

74-3294. Scholarship applications; agreements; service obligations, failure to satisfy; sponsorships. (a) An applicant for a scholarship under the nursing service scholarship program shall provide to the executive officer, on forms supplied by the executive officer, the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) the name and address of the school of nursing in which the applicant is enrolled or to which the applicant has been admitted;

(3) the name and address of the sponsor of the applicant and a verified copy of the agreement entered into by the applicant and the sponsor in accordance with the provisions of the nursing service scholarship program; and

(4) any additional information which may be required by the executive officer.

(b) As a condition to awarding a scholarship under the nursing service scholarship program, the executive officer and the applicant for a scholarship shall enter into an agreement which shall require that the scholarship recipient:

(1) Complete the required course of instruction and attain licensure with the Kansas state board of nursing as a licensed professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse;

(2) engage in the full-time practice of nursing, or the equivalent to full-time practice, in the employment of the sponsor in accordance with the agreement entered into by the scholarship recipient and the sponsor and continue such full-time practice, or the equivalent to full-time practice, for the total amount of time required under the agreement, which shall be for a period of not less than the length of the course of instruction for which scholarship assistance was provided, or engage in the part-time practice of nursing in the employment of the sponsor in accordance with the agreement entered into by the scholarship recipient and the sponsor and continue such part-time practice for the total amount of time required under the agreement, which shall be for a period of time that is equivalent to full time, as determined by the state board of regents, multiplied by the length of the course of instruction for which scholarship assistance was provided;

(3) commence the full-time practice of nursing, or the equivalent to full-time practice, or the part-time practice of nursing, within six months after registration in accordance with the agreement entered into by the scholarship recipient and the sponsor, continue such practice for the total amount of time required under the agreement, and comply with such other terms and conditions as may be specified by such agreement;

(4) maintain records and make reports to the executive officer as may be required by the executive officer to document the satisfaction of the obligations under the nursing service scholarship program and under agreements entered into with the sponsor; and

(5) upon failure to satisfy an agreement to engage in the full-time practice of nursing, or the equivalent to full-time practice, or the part-time practice of nursing, for the required period of time under any such agreement, repay to the state and to the sponsor amounts as provided in K.S.A. 74-3295, and amendments thereto.

(c) Upon the awarding of a scholarship under the nursing service scholarship program, the sponsor shall pay to the executive officer the amount of such scholarship to be financed by the sponsor. Each such amount shall be deposited in the nursing service scholarship program fund in accordance with K.S.A. 74-3298, and amendments thereto.

(d) The sponsorship by a scholarship recipient may be transferred from one sponsor to another upon the agreement of the original sponsor, the scholarship recipient and the sponsor to which the sponsorship is to be transferred. The terms, conditions and obligations of the transferred agreement shall be substantially similar to the terms, conditions and obligations of the original agreement. No sponsorship shall be transferred unless the agreement transferring such sponsorship provides for service in a rural area and is approved by the executive officer as consistent with the provisions of the nursing service scholarship program and as consistent with any rules and regulations relating thereto adopted by the state board of regents in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 74-3297, and amendments thereto.

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