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H. R. 1568

To establish the Henry Ford Scholarship program to provide scholarships to high-achieving students to pursue undergraduate degrees in mathematics, science, engineering, and health-related fields.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To establish the Henry Ford Scholarship program to provide scholarships to high-achieving students to pursue undergraduate degrees in mathematics, science, engineering, and health-related fields.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Henry Ford Scholar-
5 ship Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HENRY FORD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary is au-
8 thorized to establish a program, in accordance with the

1 requirements of this Act, to award scholarships to high-
2 achieving students who graduate from secondary school
3 after May 1, 2007, to pursue undergraduate degrees in
4 mathematics, science, engineering, and health-related
5 fields at institutions of higher education.

6 (b) HENRY FORD SCHOLARS.—Individuals awarded
7 scholarships under this Act shall be known as “Henry
8 Ford Scholars”.

9 **SEC. 3. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.**

10 (a) SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT.—

11 (1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum
12 amount of a scholarship that an eligible student may
13 receive under this section shall be \$5,000 for an aca-
14 demic year, and shall be \$20,000 in the aggregate.

15 (2) ADJUSTMENT FOR INSUFFICIENT APPRO-
16 PRIATIONS.—If funds available to carry out this Act
17 for an academic year are insufficient to fully fund all
18 scholarships awarded by the Secretary under this
19 Act for such academic year, the amount of the schol-
20 arship paid to each student under this Act shall be
21 reduced proportionately.

22 (b) PERIOD OF AWARD.—Scholarships under this
23 section shall be awarded for a period of one academic year,
24 and may be renewed for subsequent one-year periods dur-

1 ing the first 4 years of study at any institution of higher
2 education.

3 (c) RELATION TO OTHER ASSISTANCE.—Scholar-
4 ships provided under this Act shall not be considered for
5 the purpose of awarding Federal grant assistance under
6 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C
7 1070 et seq.), except that in no case shall the total amount
8 of student financial assistance awarded to a student under
9 this Act and such title exceed such student's total cost
10 of attendance.

11 (d) CONVERSION TO LOAN.—

12 (1) FAILURE TO OBTAIN UNDERGRADUATE DE-
13 GREE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, OR
14 A HEALTH-RELATED FIELD.—Any individual who re-
15 ceives a scholarship award under this Act who fails
16 to obtain a bachelor's degree with a major in mathe-
17 matics, science, engineering, or a health-related field
18 from an institution of higher education within a pe-
19 riod prescribed by the Secretary by regulations
20 issued pursuant to this Act, shall be required to
21 repay a pro rata amount of the scholarship award
22 received, plus interest (but in no event at an interest
23 rate higher than the rate applicable to loans in the
24 applicable period under part B of title IV of the
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et

1 seq.) and, where applicable, reasonable collection
2 fees, on a schedule and at a rate of interest to be
3 prescribed by the Secretary by such regulations.

4 (2) FORGIVENESS IF DECEASED OR DIS-
5 ABLED.—An individual shall be excused from repay-
6 ment of any scholarship award required under para-
7 graph (1) if the individual dies or becomes perma-
8 nently and totally disabled (as determined in accord-
9 ance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary).

10 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY.**

11 (a) INITIAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible
12 for a scholarship under this Act, a student shall—

13 (1) be a citizen, national, or permanent resident
14 of the United States;

15 (2) have a total adjusted gross income that—

16 (A) based on the income of the parents of
17 the student (and excluding any income of the
18 dependent student), is less than \$200,000, in
19 the case of a student who is a dependent stu-
20 dent;

21 (B) based on the income of the student, is
22 less than \$100,000, in the case of a student
23 who is an independent student and is not mar-
24 ried; or

1 (C) based on the income of the student
2 and the student's spouse, is less than \$200,000,
3 in the case of a student who is an independent
4 student and is married;

5 (3) be a graduate of a public or private sec-
6 ondary school, or have the equivalent of a certificate
7 of graduation as recognized by the State in which
8 the student resides;

9 (4) be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a
10 program of undergraduate instruction leading to a
11 bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics,
12 science, engineering, or a health-related field at an
13 institution of higher education; and

14 (5) have obtained a cumulative grade point av-
15 erage of at least 3.5 (or the equivalent as deter-
16 mined under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
17 retary)—

18 (A) at the end of the secondary school pro-
19 gram of study, in the case of a student enrolled
20 or accepted for enrollment in the first academic
21 year of undergraduate education; or

22 (B) at the end of the most recently com-
23 pleted academic year of undergraduate edu-
24 cation, in the case of a student enrolled or ac-
25 cepted for enrollment in the second, third, or

1 fourth academic year of undergraduate edu-
2 cation.

3 (b) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.—In order for a stu-
4 dent to continue to be eligible to receive a scholarship
5 under this Act for a subsequent year of undergraduate
6 education, the student shall maintain eligibility under sub-
7 section (a), including fulfilling the grade point average re-
8 quirement under paragraph (5)(B) of such subsection.

9 **SEC. 5. SELECTION.**

10 (a) APPLICATION.—Each eligible student desiring a
11 scholarship under this Act shall submit an application to
12 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
13 taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably
14 require.

15 (b) AWARD BASIS.—Subject to subsection (c), schol-
16 arships under this section shall be awarded on a first-
17 come, first-served basis and subject to the availability of
18 appropriations.

19 (c) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give priority in
20 awarding scholarships under this section for an academic
21 year to eligible students who received a scholarship award
22 under this section for the preceding academic year.

1 **SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

2 The Secretary is authorized to prescribe such regula-
3 tions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
4 this Act.

5 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

6 For the purposes of this Act:

7 (1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
8 term “institution of higher education” has the
9 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the
10 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Education.

13 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this Act such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2008, and for each succeeding fiscal year.

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