

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Repealed by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.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) The designated individual 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.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).

In (c), substituted "The" for "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".

### 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).

## SUBCHAPTER 7. NEW JERSEY WORLD TRADE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### 9A:9-7.1 General provisions

General provisions for the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs that pertain to noncitizens and resident aliens set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.3, payments set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.11(a)1, award adjustments, refunds and collections set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.12, check endorsements set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.14, appeals set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.15, and accounting and auditing standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.16 shall be in effect for the New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Program.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).  
Rewrote the section.

### 9A:9-7.2 Eligible institutions

Scholarships are available to eligible students enrolled in an institution of higher education licensed by the New Jersey

Commission on Higher Education or its equivalent in another state and accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association. An institution of higher education shall also include certain proprietary institutions, but only for degree granting programs approved by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or other proprietary institutions as determined by the Authority.

### 9A:9-7.3 Undergraduate enrollment

The dependent child or surviving spouse must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in good standing in a curriculum leading to a degree at an institution of higher education in order to be eligible to receive a New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship. Students possessing an undergraduate degree (either a Baccalaureate or Associate degree) are not eligible for student assistance at that degree level.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).  
Rewrote the last sentence.

### 9A:9-7.4 Eligibility requirements and financial need

(a) Scholarships shall be awarded annually for the costs of undergraduate study at an eligible institution of higher education to the dependent children or surviving spouses of persons who were New Jersey residents on September 11, 2001 and who were killed in the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001; or who died as a result of injuries received in the attack; or persons who had direct contact with the September 11th attack sites, such as first responders, rescue and recovery workers, and other persons, who died as a result of illness caused by exposure to the attack sites, as established in medical records or other appropriate documentation as may be deemed necessary by the World Trade Center Scholarship Fund Board upon specific case review; or who are missing and officially presumed dead as a direct result of the attack. The terrorist attack on the United States shall include the hijackings of American Airlines Flight 11, American Airlines Flight 77, United Airlines Flight 93 and United Airlines Flight 175 and the subsequent crashes at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, DC and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

(b) The period of eligibility to apply for a scholarship, in the case of a surviving spouse, shall be limited to a period of eight years from the date of death of the person described in (a) above for initial receipt of the benefits under the program. In the case of a dependent child, eligibility shall be limited to a period of eight years following graduation from high school.

(c) For the purpose of establishing the financial need eligibility of students for this scholarship, those students incurring the cost of a full-time undergraduate program of study at an eligible institution of higher education, having lost the financial resources of a parent or spouse, are deemed to have financial need.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).  
Rewrote (a).

#### 9A:9-7.5 Application procedures

In order to apply for the New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship, the student must annually complete a scholarship program application and submit it to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The Authority will determine the student's eligibility for the scholarship and obtain verification from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety concerning the relationship of the dependent child or surviving spouse to the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).  
Inserted "annually".

#### 9A:9-7.6 Amount of the scholarship

The scholarship shall pay the annual costs of the student's undergraduate study at an eligible institution of higher education up to the annual cost of attendance at the highest cost public institution of higher education in New Jersey as determined by that institution. The value of the student's scholarship may change dependent upon State appropriated funds, moneys contributed to the New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Fund from private sources, investment earnings of the fund, the student's cost of attendance and other financial assistance available to the student to meet higher education costs. The student will be notified of any change in his or her scholarship.

#### 9A:9-7.7 Student notification

Students will be notified of their eligibility for a scholarship by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Notification to eligible students will specify the amount of the scholarship based on their annual costs of undergraduate study and will provide information regarding the manner in which payment will be disbursed from moneys in the New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Fund.

#### 9A:9-7.8 Verification of enrollment and academic performance

Before payment may be made to an eligible student, the institution must certify that the student has registered full time for an academic term in an undergraduate degree program and that the student is meeting the minimum standards for academic performance and academic progress at the institution in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.10.

#### 9A:9-7.9 Renewal

In order to continue to receive a New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship, students must continue to be enrolled full

time in an undergraduate degree program and remain in good academic standing at their institution.

### SUBCHAPTER 8. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

#### 9A:9-8.1 Purpose and scope

The rules established by this subchapter provide the policies and the procedures for participation in the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. These scholarships shall be awarded annually to the dependent children of New Jersey law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty for the costs of their undergraduate study at an eligible New Jersey institution of higher education.

