

HOUSE BILL 834

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Lierman**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Last Dollar Scholarship – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Last Dollar Scholarship; establishing certain
4 application requirements; authorizing the use of the Scholarship for certain costs at
5 certain institutions of higher education subject to a certain limitation; limiting the
6 Scholarship to a certain amount; authorizing the Scholarship to be renewed for up
7 to a certain number of years under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to
8 appropriate at least a certain amount in the annual State budget for a certain
9 purpose; and generally relating to the Last Dollar Scholarship.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Education

12 The subtitle designation “Subtitle 29. Miscellaneous Scholarship Programs”
13 immediately preceding Section 18–2901

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – Education

18 Section 18–2901(a)(1)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Education

23 Section 18–2902

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education**Subtitle 29. [Maryland First Scholarship] MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.**

18–2901.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18–2902.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SCHOLARSHIP” MEANS THE LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP.

(B) THERE IS A LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) GRADUATES FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE STATE;

(2) IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT; AND

(3) IS THE CHILD OF PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT EARNED A DEGREE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(D) THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY BE USED FOR THE TUITION, FEES, AND BOOKS AT ANY PUBLIC IN-STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

(2) MAY NOT BE MORE THAN \$3,000 PER ACADEMIC YEAR.

(E) THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE APPLIED ONLY TO THE COST OF TUITION, FEES, AND BOOKS AFTER ALL OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES OF FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL AID, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL AID, HAVE BEEN APPLIED.

(F) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE RENEWED FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS IF THE STUDENT:

1 **(1) REMAINS IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE INSTITUTION OF**
2 **HIGHER EDUCATION;**

3 **(2) REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT; AND**

4 **(3) PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE PRIOR YEAR.**

5 **(G) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE AT LEAST \$1,000,000 IN THE**
6 **STATE BUDGET TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2016.