

(II) ~~PART-TIME NURSE POSITION~~ NURSE POSITION AT A RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) NOTWITHSTANDING § 18-701(B) AND (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY AWARD A NURSING SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION TO A NURSING STUDENT ATTENDING AN OUT-OF-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IF:

(1) THE NURSING STUDENT PROVIDES THE COMMISSION WITH A COPY OF A LETTER THAT THE NURSING STUDENT RECEIVED FROM THE IN-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION INDICATING THAT THE NURSING STUDENT'S APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED AND DEFERRED DUE TO A LACK OF CAPACITY; AND

(2) THE COMMISSION VERIFIES, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION BY THE INSTITUTION, THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CAPACITY AT THE IN-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE RELEVANT ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND NURSING PROGRAM.

(E) IN MAKING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

(F) (1) Each recipient of a nursing scholarship awarded under this section may be entitled, based on financial need, to an additional grant to meet living costs not to exceed \$3,000 annually for a full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time student.

(2) Each additional grant shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum amount of \$12,000, if the recipient meets the requirements for continuing the scholarship award under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

(3) The Office shall require a recipient of a nursing scholarship who seeks an additional grant for living costs to provide information to the Office sufficient to assure that the student has a definite financial need.

~~(F) (1) [Funds] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FUNDS for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.~~

~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR THE MARYLAND STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE SUM OF:~~

~~(I) THE APPROPRIATION INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006; AND~~

~~(II) \$1,000,000.~~

(G) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD FOR A:

(I) FULL-TIME NURSE POSITION AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION; OR