#### 9A:9-8.2 General provisions

General provisions for the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs which pertain to noncitizens and resident aliens set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.3, award adjustments, refunds and collections set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.12, check endorsements set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.14, appeals set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.15, and accounting and auditing standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.16 shall be in effect for the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program.

#### 9A:9-8.3 Eligible institutions

Scholarships are available to eligible students enrolled in an institution of higher education in New Jersey that is licensed by the Commission on Higher Education and accredited or preaccredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association. An institution of higher education shall also include certain proprietary institutions in New Jersey, but only for degree granting programs approved by the Commission on Higher Education.

#### 9A:9-8.4 Undergraduate enrollment

The dependent child must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in good standing in a curriculum leading to a degree at an institution of higher education in New Jersey in order to be eligible to receive a Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship. Students possessing an undergraduate degree (either a Baccalaureate or Associate degree) are not eligible for student assistance at that degree level.

Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).  
Rewrote the last sentence.

**9A:9-8.5 Eligibility requirements and financial need**

(a) Scholarships shall be awarded annually for the costs of undergraduate study at an eligible New Jersey institution of higher education to the dependent children of New Jersey law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

(b) For the purpose of establishing the financial need eligibility of students for this scholarship, those students incurring the cost of a full-time undergraduate program of study at an eligible New Jersey institution of higher education, having lost the financial resources of a parent, are deemed to have financial need.

**9A:9-8.6 Application procedures**

In order to apply for a Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship, the student must complete a scholarship program application and submit it to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The application shall include identifying information about the student, his or her college of attendance, the name of the deceased parent and information about the law enforcement organization with which the deceased was affiliated. The student must also submit documentation of his or her relationship to the deceased as well as verification of the law enforcement officer's death in the line of duty. The Authority will determine the student's eligibility for the scholarship based upon the information and documentation submitted and provide notification to the student.

**9A:9-8.7 Amount of the scholarship**

The scholarship shall pay the annual costs of the student's undergraduate study at an eligible institution of higher education in New Jersey. The amount of the scholarship shall not exceed an amount equal to the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at the institution that is not otherwise covered by any other scholarship, tuition aid grant, benefit or other assistance awarded to the recipient under the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:71A-1 et seq. The value of the student's scholarship may change dependent upon State appropriated funds, moneys available in the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund, interest or other income earnings of the fund, the student's cost of attendance and other State financial assistance available to the student to meet higher education costs. The student will be notified of any change in his or her scholarship.

**9A:9-8.8 Student notification**

Students will be notified of their eligibility for a scholarship by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Notification to eligible students will specify the amount of the scholarship based on their annual costs of undergraduate study and other available State financial assistance and will provide information regarding the manner in which payment will be disbursed from moneys in the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund.

**9A:9-8.9 Verification of enrollment and academic performance**

Before payment may be made to an eligible student, the institution must certify that the student has registered full time for an academic term in an undergraduate degree program and that the student is meeting the minimum standards for academic performance and academic progress at the institution in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.10.

**9A:9-8.10 Renewal**

The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. In order to continue to receive a Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship, students must continue to be enrolled full time in an undergraduate degree program and remain in good academic standing at their institution.

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**SUBCHAPTER 9. PAUL DOUGLAS TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
**9A:9-9.1 Teaching obligations of the scholarship recipient**

(a) The scholar shall teach on a full-time basis in any state for a period of not less than two years for each year for which he or she received a Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship, or for a prorated period of time directly linked to the ratio between the scholarship amount and a full program annual award, in a public or private nonprofit preschool, elementary, or secondary school, including a private nonprofit school that serves students with disabilities or limited English proficient students.

(b) In a teacher shortage area designated by the U.S. Secretary of Education, as provided by 34 CFR Part 682, the requirement set forth in (a) above is reduced by one-half if the scholar teaches on a full-time basis as provided by the Code of Federal Regulations, formerly 34 CFR Part 653, and the former enabling statute, United States Code known as Title 20, Chapter 28, Subchapter V, Part D, 20 U.S.C. §1111, which were both repealed in 1998 by the Federal government.

(c) The scholar shall provide the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority with evidence of compliance with the above requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-9.2(c).

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).