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Sec. 10a-169-1. Definitions

When used in Sections 10a-169-2 through 10a-169-4 of these regulations,

(a) “Board” is the Board of Governors of Higher Education.

(b) “Parental contribution” means the amount of money that the parents of a student are expected to annually contribute for educational costs from their annual income and assets based upon the federal needs analysis formula.

(c) “Financial need” means the difference between the cost of an education at a particular institution and the family contribution.

(d) “Full-time student” means a student who is enrolled and matriculated for at least twelve semester hours or the equivalent thereof.

(e) “Part-time student” means a student who is enrolled and matriculated for at least six semester hours or the equivalent but less than twelve semester hours or the equivalent.

(f) “Performance on standardized academic tests” means an applicant’s combined set of scores on tests developed by the college entrance examination board or by the american college testing service.

(g) “Rank in class” means the relative numeric position of a student in a defined population of students based upon grade point averages or some other measure of academic achievement. High school senior applicants will be evaluated by the cumulative rank in class at the conclusion of their junior year. High school graduate applicants will be evaluated by the cumulative rank in class at graduation.

(h) “Resident” means a person with continuous and permanent physical presence within Connecticut, as defined under Sections 10a-28, 10a-29, and 10a-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(i) “Satisfactory progress” means the status of a student who is maintaining satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of program requirements as defined by the institution attended by the applicant.

(j) “Undergraduate student” means a student who has not earned a bachelor’s degree.

(k) “Eligible post-secondary institution” means a post-secondary school, technical institute, college or university located in Connecticut or in a state which permits grants to be carried to Connecticut and is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in the guaranteed student loan program.

(l) “Department” means the Department of Higher Education.

(Effective August 7, 1995)

Sec. 10a-169-2. Scholastic achievement grant program. Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance under this program an applicant shall:

(a) Be a secondary school senior or a secondary school graduate who has not earned a baccalaureate degree.

(b) Be accepted for study on a part-time or full-time basis at an eligible postsecondary institution in pursuit of an undergraduate program of study.

(c) Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who possesses a valid I-151 card (or its equivalent issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service).

(d) Be a legal resident of Connecticut.

(Effective November 9, 1992)

Sec. 10a-169-3. Scholastic achievement grant program. Selection criteria

(a) Criteria to be taken into consideration by the department in processing applicants for financial assistance under this program shall include performance on standardized academic aptitude tests, rank in class, and financial need.

(b) Applicants for financial assistance shall first be screened on the basis of performance on standardized academic aptitude tests or secondary school rank in class.

(c) Priority for awarding financial assistance shall be in the order of parental contribution, starting with those which can contribute the least; the amount of financial assistance shall be based upon a board approved award schedule which is proportionate to financial need.

(Effective November 9, 1992)

Sec. 10a-169-4. Scholastic achievement grant program. Application and award procedure

(a) An applicant for financial assistance under this program shall submit to the Department the appropriate application form provided by the Department.

(b) Individual awards shall not exceed the amount allowed in section 10a-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Annual awards to students attending out-of-state institutions shall not exceed the amount allowed in section 10a-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes for such students.

(c) Renewal awards shall depend on eligible applicants maintaining Connecticut residence, satisfactory progress, and continuing financial need.

(d) Award recipients shall be permitted only to choose eligible post-secondary institutions. Eligible states will be listed on the scholastic achievement grant program application.

(e) Annual award stipends shall be remitted in two equal installments directly to the recipient's institution, upon confirmation of attendance each term, to be credited to the recipient's account for payment of tuition, fees, books, room, board, or any legitimate educational expense.

(f) Awards shall be transferable from one eligible post-secondary institution to another only at the end of a given academic year.

(g) Reassessment of financial need of all award recipients shall be made annually, and awards revised accordingly. Students who reapply and who continue to exhibit financial need will receive the same award as they received the previous year.

(h) An applicant who is successful in meeting the academic screening criteria for the scholastic achievement grant program may reapply for an award from this program in subsequent years for the period of time required to complete an undergraduate program of study. That eligibility period is four academic years, but upon request to the Department may be extended for an additional year if the student is enrolled in a program requiring more than four academic years of full-time study to complete.

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