

3. Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

4. Makes satisfactory progress toward the nursing degree or diploma according to the standards of the eligible institution attended.

(3) (i) For a nursing student enrolled in a nursing program, including mandatory summer academic sessions that are a required part of the approved curriculum, the nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall be in the amount of tuition and fees not to exceed \$4,500 per calendar year.

(ii) Each award shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum amount of \$12,000, if the recipient:

1. Remains a resident of the State;

2. Enrolls in a nursing program at an eligible institution;

3. Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

4. Makes satisfactory progress toward the nursing degree or diploma according to the standards of the eligible institution attended.

(c) Each recipient of the nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall:

(1) Be a nursing student;

(2) Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent;

(3) Be selected by the Office on a competitive basis from among the qualified applicants based on academic criteria established by the Commission; and

(4) Perform the service obligation ~~AS~~ IN A:

(I) FULL-TIME ~~NURSE~~ POSITION AT A RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(II) PART-TIME ~~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