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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF 18A:71-5 to 60
(Edwin E. Aldrin Scholarship Act)

Edwin E. Aldrin, a native of New Jersey, participated in
first moon landing, July, 1969.

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August 6 - Introduced by McDerrott (and others)
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SENATE, No. 836

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED AUGUST 6, 1969

By Senators McDERMOTT, BATEMAN, CRABIEL, SEARS
and WALLWORK

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning higher education, creating the Edwin E. Aldrin Fund for the Advancement of Knowledge in the Department of Higher Education, supplementing subtitle 12 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and providing an appropriation.

1 WHEREAS, Apollo 11 recently completed successfully an historic trip
2 to, landing upon and return from the moon; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the astronauts in the crew of Apollo 11 was
4 Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., was born in New Jersey
6 and spent the early years of his life here; and

7 WHEREAS, The flight of Apollo 11 opened new frontiers in the
8 pioneering quest for new knowledge; and

9 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the citizens of this State
10 pay appropriate tribute to the flight of Apollo 11 and to the
11 participation therein of Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.; now,
12 therefore,

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. This act shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Edwin
2 E. Aldrin Commemorative Scholarship Act of 1969."

1 2. This act shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes
2 and intent thereof.

1 3. As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates other-
2 wise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

3 (a) The term "board" shall mean the Board of Trustees of the
4 Edwin E. Aldrin Fund for the Advancement of Knowledge created
5 by section 4 of this act.

6 (b) The term "chancellor" shall mean the Chancellor of Higher
7 Education.

8 (c) The term "department" shall mean the Department of
9 Higher Education.

10 (d) The term "fund" shall mean the Edwin E. Aldrin Fund for
11 the Advancement of Knowledge created by section 4 of this act.

12 (e) The term "higher education" shall mean that education
13 which is provided by any or all of the public institutions of higher
14 education as defined in section 18A:62-1 of the New Jersey Statutes
15 or any or all equivalent private institutions approved by the De-
16 partment of Higher Education and located in New Jersey.

1 4. (a) There is hereby created and established in the department
2 a scholarship fund which shall be known as the "Edwin E. Aldrin
3 Fund for the Advancement of Knowledge." The fund shall identify,
4 recruit and provide financial assistance to Aldrin Scholars and
5 Aldrin Fellows who are residents of this State in order that they
6 may be able to attend institutions of higher education, initiate or
7 continue special research projects, or otherwise further the ad-
8 vancement of knowledge and the quality of human life.

9 (b) The business and operations of the fund shall be administered
10 by the board of trustees created pursuant to section 5 of this act.

11 (c) The chancellor shall serve as the chief executive officer of
12 the fund and shall organize the work of the fund in such manner
13 as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. The
14 chancellor may employ such persons, contract for such services,
15 make such expenditures and adopt such rules and regulations as
16 may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of
17 this act.

1 5. (a) The board of trustees of the fund shall consist of the
2 chancellor and 8 citizens of this State appointed by the Governor,
3 one of whom shall be designated by the Governor to serve as
4 chairman. Citizen members of the board shall be selected without
5 regard to political affiliation and, on the basis of their knowledge
6 of, or interest in, the problems of students and higher education,
7 space technology and the sciences, and the advancement of human
8 knowledge.

9 (b) Each citizen member of the board shall serve for a term of
10 4 years and until his successor shall have been appointed and
11 qualified; provided, that in the case of the first appointments to
12 the board, 2 members shall be appointed for terms expiring June
13 30, 1970; 2 members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30,
14 1971; 2 members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30,
15 1972; and 2 members shall be appointed for terms expiring June
16 30, 1973. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be

17 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the re-
18 mainder of the unexpired term.

19 (c) The board shall develop and maintain a State-wide system
20 for the identification of potential Aldrin Scholars and Aldrin
21 Fellows; devise methods for recruiting such Aldrin Scholars and
22 Aldrin Fellows; advise the chancellor on the organization, co-
23 ordination and support, in co-operation with public and private
24 institutions of higher education in the State, of programs of special
25 education or research for such Aldrin Scholars and Aldrin Fellows;
26 and provide financial assistance as required by such Aldrin
26A Scholars and Aldrin Fellows.

