

## CHAPTER 9

### (RESERVED)

#### Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 9, Student Loans: Procedures and Policies, was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

1973 Revisions: Amendments became effective March 22, 1973 as R.1973 d.77. See: 5 N.J.R. 107(d).

1976 Revisions: Amendments became effective December 7, 1976 as R.1976 d.385. See: 9 N.J.R. 18(e).

1977 Revisions: Amendments became effective July 18, 1977 as R.1977 d.249. See: 9 N.J.R. 366(d). Further amendments became effective September 20, 1977 as R.1977 d.353. See: 9 N.J.R. 468(a).

1978 Revisions: Amendments became effective June 16, 1978 as R.1978 d.198. See: 10 N.J.R. 13(a), 10 N.J.R. 281(b). Further amendments became effective September 18, 1978 as R.1978 d.329. See: 10 N.J.R. 281(a), 10 N.J.R. 431(a).

1979 Revisions: Amendments became effective October 11, 1979 as R.1979 d.401. See: 11 N.J.R. 342(b), 11 N.J.R. 551(c).

1980 Revisions: Amendments became effective July 30, 1980 as R.1980 d.339. See: 12 N.J.R. 520(a).

1981 Revisions: Amendments became effective August 6, 1981 (to become operative September 8, 1981). See: 13 N.J.R. 219(a), as corrected in the Notice published at 13 N.J.R. 355(a), 13 N.J.R. 496(b).

1983 Revisions: This chapter was readopted pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978) effective September 8, 1983 with amendments and recodification thereto effective October 3, 1983, as R.1983 d.413. See: 15 N.J.R. 475(a), 15 N.J.R. 1663(b).

1984 Revisions: Amendments became effective January 3, 1984 as R.1983 d.605. See: 15 N.J.R. 1820(a), 16 N.J.R. 49(a). Subchapter 10 became effective January 17, 1984 as R.1983 d.647. See: 15 N.J.R.

1336(b), 16 N.J.R. 143(a). Further amendments became effective May 7, 1984 as R.1984 d.153. See: 16 N.J.R. 203(a), 16 N.J.R. 1094(b).

1985 Revisions: Amendments became effective June 17, 1985 as R.1985 d.311. See: 16 N.J.R. 3281(b), 17 N.J.R. 1564(a). Further amendments became effective November 4, 1985 as R.1985 d.568. See: 17 N.J.R. 1518(a), 17 N.J.R. 2648(a).

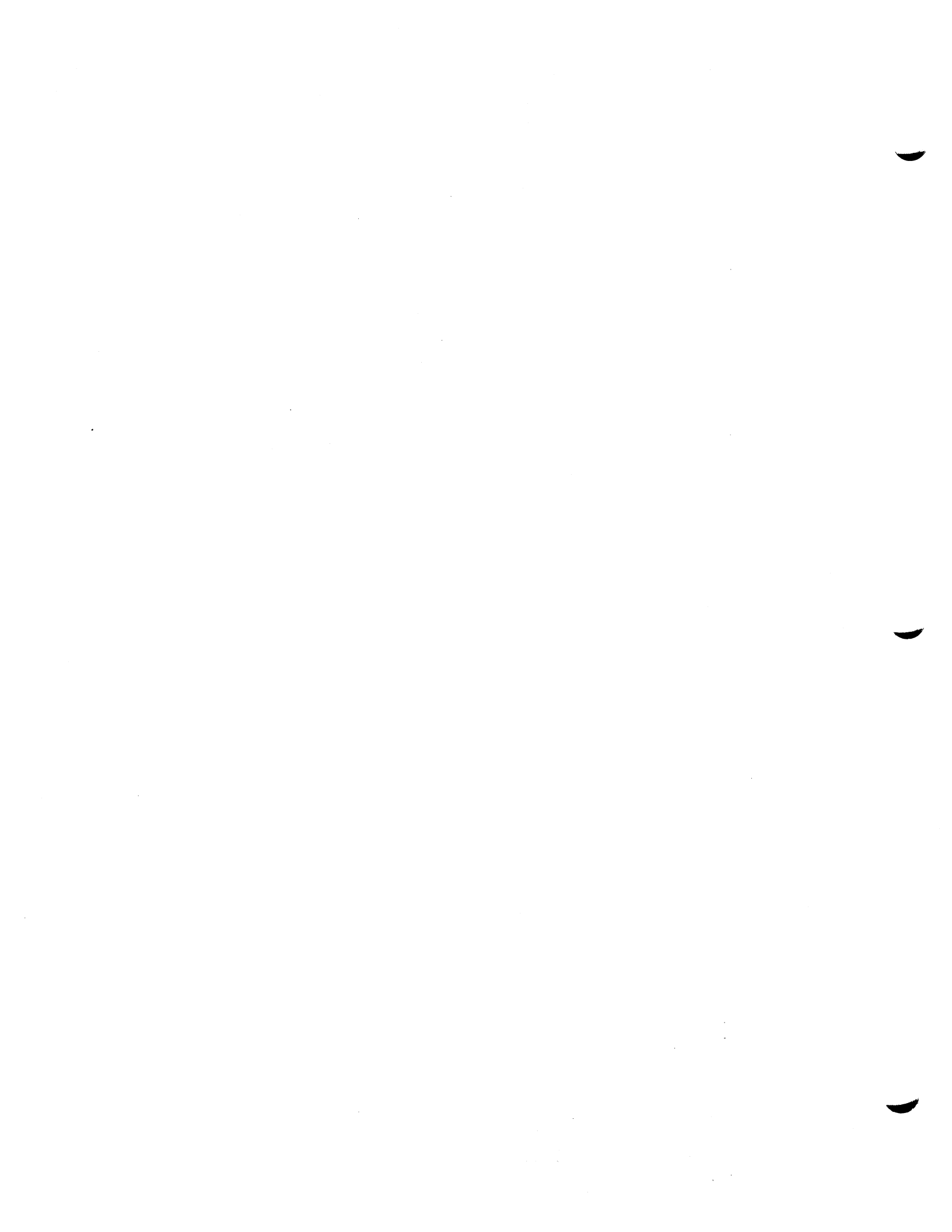
1986 Revisions: Amendments became effective April 7, 1986 as R.1986 d.102. See: 17 N.J.R. 2727(a), 18 N.J.R. 681(a).

