

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 626.461 to 626.469 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. There is hereby appropriated to the attorney general from funds in the state treasury the sum of \$25,000 for each year of the biennium for the purposes of this act.

Sec. 17. This act shall become effective July 1, 1967.

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 871—H.F. No. 278

[Coded]

An act relating to a state program of student scholarships for higher education; prescribing the policies under which the program shall be operated.

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

Section 1. [136A.09] **State scholarship program; student scholarships, purpose.** The legislature has found and hereby declares that the identification of the talented young men and women of the state and the encouragement of their maximum educational development is in the best interest of the state. The state scholarship program provided for herein is designed to encourage such able and worthy students to continue their education in the eligible institutions of their own choosing and to provide financial assistance for those who would not otherwise be able to do so.

Sec. 2. [136A.10] **Definitions.** Subdivision 1. For purposes of this act, the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them:

Subd. 2. "Commission" means the Minnesota liaison and facilities commission for higher education.

Subd. 3. "Director" means the executive director of the Minnesota liaison and facilities commission for higher education.

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 deter-

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mined by the commission, maintains academic standards substantially equivalent to those of comparable institutions operated in this state.

Subd. 5. "Basic educational costs" include:

(1) Tuition at the resident rate charged to all students in the college attended by the scholarship recipient.

(2) General fees, incidental and basic fees normally charged all students in the college attended by the scholarship recipient.

(3) A standard book or supply allowance of \$100.

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.

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. [136A.11] Powers and duties of commission.

Subdivision 1. The Minnesota liaison and facilities commission for higher education is hereby designated as the administrative agency for carrying out the purposes and terms of this act.

Subd. 2. The commission shall adopt policies and prescribe appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this act.

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 this act.

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 this act, for design of the scholarship application form, for prescribing procedures for submission of applications for scholarships, and for selection of qualified recipients of scholarship benefits provided for by this act.

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 this act.

Sec. 4. [136A.12] Scholarships. Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** An applicant shall be eligible to compete for a scholarship under the provisions of this act if the commission finds that applicant:

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- (1) is a citizen of the United States.
- (2) is a resident of the state of Minnesota.
- (3) will begin his college work prior to his 25th birthday.
- (4) *has met all the requirements for admission as a full time student to an eligible college of his choice as defined in this act.*
- (5) has demonstrated capacity for superior achievement at the college level as measured by standards prescribed by the commission.
- (6) has not had any previous post high school college training or equivalent.
- (7) Is a qualified applicant as defined herein.

Subd. 2. **Allocation and amount.** (1) Scholarships shall be awarded annually to those first year students who meet the commission's requirements.

(2) A financial stipend shall accompany the scholarship award if the scholarship winner demonstrates financial need and will attend an eligible institution. The determination of financial need shall take into account basic educational costs as defined herein and shall be made by a college scholarship service or equivalent service under criteria established by the commission. Financial stipends shall range from a maximum of \$800 to a minimum of \$200, but in no event shall exceed basic educational costs as defined herein at the institution of his choice. Scholarship winners who do not demonstrate financial need under criteria prescribed by the commission shall be awarded honorary scholarships.

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

Renewal scholarships.

Thereafter, until the funds are exhausted, to first year winners on the basis of their rank as determined by standards prescribed by the commission.

(4) Each scholarship 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 within five years from entrance into the program.

(5) Each scholarship shall be renewable, contingent on con-

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tinued residency in Minnesota, United States citizenship, satisfactory academic standing and recommendation of the college and, in the case of financial assistance, evidence of continued need.

(6) The student must apply for renewal of his scholarship each year.

(7) The student must continue to attend an eligible institution.

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

(9) Financial scholarships awarded under the terms of this act shall be applied to basic educational costs in the following order; tuition, fees and books, and supplies. Unpaid portions of such awards shall revert to the commission scholarship account.

Sec. 5. [136A.13] **Accounting and records.** Subdivision 1. **Accounts.** The commission shall establish and maintain appropriate scholarship accounts and related records of each recipient of a scholarship awarded.

Subd. 2. **Rules; payment and accounting.** The commission shall provide by rule the method of payment of the scholarships 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 as defined herein, the commission shall certify to the state auditor the amount of the current payment to be made to the scholarship winner in conformance with the rule of the commission governing the method of payment.

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 872—H. F. No. 501

An act relating to education; special instruction for handicapped children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 120.17, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 120.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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