WHEREAS, Encouraging public school students to graduate early from high school by providing a financial incentive in the form of a scholarship will help Maryland high school students and their families better plan for their careers and postsecondary education expenses;
- WHEREAS, The financial incentive will be a one-time scholarship that will help defray the cost of postsecondary education;
- WHEREAS, Establishing the Maryland Early Graduation Scholarship Program will benefit the State by encouraging Maryland public high school students to graduate and attend one of Maryland's institutions of postsecondary education, creating a cost savings to the scholarship students and their families while making more efficient use of available State and local education funds; and
- WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed and approved this scholarship program in accordance with COMAR 13B.01.01.13.
- NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MARYLAND EARLY GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
- A. Establishment. There is a Maryland Early Graduation Scholarship Program (Program).

B. Administration. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (Commission) shall administer the Program and facilitate the disbursement of scholarship payments.

C. Amount and Purpose of Scholarship. The amount of the Maryland Early Graduation Scholarship is up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) and shall be used for tuition, room and board, books, and other purposes, all as approved by the Commission.

D. Eligibility. Applicants for the Program must:

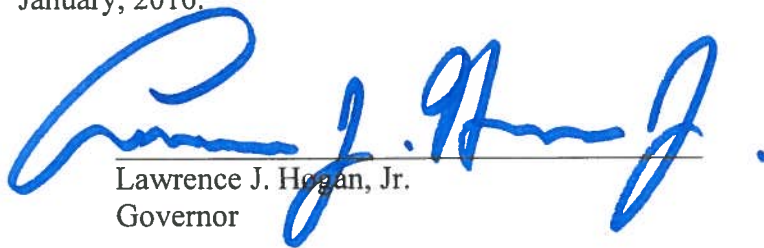
(1) Be a high school student enrolled in any of the twenty-four local public school systems in Maryland;

(2) Participate in the alternative program leading to the grant of a high school diploma by the end of the eleventh grade as established in COMAR 13A.03.02.11;

(3) Secure acceptance to an institution of postsecondary education as defined under Section 10-101(i) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland within six months of receipt of the high school diploma; and

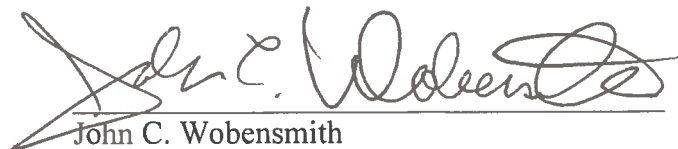
(4) Apply to the Program in the manner specified by the Commission.

Given Under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 27th Day of January, 2016.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