1987 Revisions: Amendments became effective November 16, 1987 as R.1987 d.456. See: 19 N.J.R. 498(b), 19 N.J.R. 2187(a).

1988 Revisions: Amendments became effective March 21, 1988 as R.1988 d.116. See: 19 N.J.R. 1619(a), 20 N.J.R. 663(b). Subchapter 11 became effective July 18, 1988 as R.1988 d.334. See: 20 N.J.R. 872(a), 20 N.J.R. 1712(a). This chapter was readopted pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978) effective September 12, 1988 with amendments effective October 3, 1988, as R.1988 d.478. See: 20 N.J.R. 1636(a), 20 N.J.R. 2452(b). Further amendments became effective October 3, 1988 as R.1988 d.477. See: 20 N.J.R. 1641(a), 20 N.J.R. 2456(a). Subchapter 7, Policy Governing New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Program, was adopted as R.1991 d.396, effective August 5, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 1257(a), 23 N.J.R. 2338(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 9, Student Loans: Procedures and Policies, was readopted as R.1993 d.441, effective August 16, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 2187(a), 25 N.J.R. 4079(a). Subchapter 8, Policy Concerning the Institution of the Higher Education Educational Loan Act, was repealed by R.1993 d.441, effective September 7, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 2187(a), 25 N.J.R. 4079(a). Subchapter 8, Policy Governing New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust (NJBEST) Program, was adopted as R.1998 d.4, effective January 5, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 4372(a), 30 N.J.R. 68(a).

Chapter 9, Student Loans: Procedures and Policies, was repealed and Subchapter 8, Policy Governing New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust (NJBEST) Program, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 9A:10-7 by R.1998 d.385, effective August 3, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1707(a), 30 N.J.R. 2908(a).



CHAPTER 9

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Authority

N.J.S.A. 18A:71A-8, 18A:71B-12, 18A:71B-19, 18A:71B-23, 18A:71B-25 and Title V, Part E of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Source and Effective Date

R.2002 d.290, effective August 2, 2002. See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 9, Grant and Scholarship Programs, expires on August 2, 2007.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was originally codified in Title 9 as Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs. Chapter 7, originally the State Scholarship Commission Manual, was filed and became effective pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:62-1 et seq. prior to September 1, 1969. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-43 et seq., rules concerning the Student Assistance Board, the Tuition Aid Grant Program, and Garden State Scholars, were adopted as Emergency Rule R.1978 d.106, replacing the prior text, effective March 22, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 190(a). Subchapter 5, Public Tuition Benefits Program, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1980 d.324, effective July 17, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 469(b). Subchapter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was adopted as R.1980 d.462, effective October 20, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 273(e), 12 N.J.R. 694(d).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1983 d.126, effective April 13, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 129(a), 15 N.J.R. 692(a). Originally, Subchapter 7, Veterans Tuition Credit Program, was adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-71 as Emergency Rule R.1977 d.376, effective October 4, 1977, and codified at N.J.A.C. 9:2-11. See: 9 N.J.R. 521(a). An amendment was adopted as R.1981 d.449, effective November 16, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 572(a), 13 N.J.R. 845(c). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 expired on November 21, 1984. Subsequently, the expired text of N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 was adopted as R.1986 d.103 and codified at Subchapter 7, effective April 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2844(a), 18 N.J.R. 679(b). Subchapter 8, Vietnam Veterans Tuition Aid Program, was adopted as R.1985 d.569, effective November 4, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 1735(a), 17 N.J.R. 2645(a). Subchapter 9, originally Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program, was adopted as R.1987 d.168, effective April 6, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2174(b), 19 N.J.R. 516(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs, was readopted as R.1988 d.128, effective February 29, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a). Subchapter 9 was redesignated the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program by R.1988 d.131, effective March 21, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2102(a), 20 N.J.R. 663(a). An amendment to Subchapter 8 was adopted as R.1989 d.183, effective April 3, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2625(a), 21 N.J.R. 899(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1992 d.486, effective November 6, 1992. In addition, R.1992 d.486 redesignated Subchapter 2 as General Provisions for Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs, and repealed Subchapters 7 and 8, effective December 7, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Chapter 7, Title 9, was recodified as Chapter 9, Title 9A, by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was readopted as R.1997 d.454, effective October 1, 1997. As part of R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997, Subchapter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was repealed. See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Subchapter 6, Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship Program, was adopted as R.1998 d.416, effective August 17, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 2147(a), 30 N.J.R. 3033(b).

