

*all the eligible candidates in the respective county or legislative district have been processed, the State Scholarship Board shall use such remaining moneys to make awards from a State-wide list of eligible candidates, in accordance with the procedures authorized in this subsection. The State Scholarship Board shall, on or before June 1 of each year, send to each State Senator a list of the awards made in each county and legislative district under the General Scholarship Program.*

*(f) Period for which scholarship may be held. Any applicant awarded a scholarship may apply for the next ensuing scholastic year to any one of the eligible institutions as defined in subsection (a) of this section. The institution at its discretion may reject the applicant according to its admission standards. Once appointed to a scholarship, and accepted by one of the eligible institutions, the applicant may hold the scholarship for four years subject to the following conditions: (1) That he be a full-time student (minimum 12 semester hours); (2) that in the estimation of the institution in which he is enrolled he shall be progressing satisfactorily toward a degree and (3) that he maintains the department standards of such institutions, and (4) that after his original appointment he continues to be a resident of the State.*

*(g) Refund for withdrawals. If the recipient of any award granted according to the provisions of this subtitle shall withdraw from the institution at which the award is used, or shall otherwise cease to fulfill the requirements entitling him to receive the award during the course of an academic year, the State shall be entitled to receive from the institution a pro rata refund according to the policy of the institution with respect to refunds to students in the event of withdrawal. Such refund shall be made to the State Scholarship Board. The Board shall then be entitled to fill the vacancy thus created, in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.*

*(h) Source of funds. Funds for the granting of all awards to be granted according to the provisions of this subtitle shall be placed in the budget from year to year beginning with fiscal year 1970-71, to be administered by the State Scholarship Board. Payments for awards shall be made to the respective institutions by the State Scholarship Board, upon receipt from the respective institutions of certification of the enrollment of said appointed applicants.*

*(i) Powers of institution not affected. Nothing herein contained shall in any way impair or affect the control by any said university or school of its operation or of any of the studies pursued therein, or impair or in any way affect the power to fix the standards of scholarship required for admission to the university or school or for the continued prosecution of studies therein, or the examination or other method of ascertaining or determining such fitness in scholarship or otherwise, or the power to maintain, prescribe and enforce the discipline, rules and regulations of the university or school.*

*(j) As of April 21, 1970, this program shall supersede and replace all General State Scholarship and Teacher-Education programs existing prior to this date, and thereafter all General State Scholarships shall be held only in accordance with the terms of this section. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect any scholarship granted prior to April 21, 1970, and the recipient of any such scholarship may continue to hold it notwithstanding the adoption of this section.*