

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.6 Consideration of proposed administrative rules for the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly has enacted the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program is intended to encourage Ohio's most academically talented undergraduate students to remain in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program is intended to encourage the State's most outstanding graduate students to pursue fields of study which are strategically important in advancing Ohio's economic, technological and academic interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has established a Rules Advisory Committee and has worked with the Committee to develop administrative rules for the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, Rules 3333-1-28 and 3333-1-29 are approved for submission to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Ohio Board of Regents
State Grants and Scholarships Department

Consideration of Proposed Rules for the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program (3333-1-28) and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program (3333-1-29)

The 123rd Ohio General Assembly has enacted two new scholarship programs -- the Ohio Outstanding Scholarship Program for undergraduate student and the Ohio Priority Needs Fellowship Program for graduate students. These programs, which will be administered by the Board's State Grants and Scholarships Department, are intended to encourage Ohio's most academically talented undergraduate students to remain in the State and to encourage the State's top graduate students to pursue fields of study which are strategically important in advancing Ohio's economic, technological and academic interests. For purposes of the new fellowship program, these fields of study include mathematics, biological sciences, physical sciences, engineering, computer sciences, primary and secondary education and nursing.

The Board of Regents has statutory responsibility for developing administrative rules for these new programs with input from a Rules Advisory Committee which consists of the following members: The Chancellor of the Board of Regents or the Chancellor's designee; the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's designee; the Director of Development or the Director's designee; a State Senator appointed by the President of the Ohio Senate; a State Representative appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; a public member representing the interests of Ohio state-assisted colleges and universities; a public member representing the interests of Ohio private non-profit colleges and universities.

These new programs will be supported by a payment fund which consists of monies returned to the Treasurer of State from "all indentures of trust, both presently existing and future, created as a result of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds issued under Chapter 3366 of the Revised Code and any monies earned from allowable investments of the payment funds..." (The Board of Regents has no involvement in the loan programs for which these bonds are issued.) These will be "full ride" scholarships and fellowships with benefits covering all educational expenses as reported by the student's college or university. No funds are available to award scholarships in the upcoming 2001-2002 academic year. It is anticipated that funding will be available to award the first Priority Needs Fellowships in the 2002-2003 academic year. The proposed time line for awarding the first Ohio Outstanding Scholarships is as follows: High school juniors will compete for the scholarships in the 2001-2002 academic year; scholarship offers will be made soon after these students become seniors in the 2002-2003 academic year; scholarship recipients will receive their first benefits when they enroll as college freshmen in the 2003-2004 academic year.

The proposed administrative rules for both programs have been developed with input from the Rules Advisory Committee. The Board is being asked to approve the submission of these proposed rules to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Attachments: Proposed Regents Rule 3333-1-28 (Ohio Outstanding
Scholarship Program)
Proposed Regents Rule 3333-1-29 (Ohio Priority Needs
Fellowship Program)
Resolution for June 2001 Board meeting.

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

3333-1-28 OHIO OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(A) INTENT AND AUTHORITY

- (1) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS IN PROMULGATING THIS RULE TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE OHIO OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATE OHIO RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. FURTHER, IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR OHIO'S MOST ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN OHIO TO COMPLETE THEIR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY.
- (2) THIS RULE IS ADOPTED UNDER AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE BOARD OF REGENTS BY SECTION 3333.371 OF THE REVISED CODE.

(B) DEFINITIONS

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE:

- (1) "FULL-TIME STUDENT" SHALL MEAN A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR NO LESS THAN 12 CREDIT HOURS PER QUARTER OR SEMESTER AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- (2) "COST OF ATTENDANCE" SHALL MEAN ALL COSTS INCURRED BY A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN CONNECTION WITH A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION, INCLUDING TUITION (INSTRUCTIONAL AND GENERAL FEES), ROOM AND BOARD, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AND REASONABLE COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
- (3) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" SHALL MEAN AN OHIO STATE-ASSISTED FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY OR AN OHIO FOUR-YEAR PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS UNDER CHAPTER 1713 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

- (4) "ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN AN OHIO HIGH SCHOOL FOR WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESCRIBES MINIMUM STANDARDS.
- (5) "OHIO RESIDENT" SHALL MEAN A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN OHIO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3333-1-10 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
- (6) "SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGION" SHALL MEAN ONE OF TWELVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH REGIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE YEAR 2001.
- (7) "REGIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE" SHALL MEAN A GROUP OF THREE INDIVIDUALS, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTING REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES FROM THE POOL OF HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IN EACH OF THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGIONS. EACH REGIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF ONE PUBLIC COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE, ONE PRIVATE NON-PROFIT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE.
- (8) "RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE " SHALL MEAN A GROUP OF SEVEN INDIVIDUALS CONSISTING OF THE FOLOWING:
- (a) ONE MEMBER OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF RERESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
 - (b) ONE MEMBER OF THE OHIO SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (c) THE TREASURER OF STATE OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (d) THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (e) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (f) A PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ELIGIBLE STATE-ASSISTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
 - (g) A PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE

