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BOARD OF REGENTS RECEIVES GRANT FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall announces that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the West Virginia Board of Regents over \$130,000 for its teacher scholarship program.

In West Virginia, the \$130,106 will be awarded to 26 students who qualify for the program, which Rahall outlines.

"The full appropriation is to be used to provide scholarships to enable and encourage outstanding high school graduates to pursue teaching careers at the preschool, elementary, or secondary school level," Rahall said. "To receive its allotment, West Virginia had to submit an application for review and approval by the Secretary of Education."

The scholarship assistance amounts to \$5,000 for each year up to for years and are to be awarded only to individuals who ranked in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class.

The Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program is authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and includes 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. Individual state allotments are based on a formula comparing each state's population to the aggregate population of all States participating in the program.

Interested West Virginia students should contact the West Virginia Board of Regents at 950 Kanawha Boulevard, East in Charleston for more information.

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