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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the Gold Award and Eagle Scout achievement 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 668-h  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 668-h. Gold Award and Eagle Scout achievement scholarship. 1.  
4 Purpose. The Gold Award and Eagle Scout achievement scholarship is  
5 hereby established for the purpose of granting scholarship awards to New  
6 York state high school graduates who achieve a Gold Award from the Girl  
7 Scouts of the United States of America or an Eagle Scout from the Boy  
8 Scouts of America.

9 2. Eligibility. To be eligible for such awards, an applicant must have  
10 graduated from a New York state high school, enrolled in an approved  
11 undergraduate, full-time program of study in a New York state public  
12 post-secondary institution beginning in the two thousand twenty-five--  
13 two thousand twenty-six academic year or thereafter, and achieved a Gold  
14 Award from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America or an Eagle  
15 Scout from the Boy Scouts of America. An applicant shall show proof of  
16 such Gold Award or Eagle Scout from a Girl Scouts of the United States  
17 of America council, or Boy Scouts of America council located in the  
18 state.

19 3. Awards. Within amounts appropriated therefor, the president shall  
20 grant an annual award to eligible applicants pursuant to subdivision two  
21 of this section in the amount of five hundred dollars for not more than  
22 four academic years of undergraduate study, or five academic years, if  
23 the program of study normally requires five years as defined by the  
24 commissioner pursuant to article thirteen of this chapter.

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

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1 4. Offset. Such awards may be used to offset the applicant's total  
2 cost of attendance determined for federal Title IV student financial aid  
3 purposes.

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

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.