

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to state college attendance awards for students who maintain a certain minimum cumulative average throughout high school

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 670-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 670-c. State college attendance awards. 1. In addition to any other
4 academic performance award granted pursuant to this chapter, an eligible
5 student shall receive one thousand dollars annually, provided such
6 student enrolls in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a
7 public postsecondary institution located in this state within one year
8 of such student's completion of the core requirements for graduation
9 from a public high school located in this state.

10 2. Eligibility. An eligible student shall be a student who:

11 (a) has attended an approved public high school program located in
12 this state from grades nine through twelve; and

13 (b) has maintained a minimum 3.0 cumulative average for each of all
14 semesters of such student's attendance in such approved high school
15 program located in this state.

16 3. Duration. A state college attendance award shall entitle the recip-
17 ient to an annual award for not more than four academic years of under-
18 graduate study, provided such student maintains the minimum academic
19 standards for such postsecondary institution; and provided further such
20 student remains enrolled in a public postsecondary institution until the
21 completion of his or her terminal degree.

22 4. Amount. (a) Eligible students entering a community college with a
23 two year degree program shall receive one thousand dollars for each of
24 two years, or a maximum of two thousand dollars; and

25 (b) Eligible students entering a public four year college or universi-
26 ty shall receive one thousand dollars for each of four years, or a maxi-
27 mum of four thousand dollars.

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

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1 (c) In no event shall the amount of the annual awards exceed the
2 recipient's cost of attendance at the institution attended. Cost of
3 attendance shall mean tuition, required fees, laboratory and other
4 instruction related expenses, books, transportation, and room and board.
5 Anything in this article to the contrary notwithstanding, a recipient of
6 a scholarship pursuant to this section may concurrently receive with
7 such award any other academic or general award for which he or she may
8 be eligible; provided, however, in no event shall a recipient be awarded
9 a scholarship in any amount where the combination of all such awards
10 would exceed the recipient's cost of attendance at the institution.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
12 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
13 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
14 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and
15 completed on or before such effective date.