Chapter 9, Grant and Scholarship Programs, was readopted as R.2002 d.290, effective August 2, 2002. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION FOR STATE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**9A:9-1.1 Policy responsibility**

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall develop, coordinate, and administer policies for scholarship and tuition aid programs as provided by law. The Authority shall create and adopt such rules and regulations deemed necessary for the proper administration of these programs.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Substituted "Governor" for "Board of Higher Education".  
Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

**9A:9-1.2 Creation of Student Advisory Committee**

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall create a Student Advisory Committee whose purpose shall be to advise the Authority on the effect of Authority policy and regulations; suggest alternative policy and regulations to the Authority; and provide a means of communication between the Authority and students. The Authority shall initially appoint a nine member Student Advisory Committee from nominations provided by the students and student associations of each college in New Jersey. The nine members, all of whom shall be full-time students, shall consist of two students from independent colleges, two students from Rutgers, The State University, two students from the State colleges, one student from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and two students from the county colleges. Students representing each sector shall be chosen such that in any given year one of the representatives shall complete his or her degree requirements within one academic year from the time of his or her selection and one shall be of lower class rank. Members of the Student Advisory Committee shall serve one year terms and their appointments may be renewed according to the initial appointment process. The Student Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among its members each of whom shall be from different collegiate institutional sectors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve as voting members on the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority board. In the event of a vacancy on the Student Advisory Committee, the Authority may fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment.

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.  
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Changed "for" to "from".  
Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Stylistic revisions.  
Administrative Correction.  
See: 25 N.J.R. 1513(a).  
Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).  
Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

Amended by R.1982 d.127, effective April 19, 1982.  
See: 14 N.J.R. 28(a), 14 N.J.R. 390(d).

Deleted existing text of rule concerning "period of eligibility" and replaced with rule concerning "verification of enrollment and academic performance."

Amended by R.1985 d.571, effective November 4, 1985.  
See: 17 N.J.R. 1734(a), 17 N.J.R. 2644(a).

Added text "in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9:7-2.10."  
Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.  
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Added text "Eligible students shall . . .".  
Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

#### 9A:9-5.10 (Reserved)

New Rule R.1985 d.156, effective April 1, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 24(a), 17 N.J.R. 816(b).

Repealed by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Section was "Enrollment status and terms of payment".

## SUBCHAPTER 6. MISS NEW JERSEY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### 9A:9-6.1 Purpose and scope

The rules established by this subchapter provide for the administration of the Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. A Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship, in a sum equal to the cost of tuition at a public institution enrolling a Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship recipient, shall be awarded annually to an individual designated by the Authority, in consultation with the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization, for attendance at any public institution of higher education in this State.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

### 9A:9-6.2 Eligibility requirements

(a) In the spirit of the Miss New Jersey Pageant, the designated individual shall be an exceptional young leader who has demonstrated involvement in civic, cultural or charitable affairs for a minimum of three years prior to applying for the scholarship, as determined by the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization.

(b) The designated individual shall be enrolled in or accepted into a full-time course of study leading to an initial bachelor's degree or a postgraduate degree at any public institution of higher education in this State, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:62-1.

(c) For the first year only following adoption of these rules, academic year 1998-1999, the designated individual shall be governed by the residency rules of the Miss America Pageant. For subsequent years, the designated individu-

al shall be a New Jersey resident in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

Deleted (a)1.

