

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SMITH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the community college merit and mobility scholarship

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-i
2 to read as follows:

3 § 669-i. The community college merit and mobility scholarship. 1.
4 Purpose. The community college merit and mobility scholarship is hereby
5 established for the purpose of granting merit based scholarships to
6 students who attend a New York state community college.

7 2. Eligibility. To be eligible for such awards, an applicant must have
8 graduated from a New York state high school within the top twenty
9 percent of his or her high school class and achieve the following:

10 a. remain in good academic standing, and

11 b. maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or above.

12 3. Awards. One thousand scholarships shall be awarded in the two thou-
13 sand nineteen -- two thousand twenty academic year, and thereafter. The
14 annual scholarship shall be awarded to eligible applicants in the amount
15 of one thousand dollars per year for not more than two academic years.
16 The maximum scholarship award shall not exceed two thousand dollars. The
17 president shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to make such
18 scholarship available on an annual basis to full-time recipients or per
19 credit basis to part-time recipients. Part-time students shall not be
20 impacted by the two-year academic year award limitation. Up to one thou-
21 sand scholarships may be granted to new recipients annually. The receipt
22 of such scholarships shall not affect tuition assistance eligibility.
23 In no event shall the amount of the annual award exceed the recipient's
24 cost of attendance at the institution attended. Cost of attendance shall

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 mean tuition, required fees, laboratory and other instruction related to
2 expenses, books, transportation, and room and board.

3 4. Priority. In the event that there are more applicants who have the
4 same priority than there are remaining scholarships, the president shall
5 distribute the remaining number of such scholarships by means of a
6 lottery or other form of random selection.

7 5. Rules. The corporation is authorized to promulgate rules and regu-
8 lations, and may promulgate emergency regulations, for the necessary
9 implementation of the provisions of this section.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
11 it shall have become a law.