

HOUSE BILL 1253

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By: **Delegates Boteler, Arikan, Cox, Kipke, Malone, and McComas**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Scholarship Program – Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold**
3 **Award Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient
5 Scholarship Program; providing for the qualifications of the recipients of a
6 scholarship under the Program; providing for the amount and duration of a
7 scholarship award; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to approve
8 a certain number of scholarships to certain individuals on a certain basis each year;
9 requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill
10 beginning in a certain fiscal year; providing for the application of this Act; and
11 generally relating to the establishment of the Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award
12 Recipient Scholarship Program.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–3701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 37. The Eagle Scout and Girl
16 Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **SUBTITLE 37. THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
23 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

24 **18–3701.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) THERE IS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
2 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 **(B) A RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:**

4 **(1) (I) BE AN EAGLE SCOUT; OR**

5 **(II) BE A RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD;**

6 **(2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;**

7 **(3) BE ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE**
8 **STATE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT REACHES THE AGE OF 21**
9 **YEARS; AND**

10 **(4) BE ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A**
11 **BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

12 **(C) THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
13 **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR IS \$2,000.**

14 **(D) A RECIPIENT MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNTIL THE**
15 **EARLIER OF:**

16 **(1) 5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN**
17 **ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF**
18 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR**

19 **(2) THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT IS AWARDED A BACHELOR'S**
20 **DEGREE.**

21 **(E) THE OFFICE SHALL APPROVE UP TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF**
22 **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EACH YEAR ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS:**

23 **(1) 50 AWARDS TO EAGLE SCOUTS; AND**

24 **(2) 50 AWARDS TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS.**

25 **(F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
26 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
27 **OF \$200,000 FOR THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**
28 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
2 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
3 application to any student enrolled in a public institution of higher education before the
4 effective date of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2020.