

(4) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF STUDIES LEADING TO A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CONSORTIUM OR AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

(5) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFERED BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDES STUDIES LEADING TO:

(I) A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CONSORTIUM; OR

(II) AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE WITH A CURRICULUM CONCENTRATION QUALIFYING THE DEGREE HOLDER TO APPLY FOR A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CONSORTIUM; OR

(III) AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

(6) "FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES FAMILY DAY CARE IN A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5, PART V OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

(7) "RECIPIENT" MEANS A RECIPIENT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(8) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE OBLIGATION OF A RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICES AS A SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OR DIRECTOR AT A CHILD CARE CENTER, OR AS A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER IN THE STATE.

(9) "TUITION ASSISTANCE" MEANS ANY FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE COST OF BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGES, FEES, ROOM, BOARD, OR OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

(B) (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED AS TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO TRAIN CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE ACADEMIC CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF TUITION ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS FROM ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.

(C) (1) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD ANNUALLY TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR THE EDUCATION OF PERSONS TRAINING TO BE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.