

READ AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A REVOLVING FUND MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE MANAGED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF PERSONS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL OF MEDICINE" MEANS ANY MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE CORPORATION. "AREA OF NEED" MEANS A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WITHIN THIS STATE WHICH THE [[STATE]] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, DETERMINES TO HAVE AN ACUTE NEED FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS OF MEDICINE OR DENTISTRY.

(C) ELIGIBILITY FOR A LOAN UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIMITED TO PERSONS (1) WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS PRECEDING THE GRANT OF A LOAN, (2) WHOSE FINANCIAL NEEDS AND RESOURCES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED AND PROMULGATED BY THE CORPORATION, WHICH REQUIREMENTS MUST ASSURE THAT A DEFINITE FINANCIAL NEED IS A PREREQUISITE TO THE RECEIPT OF A LOAN, AND (3) WHO FURNISH A NOTE IN AN AMOUNT AND WITH SECURITY AS DETERMINED BY THE CORPORATION, CONDITIONED THAT THE APPLICANT, UPON RECEIPT OF THE M.D. OR D.D.S. DEGREE AND FOLLOWING A DESIRED PERIOD OF INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY WILL ENGAGE IN THE GENERAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR DENTISTRY IN AN AREA OF NEED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN FOUR YEARS.

(D) LOANS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE MADE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ACCEPTED AT OR ATTENDING MEDICAL OR DENTAL SCHOOLS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THIS STATE. APPLICANTS SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CORPORATION ON FORMS PREPARED BY IT. FROM THE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WHO APPLY, THE CORPORATIONS SHALL SELECT ANNUALLY AT LEAST TWENTY PERSONS TO RECEIVE LOANS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) THE LOANS SHALL BE HELD FOR A TOTAL PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, AND DURING THE PERIOD MAY BE HELD ONLY AS LONG AS THE BORROWER IS SATISFACTORILY PROGRESSING TOWARD THE M.D. OR D.D.S. DEGREE. EACH LOAN SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) ANNUALLY FOR TUITION, FEES AND OTHER COSTS FOR THE STUDENT. THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE THE BORROWER FROM THE OBLIGATION OF THE NOTE TO THE EXTENT OF ONE-FOURTH (1/4) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT BORROWED FOR EACH YEAR ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR DENTISTRY IN AN AREA OF NEED AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION. IF THE STUDENT VIOLATES THE CONDITIONS OF A