

# HOUSE BILL 899

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## 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 for Eagle Scouts and recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award  
6 who meet certain qualifications; and generally relating to the establishment of the  
7 Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18–3901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 39. Eagle Scout and Girl Scout  
11 Gold Award Recipient Scholarship Program”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **SUBTITLE 39. EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT**  
18 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

19 **18–3901.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (1) (I) BE AN EAGLE SCOUT; OR

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

4 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

8 (4) BE ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A  
9 BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

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

12 (D) A RECIPIENT MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNTIL THE  
13 EARLIER OF:

14 (1) 5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN  
15 ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
16 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR

17 (2) THE DATE THAT THE STUDENT IS AWARDED A BACHELOR'S  
18 DEGREE.

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

21 (1) 50 AWARDS TO EAGLE SCOUTS; AND

22 (2) 50 AWARDS TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS.

23 (F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,  
24 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION  
25 OF \$200,000 FOR THE EAGLE SCOUT AND GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT  
26 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2   1, 2022.