27 (d) Members of the board shall serve without compensation but
28 shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary
29 expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

1 6. The board shall:

2 (a) Administer all funds appropriated by the Legislature for
3 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

4 (b) Be an agency of communication with departments and
5 agencies of the United States on the availability of grants or loans
6 to this State for purposes related or similar to those set forth in
7 this act.

8 (c) Develop, establish and publicize criteria for the determina-
9 tion of eligibility for financial assistance from the fund.

10 (d) Establish procedures for determining the amount of each
11 award according to the total financial need of each Aldrin Scholar
12 or Aldrin Fellow.

13 (e) Be responsible and report periodically in writing to the
14 Board of Higher Education on the performance of its duties in
15 accordance with the provisions of this act.

16 (f) Adopt by-laws, and make, enforce, alter and repeal rules for
17 its own operation and for carrying out the provisions of this act.

18 (g) Receive and disburse such gifts and contributions to the
19 fund as may be forthcoming from private and public sources.

1 7. (a) The board is hereby authorized to award scholarship
2 grants from the fund (1) to Aldrin Scholars for undergraduate
3 study leading to a baccalaureate degree, associate degree, or other
4 approved certificate and for graduate and professional study
5 leading to approved master's and doctor's degrees at institutions
6 of higher education, public or private, located in New Jersey, and
7 (2) to Aldrin Fellows for advanced graduate or professional study
8 or for the initiation or continuation of special research projects at
9 institutions of higher education, public or private, located in New
10 Jersey.

11 (b) Grants from the fund may be awarded annually upon proper
12 application to the fund, to any Aldrin Scholar or Aldrin Fellow
13 who qualifies under the standards to be developed and promulgated
14 by the board and who is or will be attending or engaged in research
15 at an institution of collegiate grade located in New Jersey and
16 approved for this purpose by the Board of Higher Education.

1 8. (a) No scholarship grant pursuant to this act shall be awarded
2 to any applicant therefor unless such applicant shall have demon-
3 strated to the satisfaction of the board that he or she:

4 (1) Is and has been a resident of the State for at least 12 months
5 prior to receiving the grant;

6 (2) Will be or is attending a full time or other program leading
7 to a degree, or is or will be engaged in any other organized pro-
8 gram of study or research approved by the institution which he or
9 she is or will be attending or at which such program of study or
10 research will be pursued;

11 (3) Has complied with all rules and regulations adopted pur-
12 suant to this act by the board for the award, regulation and ad-
13 ministration of grants from the fund.

14 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
15 section, the board is hereby authorized to require the satisfaction
16 of such other requirements as it may deem necessary to carry out
17 the provisions of this act.

1 9. In awarding scholarship grants pursuant to this act, the board
2 may take into account the financial resources available to the ap-
3 plicant to meet the cost of his higher education or special research
4 project. Scholarship grants awarded pursuant to this act shall be
5 paid to recipients by the State Treasurer in accordance with rules
6 and regulations adopted by the board.

1 10. No person shall be eligible for scholarship grants pursuant
2 to this act for more than 6 years, or for such other period of time
3 as may be determined by the board to be necessary for the com-
4 pletion of an organized course of study or of an approved special
5 research project. Each scholarship grant awarded pursuant to
6 this act shall remain in effect only so long as the recipient thereof
7 achieves academic progress to the satisfaction of the board and
8 demonstrates continued eligibility pursuant to the provisions of
9 this act.

1 11. Scholarship grants pursuant to this act shall be awarded by
2 the board without regard to race, creed or religion and in such
3 manner and amount as may be within the limits of funds appro-
4 priated or otherwise made available therefor.

1 12. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Higher
2 Education for the Edwin E. Aldrin Fund for the Advancement of
3 Knowledge the sum of \$100,000.00 to carry out the provisions of
4 this act for the period ending June 30, 1970.

1 13. This act shall take effect immediately.