

2023 Kansas Statutes

76-382. Medical student loans; tuition and living expenses stipend; requirements; limitations; loan agreements; priority to Kansas residents. (a) There is hereby established the medical student loan program at the university of Kansas school of medicine.

(b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, the university of Kansas school of medicine may make medical student loans in accordance with the provisions of the medical student loan act to undergraduate students enrolled in or admitted to the university of Kansas school of medicine in a course of instruction leading to the degree of doctor of medicine who enter into a written medical student loan agreement with the university of Kansas school of medicine in accordance with K.S.A. 76-383, and amendments thereto.

(c) Each medical student loan agreement under the medical student loan act shall provide to the person receiving the loan the payment of all tuition and a stipend for living expenses in an amount of up to \$2,000 per month for each month enrolled in such school during a year. Subject to the maximum amount, the amount of the monthly stipend shall be determined on an annual basis by the student receiving the loan.

(d) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, medical student loan agreements under the medical student loan act may be entered into on an annual basis and shall provide the payment of the amounts specified under subsection (c) for one year unless otherwise terminated before such period of time. Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, an undergraduate student enrolled in or admitted to the university of Kansas school of medicine in a course of instruction leading to the degree of doctor of medicine may receive a separate loan under the medical student loan act for each separate year the student enters into a written medical student loan agreement with the university of Kansas school of medicine in accordance with K.S.A. 76-383, and amendments thereto. Loans may be awarded retroactively for any academic year that a student has completed successfully at the university of Kansas medical school but for which a loan had not previously been awarded. Retroactive loans shall be in an amount equal to the amount of tuition paid by the student, plus a stipend in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount of the stipend for such academic year multiplied by the number of months for which the student was enrolled at the medical school during such year. For each separate year a student receives a loan under the medical student loan act, the student shall engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in an appropriate service commitment area for a period of 12 months unless such obligation is otherwise satisfied as provided in K.S.A. 76-386, and amendments thereto.

(e) Medical student loans shall be awarded on a priority basis as follows: First, to qualified applicants who are Kansas residents at the time of entry into the university of Kansas school of medicine; and second, to qualified applicants who are not Kansas residents at the time of entry into the university of Kansas school of medicine. As used in this subsection, "Kansas residents" means persons who meet the residence requirements established in K.S.A. 76-729, and amendments thereto.

(f) Subject to appropriations, the university of Kansas school of medicine shall enter into medical student loan agreements with up to 12 individuals who commit to satisfy obligations to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a service commitment area by:

- (1) Serving as a full-time faculty member of the university of Kansas school of medicine in general psychiatry or child psychiatry pursuant to K.S.A. 76-384(c), and amendments thereto; or
- (2) performing at least 100 hours per month of on-site mental healthcare pursuant to K.S.A. 76-384(d), and amendments thereto.

(g) For any student who has entered into a medical student loan agreement pursuant to the medical student loan act, the university of Kansas school of medicine shall not prohibit or otherwise create any substantial impediment to such student switching between approved postgraduate residency training programs.

History: L. 1992, ch. 243, § 3; L. 1993, ch. 160, § 3; L. 2007, ch. 173, § 9; L. 2017, ch. 12, § 2; L. 2023, ch. 95, § 7; July 1.