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Sec. 10a-162a-1. Definitions

When used in Section 10a-162a-2 through Section 10a-162a-7, inclusive, of these regulations,

(a) "Department" means the Department of Higher Education.

(b) "Eligible Institution" means a Connecticut nonprofit postsecondary institution offering a nursing education program accredited by the National League of Nursing.

(c) "Financial Need" means the difference between educational costs and that amount which can be contributed by the student and his family for education costs, as determined by the eligible institution using the same method the institution uses for determining need with regard to scholarship/grant assistance otherwise provided by the institution.

(d) "Fiscal Year" means the period July 1 through June 30.

(e) "Nursing Education Programs" are those offered by hospital schools of nursing and nonprofit degree-granting institutions in Connecticut and include any program of study and courses taken to enter or to advance in the profession or to upgrade knowledge and skills.

(f) "Registered Nurse" means an individual who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(g) "Resident" means a person so designated under Sections 10a-28, 10a-29 and 10a-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(h) "Student" means a Connecticut resident who has been accepted for enrollment on either a part-time or full-time basis in a nursing education program at an eligible institution for the purpose of entering, re-entering, or upgrading skills in the nursing profession.

(Effective January 3, 1989)

Sec. 10a-162a-2. Purpose

The Connecticut Nursing Scholarship Program seeks to meet the need for registered nurses in the state by providing grants for educational costs for Connecticut residents accepted for enrollment at Connecticut postsecondary institutions offering approved nursing education programs.

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Sec. 10a-162a-3. Distribution of Connecticut nursing scholarships

The Department shall annually survey eligible institutions to determine the number of students enrolled in nursing education programs. In calculating the number of students enrolled at each institution, the number of enrollees at each eligible institution which is not constituent a unit of the state system of higher education shall be weighted double that of enrollees at public institutions to address the additional cost of attendance at eligible institutions which are not constituent units of the state system of higher education. Except during the first year of the program, when fall 1988 enrollment shall be used for distribution of scholarships for spring 1989, each institution shall receive during the following fiscal year a percentage of the annual Connecticut Nursing Scholarship Program appropriation to the Department of Higher Education which equates to its adjusted percentage of students enrolled in nursing education programs in Connecticut.

(Effective January 3, 1989)

Sec. 10a-162a-4. Institutional agreements

Institutions eligible to receive Connecticut Nursing Scholarship funds shall sign an institutional agreement delineating the institution's responsibility in the program prior to the disbursement of funds by the Department of Higher Education. A signed institutional agreement will represent an intent by the institution to make these funds available to students. An institution which is unable to encumber its annual allocation of funds will be required to notify the Department by January 1st to enable these funds to be reallocated to another institution.

(Effective January 3, 1989)

Sec. 10a-162a-5. Terms of a Connecticut nursing scholarship

A student who wishes to be considered for a Connecticut nursing scholarship must apply annually to the institution where he is enrolled or accepted for enrollment. Applicants must provide necessary documentation as determined by the institution to be considered for a scholarship.

(Effective January 3, 1989)

Sec. 10a-162a-6. Selection of Connecticut nursing scholarship recipients

In selecting recipients, the institution shall:

- (a) consider affirmative action and equal opportunity goals;
- (b) assure that the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment and is a Connecticut resident;
- (c) determine that a student applying for a renewal award had been making satisfactory progress;
- (d) calculate student financial need using a consistent and generally accepted needs analysis methodology with awards not to exceed student financial need.

Grants may be applied against justifiable education expenses including tuition, fees, room, board, transportation, books and child care.

(Effective January 3, 1989)

Sec. 10a-162a-7. Reporting requirement

Institutions participating in the Connecticut Nursing Scholarship Program shall provide annual reports to the Department on the operation of the program, which shall include their method of calculating financial need.

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