

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1389

By: Representative Bragg
By: Senator Gilmore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE
FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FORESTERS FOR THE
FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT OF 2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, is amended to add an
additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 21 – Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of
2021

6-82-2101. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas
Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021".

6-82-2102. Establishment.

There is created and established a program to be known as the "Arkansas
Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program".

6-82-2103. Eligibility.

(a) An individual is eligible for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future
Scholarship under this subchapter if the individual has enrolled:



(1) As a full-time first-time freshman in a state-supported institution of higher education; and

(2) In a forestry program of study that is accredited by the Society of American Foresters and is within the state-supported institution of higher education in which the individual is enrolled.

(b)(1) To be considered as a recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship under this subchapter, an individual shall submit:

(A) An approved application; and

(B) A high school transcript.

(2) The application to be submitted by individuals under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be created and approved by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division.

(3) The division may select individuals who have submitted the required application materials under subdivision (b)(1) of this section for interviews before choosing the recipient of the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship under this subchapter.

(c) To maintain eligibility for an Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship under this subchapter, a recipient shall maintain a full-time status as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the forestry program of study within the state-supported institution of higher education in which the individual is enrolled.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1269. Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund".

(b) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys received and deposited into the State Forestry Fund under § 15-31-108 that are equal to the cost of the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship each academic semester; and

(2) Special revenue funds.

(c) The Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Fund shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, as provided

in the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of 2021, § 6-82-2101 et seq., and as provided by any other relevant provisions of law.

/s/Bragg