

74-32,221. Same; establishment of program; amount and duration of awards; match requirements. (a) There is hereby established the nurse educator service scholarship program.

(b) (1) The director of each school of nursing shall establish a nurse educator service scholarship application review committee. Applications for a scholarship under the program shall be submitted to the review committee of the school of nursing at which the applicant has been accepted or is enrolled. Applications shall be on a form provided by the school of nursing and shall be submitted in the manner and within the time specified by the review committee. In addition to the information required by the review committee, applications shall contain any additional information required by the executive officer. The committee shall review the applications submitted to the committee and shall determine which applicants are qualified to be recipients of scholarships. The review committee of each school of nursing shall submit the list of all qualified applicants at the school of nursing to the executive officer.

(2) Within the limitations of appropriations therefor, the determination of which qualified applicants which will be awarded scholarships shall be made by the executive officer from the lists submitted pursuant to paragraph (1). When making such determination, consideration shall be given to minority applicants and to applicants having the greatest financial need for scholarships.

(c) Within the limitations of appropriations therefor, scholarships awarded under the program shall be awarded for the length of the course of instruction in which the applicant is enrolled or admitted unless otherwise terminated before the expiration of such period of time. If an applicant is not enrolled on a full-time basis, the applicant shall receive a proportionate amount of the tuition based upon the number of hours enrolled in an academic period, as defined by the applicant's school of nursing and computed as a fraction of the total number of credit hours required for enrollment on a full-time basis. Such scholarships shall provide to a qualified applicant (1) if the applicant is enrolled in a school of nursing operated by a state educational institution, an amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for an academic year at the school of nursing in which the applicant is enrolled or (2) if the applicant is enrolled in a school of nursing not operated by a state educational institution, the lesser of (A) an amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for a year at the school of nursing in which the applicant is enrolled or (B) an amount not to exceed 70% of the average amount of the cost of attendance for a year at the schools of nursing operated by the state educational institutions. Subject to the limitation of appropriations, the number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each scholarship shall be established annually by the executive officer.

(d) Scholarships shall be matched on the basis of \$2 from the nurse educator service scholarship program for \$1 from the school of nursing at which the qualified applicant is enrolled.

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