

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer fire fighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.

Subtitle 7. Scholarships for Teachers of the Deaf

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Deaf" includes individuals who have impaired hearing.

(3) "Institution" means any accredited college or university that has a program for the preparation of teachers of the deaf that satisfies the requirements of the State Department of Education for certification of teachers as teachers of the deaf.

(b) There is a program of scholarships for the preparation of teachers of the deaf that are awarded under this subtitle.

(c) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section shall:

(1) Be admitted to an institution;

(2) Have shown a clear commitment to teach deaf individuals in this State by successfully completing prerequisite course work;

(3) Be recommended by the institution to which he applies or that he attends, after consultation with the State Department of Education; and

(4) Have financial needs and resources that meet the requirements of the State--Scholarship--{Board}-ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION.

(d) (1) Each year 30 scholarships for teachers of the deaf shall be awarded:

(i) 15 for teachers in the State school for the deaf; and

(ii) 15 for teachers in the public schools or in State approved nonpublic schools.