

{1}--REMAINS-A-FULL-TIME--UNDERGRADUATE--IN--AN AREA-OF-CRITICAL-SHORTAGE,--AND

{11}--MAINTAINS--A--GRADE--POINT--AVERAGE--OF-AT LEAST-3.0-ON-A-4.0-SCALE-AND-ADVANCES--IN--ACADEMIC--STANDING--AT LEAST-1-YEAR-IN-EACH-YEAR-FOR-WHICH-AN-AWARD-IS-RENEWED-

{2}--A-DEGREEED-RECIPIENT-MAY-RENEW-AN-AWARD-FOR-1-YEAR IF-THAT-RECIPIENT-

{1}--REMAINS--ENROLLED-IN-AT-LEAST-9-CREDITS-PER SEMESTER-IN-COURSES-REQUIRED-TO-SECURE-TEACHER--CERTIFICATION--IN AN-AREA-OF-CRITICAL-SHORTAGE,--AND

{11}--MAINTAINS--A--GRADE--POINT--AVERAGE--OF-AT LEAST-3.0-ON-A-4.0-SCALE-

{6}--A-RECIPIENT-OF-AN-AWARD-UNDER-THIS-SUBTITLE-SHALL-TEACH IN-A-PUBLIC-SECONDARY-SCHOOL-IN--AN--AREA--OF--CRITICAL--SHORTAGE FOR-2-1.5--YEARS--FOR-EACH-YEAR-THAT-THE-SCHOLARSHIP-WAS-AWARDED- A-RECIPIENT-SHALL-COMMENCE-EMPLOYMENT-AS-A-TEACHER--IN--A--PUBLIC SCHOOL-WITHIN-9-MONTHS-OF-THE-COMPLETION-OF-THE-TEACHER-EDUCATION PROGRAM-THAT-WOULD-QUALIFY-THE-RECIPIENT-TO-TEACH-

(A) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD ANNUALLY SHALL AWARD TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATION OF PERSONS TO TEACH IN AREAS OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE.

(B) A RECIPIENT OF A TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD SHALL:

(1) BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE;

(2) QUALIFY AS FOLLOWS:

(I) HAVE EARNED 60 CREDITS OF UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGIATE EDUCATION AND BE ENROLLED IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN A PROGRAM LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO TEACH IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE AND BE SELECTED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS AMONG QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BASED ON ACADEMIC CRITERIA, NOT LIMITED TO STANDARDIZED TESTS, ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; OR

(II) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE DEGREE IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE AND BE ENROLLED IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN COURSES LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO TEACH IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE AND BE SELECTED AMONG QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS BASED ON ACADEMIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; OR

(III) PERSONS WHO ARE ALREADY TEACHERS SHALL:

1. HAVE A NOMINATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE SYSTEM IN WHICH THE PERSON TEACHES OR INTENDS TO TEACH; AND