

**74-32,113. Definitions.** As used in this act:

(a) "Kansas ethnic minority fellowship program" means a program under which grants of financial assistance in the form of fellowships are awarded to qualified ethnic minority graduate students.

(b) "Qualified ethnic minority graduate student" means a person who: (1) Is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a member of an ethnic minority group; (3) has been accepted for admission to or is enrolled full time in a graduate program at a state educational institution; and (4) has qualified for the award of a fellowship under the Kansas ethnic minority fellowship program on the basis of having demonstrated scholastic ability, or who has previously so qualified and remains qualified for renewal of the fellowship on the basis of remaining in good standing and making satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the graduate program in which enrolled.

(c) "Ethnic minority group" means a group of persons categorized as: (1) American Indian; (2) Asian or Pacific Islander; (3) Black, non-Hispanic; or (4) Hispanic.

(d) "American Indian" means a person having origins in the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

(e) "Asian" or "Pacific Islander" means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or Pacific Islands, including, but not by way of limitation, persons from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Samoa, India, Laos, Vietnam, or Cambodia.

(f) "Black, non-Hispanic" means a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa (except those of Hispanic origin).

(g) "Hispanic" means a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

(h) "State educational institution" has the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto.

(i) "Executive officer" means the executive officer of the state board of regents, appointed under K.S.A. 74-3203a, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1993, ch. 47, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 151, § 28; July 1.