

CHAPTER 9

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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

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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).

9A:9-7.5 Application procedures

In order to apply for the New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship, the student must 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.

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. (RESERVED)

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.