

Subd. 6. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The requirement of retention facilities imposed by this act is effective on the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers on January 1, 1972, and on other waters of the state of Minnesota on January 1, 1973. Until those dates this section is satisfied by meeting either the requirement of retention facilities imposed by this act or the requirement of treatment facilities under Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 361.29.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 361.24, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

361.24 DUTIES OF SHERIFFS, CONSERVATION OFFICERS, AND COUNTY BOARDS. Subdivision 1. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county and conservation officers of the department of natural resources to enforce the provisions of sections 361.01 to ~~361.28~~ 361.29. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county to maintain a program of search, rescue, posting and patrol, and inspection of watercraft for hire. He shall prohibit the use of any watercraft for hire which does not comply with the standards of safety for such watercraft which the commissioner shall prescribe. He shall investigate all watercraft accidents and drownings and report his findings to the commissioner in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe. The county board may authorize the employment of such additional personnel as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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CHAPTER 862—S.F.No.870

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to state scholarships and grants-in-aid program to be administered by the higher education coordinating commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, by adding sections; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 136A.095, 136A.10, 136A.11, 136A.12, and 136A.13 and Laws 1969, Chapter 1144.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, is amended by adding a section to read:

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[136A.09] EDUCATION; GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM; PURPOSE. The legislature has found and hereby declares that the identification of young men and women of the state who are economically disadvantaged and the encouragement of their educational development in eligible institutions of their choosing are in the best interests of the state and of the students.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[136A.101] DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. For purposes of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131, the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them:

Subd. 2. "Commission" means the Minnesota higher education coordinating commission.

Subd. 3. "Director" means the executive director of the Minnesota higher education coordinating commission.

Subd. 4. "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education located in this state which provides an organized course of instruction of at least two years duration in the sciences or liberal arts, including performing and visual arts, or a combination of these, at the collegiate level which either (1) is operated by this state, or (2) is operated publicly or privately, not for profit, and as determined by the commission, maintains academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable institutions operated in this state or an area vocational-technical school or other vocational school approved by the commission.

Subd. 5. "Financial need" means the demonstrated need of the applicant for financial assistance to meet the actual costs of attending the eligible institution of his choice as determined from financial information on the applicant by a college scholarship service or equivalent service under criteria established by the commission.

Subd. 6. "Qualified applicant" means those students in the upper quarter at the end of the junior year in high school according to academic standards prescribed by the commission for purposes of the state scholarship program and means all eligible students regardless of academic rank for purposes of the state grant-in-aid program.

Subd. 7. "Student" means a student who meets the requirements for full time student status as defined by the eligible institution he attends.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, is amended by adding a section to read:

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[136A.111] POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. Subdivision 1. The Minnesota higher education coordinating commission is hereby designated as the administrative agency for carrying out the purposes and terms of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

Subd. 2. The commission shall adopt policies and prescribe appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

Subd. 3. The commission shall be empowered to employ such professional and clerical staff as the director deems necessary for the proper administration of the scholarship program established and defined by sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

Subd. 4. Subject to its directives and review, the commission may delegate to the director the responsibility for issuance of public information concerning provisions of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131, for design of the scholarship and grant-in-aid application forms, for prescribing procedures for submission of applications for scholarships and grants-in-aid, and for selection of qualified recipients of scholarships and grant-in-aid benefits provided for by sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

Subd. 5. The commission shall periodically review and evaluate its programs and activities and shall report to the governor on or before the beginning of each session of the state legislature its recommendations and suggestions for legislation or changes in legislation to achieve the objectives encompassed by sections 136A.09 to 136A.131.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[136A.121] SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID. Subdivision 1. ELIGIBILITY. An applicant shall be eligible to compete for a scholarship under the provisions of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131 if the commission finds that applicant:

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) is a resident of the state of Minnesota;

(3) has met all the requirements for admission as a full time student to an eligible institution of his choice as defined in sections 136A.09 to 136A.131;

(4) has demonstrated capacity for superior achievement at the institutional level as measured by standards prescribed by the commission;

(5) is a qualified applicant as defined herein.

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Subd. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS-IN-AID. An applicant shall be eligible to compete for a grant-in-aid, regardless of the applicant's sex, creed, race, color, national origin, or ancestry, under the provisions of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131 if the commission finds that applicant:

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) is a resident of the state of Minnesota;

(3) is a graduate of a secondary school or its equivalent and has met all requirements for admission as a full time student to an eligible college or vocational school of his choice as defined in sections 136A.09 to 136A.131 or has completed at least one academic year of study at a two year institution and seeks transfer to a four year eligible institution;

(4) has met such criteria pertaining to financial need as the commission shall make by regulation.

Subd. 3. ALLOCATION AND AMOUNT. (1) Scholarships and grants-in-aid shall be awarded annually on a funds available basis to those first year students and transfer students who meet the commission's requirements;

(2) A financial stipend shall accompany scholarship awards if the scholarship winner demonstrates financial need and will attend an eligible institution. Financial stipends shall range from a maximum of \$1,000 to a minimum of \$100 but in no event shall exceed one half of the applicant's financial need. Scholarship winners who do not demonstrate financial need under criteria prescribed by the commission shall be awarded honorary scholarships;

(3) A financial stipend based on financial need shall accompany grants-in-aid. Financial stipends shall range from a maximum of \$1,000 to a minimum of \$100, but in no event shall exceed one half of the applicant's financial need;

(4) In dispensing available funds in a given year, priority shall be given on the following basis:

Renewal scholarships and grants-in-aid.

Thereafter, until the funds are exhausted, to first year and transfer applicants, on the basis of their rank in the case of scholarships, and on the basis of need with first year and transfer applicants treated as a single pool of applicants in the case of grants-in-aid, as determined by standards prescribed by the commission.

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(5) Each scholarship or grant-in-aid shall be awarded for one academic year but shall be renewable until a total of eight semesters or twelve quarters or their equivalent have been covered, or a baccalaureate degree obtained, whichever occurs first;

(6) Each scholarship or grant-in-aid shall be renewable, contingent on continued residency in Minnesota, United States citizenship, satisfactory academic standing and recommendation of the college or vocational school and, in the case of financial assistance, evidence of continued need;

(7) The student must apply for renewal of his scholarship or grant-in-aid each year;

(8) The student must continue to attend an eligible institution;

(9) All scholarship winners shall be notified of their award by the commission and shall be given appropriate evidence of the award;

(10) All grant-in-aid recipients shall be duly notified thereof by the commission;

(11) Financial scholarships and grants-in-aid awarded under the terms of sections 136A.09 to 136A.131 shall be applied to educational costs in the following order: tuition, fees, books, supplies and other expenses. Unpaid portions of such awards shall revert to the commission scholarship or grant-in-aid account.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 136A, is amended by adding a section to read:

[136A.131] ACCOUNTING AND RECORDS. Subdivision 1. ACCOUNTS. The commission shall establish and maintain appropriate scholarship and grant-in-aid accounts and related records of each recipient of a scholarship or grant-in-aid awarded.

Subd. 2. RULES, PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTING. The commission shall provide by rule the method of payment of the scholarships and grants-in-aid awarded hereunder and prescribe a system of accounting to be kept by the institution selected by a recipient.

Subd. 3. CERTIFICATION TO STATE AUDITOR. Upon proper verification for payment of a scholarship or grant-in-aid as defined herein, the commission shall certify to the state auditor the amount of the current payment to be made to the scholarship winner or grant-in-aid recipient in conformance with the rule of the commission governing the method of payment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Sections 136A.095, 136A.10, 136A.11, 136A.12, and 136A.13, and Laws 1969, Chapter 1144 are repealed.

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