

CHAPTER 395 (HJR 141)

A JOINT RESOLUTION recommending that Kentucky's four-year public universities establish a Scouting and Civil Air Patrol Scholarship Program modeled after the successful Eagle Scout Scholarship Program at the University of Louisville.

WHEREAS, young men who earn the Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts of America and the Mitchell Award in the Civil Air Patrol, and young women who earn the Gold Award in the Girl Scouts of America, are recognized for outstanding performance and achievement in their communities; and

WHEREAS, these young men and women have demonstrated high principles of character, commitment to excellence, leadership, and service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the importance of scouting programs is evident in many communities, and especially for African American males who often face tremendous obstacles, by providing support and structure for building character and developing potential of each young person; and

WHEREAS, the scholarships awarded to Eagle Scouts under the University of Louisville's Trustees Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding scholar scouts and cadets and should be replicated across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky needs to retain its brightest and most talented students in its public institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The General Assembly recommends that Kentucky's four-year public universities establish a Scouting and Civil Air Patrol Scholarship program modeled after the successful University of Louisville Scholarship program which rewards young people who have been awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts or the Mitchell Award by the Civil Air Patrol, or who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts.

Section 2. A university may award a scholarship to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or Civil Air Patrol Cadet based on the following criteria that may include:

- (1) Kentucky residency;
- (2) A high ACT score;
- (3) A grade point average of at least 3.0 upon graduating from high school;
- (4) Active membership in a Girl Scout troop, a Boy Scout troop, Explorer post or venture unit, or a Civil Air Patrol squadron during and until graduation from high school; and
- (5) Financial need of the Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Civil Air Patrol Cadet.

Section 3. The university shall create other eligibility criteria of equal weight that will ensure the greatest number of African Americans awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts or the Mitchell Award by the Civil Air Patrol, or who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts will have the greatest likelihood of being awarded a scholarship under this program. In determining the eligibility criteria, consideration shall be given to honors and awards received and to volunteer or leadership positions in school, civic, community, and religious organizations.

Section 4. One (1) year from the adoption date of this Resolution, the presidents of Kentucky's four-year public universities or their designees shall make a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education on the progress made toward designating at least one academic scholarship for a high-achieving Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Section 5. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the presidents of the Kentucky four-year public universities.

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