

# SENATE BILL 4

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By: **Senator Ellis**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – The Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program –**  
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program for  
5 students who are eligible to receive the maximum federal Pell Grant and are  
6 residents of certain counties or graduates of high schools in certain counties to  
7 receive a scholarship to be used for certain purposes at historically Black colleges  
8 and universities in the State; authorizing counties to participate in the Program;  
9 requiring certain counties to pay certain amounts for scholarships awarded under  
10 the Program; and generally relating to the Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship  
11 Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 18–3901 through 18–3906 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 39. Senator  
15 Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **SUBTITLE 39. SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

22 **18–3901.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INDICATED.

2 (B) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO:

3 (1) IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM FEDERAL PELL GRANT;

4 AND

5 (2) (I) IS A RESIDENT OF A PARTICIPATING COUNTY IN THE STATE;

6 OR

7 (II) HAS GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN A  
8 PARTICIPATING COUNTY IN THE STATE.

9 (C) "HBCU" MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES  
10 AND UNIVERSITIES:

11 (1) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

12 (2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

13 (3) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

14 (4) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

15 (D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP  
16 PROGRAM.

17 18-3902.

18 THERE IS A SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE  
19 STATE.

20 18-3903.

21 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE  
22 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND AN HBCU.

23 18-3904.

24 (A) EACH HBCU SHALL:

25 (1) AWARD UP TO 10 SCHOLARSHIPS PER ACADEMIC YEAR TO  
26 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS;

1           **(2) SELECT RECIPIENTS IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF**  
2 **STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE HBCU FROM THE COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE**  
3 **PROGRAM; AND**

4           **(3) PRIORITIZE MAKING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MAJORING**  
5 **IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, OR EDUCATION.**

6           **(B) (1) THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED BY AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT AT**  
7 **ANY HBCU.**

8           **(2) ANY STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT LOAN,**  
9 **RECEIVED BY A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM**  
10 **SHALL BE APPLIED FIRST TO PAY THE STUDENT'S TUITION AND FEES.**

11           **(C) FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND MAY**  
12 **NOT SUPPLANT FEDERAL PELL GRANTS AND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR TUITION,**  
13 **MANDATORY FEES, ROOM AND BOARD, AND BOOKS.**

14           **(D) EACH HBCU SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO ESTABLISH:**

15           **(1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT RECEIVING A**  
16 **SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM;**

17           **(2) AWARD AMOUNTS;**

18           **(3) A PROCEDURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
19 **PROVIDED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT; AND**

20           **(4) ANY OTHER POLICIES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
21 **THE PROGRAM.**

22 **18-3905.**

23           **EACH HBCU SHALL DESIGNATE TWO FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS TO**  
24 **RECRUIT, MENTOR, AND ADVISE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.**

25 **18-3906.**

26           **(A) EACH COUNTY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.**

27           **(B) EACH COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE AN**  
28 **EQUAL MATCH TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AWARDED UNDER THE**

1 **PROGRAM FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM THAT COUNTY.**

2 **(C) IF A COUNTY DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENTS**  
3 **WHO RESIDE IN THAT COUNTY AND GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THAT**  
4 **COUNTY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2023.