### 9A:9-6.3 Application procedures

In order to apply for the Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship, the individual shall submit an application to participate in the program which shall be completed and returned to the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization by the deadline date specified by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The application shall include the following information: public institution of higher education in New Jersey attending or planning to attend, enrollment status, expected degree, state of residency, New Jersey Statement of Selective Service Registration Status, applicant statement indicating exceptional leader in civic, cultural or charitable endeavors for three years prior to application, and two letters of reference. In lieu of the applicant statement, an applicant may show evidence of exceptional leadership through a presentation or other equivalent means acceptable to the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

### 9A:9-6.4 Amount and use of the scholarship

(a) The scholarship shall pay the annual cost of tuition at the enrolled undergraduate or graduate/professional public institution in New Jersey.

(b) The amount of the scholarship may be adjusted to ensure that the combination of State aid and other college financial aid does not exceed the student's cost of education.

(c) The scholarship may be used for the student's college budget expenses.

### 9A:9-6.5 Candidate approval and notification

After the applications have been reviewed by the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization and an eligible candidate has been selected, the Miss New Jersey Pageant Organization shall certify the candidate as eligible, and the application with certification shall be forwarded to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Once approved, the Authority shall notify the candidate of the nomination for the Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship, subject to appropriations and institutional certification of eligibility.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

### 9A:9-6.6 Payment

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall obtain school certification of full-time enrollment each semester and shall disburse scholarship funds to the school in equal installments on behalf of the scholarship recipient.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

### 9A:9-6.7 Renewal and period of eligibility

(a) In order to continue to receive the scholarship, the award recipient shall meet the following criteria:

1. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher as certified by the public institution of higher education at least once a year, prior to the fall term;

2. Remain in full-time enrollment in a course of study leading to a degree in a public institution of higher education in New Jersey; and

3. Maintain continuous enrollment each term with the exception of a one-time, maximum one-year leave of absence for study abroad programs, documented medical reasons, or extreme family financial hardship. Requests for a leave of absence/deferment shall be handled on a case-by-case basis only upon written request to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority by the scholarship recipient prior to the period for which the leave of absence/deferment is required. The request shall be accompanied by supporting documentation including evidence of an approved leave of absence/deferment from the scholarship recipient's New Jersey institution.

(b) Duration of the scholarship is the awarding of an initial bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree as long as the individual remains a full-time student in good standing at the institution and fulfills all other requirements for renewal.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

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## SUBCHAPTERS 7 THROUGH 8. (RESERVED)

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### SUBCHAPTER 9. PAUL DOUGLAS TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### 9A:9-9.1 Rules and statutes incorporated by reference

(a) The part of the Code of Federal Regulations known as 34 C.F.R. 653 (as of November 25, 1987) including all subsequent amendments and supplements is hereby adopted as rules and incorporated within this subchapter.

(b) The part of the United States Code known as Title 20, Chapter 28, Subchapter V, Part D, 20 U.S.C. 1111 (as of October 17, 1986) including all subsequent amendments and supplements is hereby adopted as rules and incorporated within this subchapter.

(c) The provisions of N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2 residency, 2.3 noncitizens and resident aliens, 2.14 check endorsements, 2.15 appeals and 2.16 accounting and auditing standards, shall also apply to this program unless they are inconsistent with or otherwise excepted within the provisions of this subchapter.

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.  
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Deleted "fiscal responsibilities" and substituted "accounting and auditing standards".

Amended by R.1992 d.164, effective April 6, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 8(a), 24 N.J.R. 1341(a).

Revised section.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (c).

Amended by R.1994 d.13, effective January 3, 1994.  
See: 25 N.J.R. 3594(a), 26 N.J.R. 219(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Substituted "non-citizens and resident aliens" for "foreign nationals".

#### 9A:9-9.2 (Reserved)

Amended by R.1992 d.164, effective April 6, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 8(a), 24 N.J.R. 1341(a).

Revised text.

Repealed by R.1994 d.13, effective January 3, 1994.  
See: 25 N.J.R. 3594(a), 26 N.J.R. 219(a).

Section was "Definitions".

#### 9A:9-9.3 Academic requirements for application

An applicant for the program must rank in the top 10 percent of his or her secondary school graduating class or have General Education Development (GED) test scores equivalent to ranking in the top 10 percent of the high school graduates in the state, or nationally, in the academic year for which the eligibility determination is being made.

Amended by R.1994 d.13, effective January 3, 1994.  
See: 25 N.J.R. 3594(a), 26 N.J.R. 219(a).

#### 9A:9-9.4 Attendance in an eligible institution

An applicant must be enrolled or plan to enroll on a full-time basis at an institution of higher education that is currently accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, in accordance with the Federal codes referenced in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-9.1(a) and (b). In addition, the applicant must be pursuing a course of study leading to a teaching certificate but not including graduate study that is not required for initial teacher certification.

Amended by R.1992 d.164, effective April 6, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 8(a), 24 N.J.R. 1341(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.1994 d.13, effective January 3, 1994.  
See: 25 N.J.R. 3594(a), 26 N.J.R. 219(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.