INTERESTS OF ELIGIBLE PRIVATE, NONPROFIT
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(C) APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- (1) EACH YEAR, AFTER NOTIFICATION FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS, EACH ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT TWO (2) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO THE REGIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE IN THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGION WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOL IS LOCATED. AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ONLY WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
- (2) WHEN SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES, HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS SHALL CONSIDER EACH STUDENT'S POTENTIAL TO EXCEL IN A BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, AND THE QUALITY OF A WRITTEN ESSAY. OTHER CRITERIA MAY BE CONSIDERED.
- (3) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS. INFORMATION REPORTED ON OR WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:
 - (a) STUDENT'S NAME, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, HOME ADDRESS, HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER;
 - (b) STUDENT'S CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE, ON A FOUR-POINT SCALE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TENTH (10TH) GRADE AND THE ELEVENTH (11TH) GRADE;
 - (c) ACT OR SAT SCORES FROM A NATIONAL TEST DATE PRIOR TO JUNE 30TH OF THE STUDENT'S JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL;
 - (d) A LIST OF THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES;
 - (e) A LIST OF THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC HONORS;
 - (f) A LIST OF THE STUDENT'S OTHER HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS;
 - (g) A LIST OF THE STUDENT'S WORK EXPERIENCE;
 - (h) AN ESSAY OF BETWEEN 500 AND 1000 WORDS ON A TOPIC PRESCRIBED BY THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

- (4) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS TO THE REGIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEES NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH OF THE STUDENTS' JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, OR 15 DAYS FOLLOWING THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES IN THE STUDENTS' JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, WHICHEVER OCCURS LAST.
- (5) BASED ON CRITERIA LISTED IN (C) (2) OF THIS RULE, EACH REGIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30TH OF THE STUDENTS' SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.
- (6) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30TH OF THE STUDENTS' SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, SELECT SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES TO BE INTERVIEWED, INTERVIEW CANDIDATES, AND SELECT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.
 - (a) IF ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, A SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE AWARDED TO ONE STUDENT FROM EACH OF THE TWELVE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGIONS.
 - (b) IF ADEQUATE FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE TO AWARD ONE SCHOLARSHIP TO A STUDENT FROM EACH SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGION, THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED.

(D) SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION

- (1) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31ST OF THE STUDENTS' SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL SEND OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO EACH DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.
- (2) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31ST OF THE STUDENTS' SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SHALL RESPOND TO THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER.
- (3) IF A DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT DECLINES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER, THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE OFFERED TO THE FIRST RANKED ALTERNATE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REGION AS DESIGNATED BY THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(E) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS, THE STUDENT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS DURING EACH TERM OF ENROLLMENT:

- (1) BE ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
- (2) BE ENROLLED IN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM;
- (3) BE ENROLLED FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 CREDIT HOURS OR THE EQUIVALENT;
- (4) BE CLASSIFIED AS AN "OHIO RESIDENT."

(F) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO RETAIN SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) IN ORDER TO RETAIN SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS, THE STUDENT MUST:
 - (a) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION (E) OF THIS RULE;
 - (b) MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OF NO LESS THAN 3.20. IF AT THE END OF ANY ACADEMIC TERM THE STUDENT'S CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE IS LESS THAN 3.20, THE STUDENT MUST ACHIEVE AT LEAST A 3.20 CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE BY THE END OF THE FOLLOWING TERM OR THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE TERMINATED. THE STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS DURING THE INTERIM TERM.
- (2) CONSIDERATION MAY BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO EXTREME EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES IF A STUDENT FAILS TO MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OF 3.20.

(G) DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS FOR NO MORE THAN 12 QUARTERS OR 8 SEMESTERS (OR THE EQUIVALENT) OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY. IN NO CASE SHALL THE STUDENT RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS BEYOND COMPLETION OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE. A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REAPPLY EACH YEAR.

(H) SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS SHALL COVER THE STUDENT'S COST OF ATTENDANCE, AS REPORTED BY THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, FOR EACH TERM IN WHICH THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS RULE.

- (3) EACH QUARTER OR SEMESTER, SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS SHALL BE PAID TO THE STUDENT'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ON THE STUDENT'S BEHALF.

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

3333-1-29 OHIO PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

(A) INTENT AND AUTHORITY

- (1) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS IN PROMULGATING THIS RULE TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE OHIO PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE MERIT-BASED FELLOWSHIP ASSISTANCE TO OHIO GRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY WHICH ARE A PRIORITY TO THE STATE IN ADVANCING ITS ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS.
- (2) THIS RULE IS ADOPTED UNDER AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE BOARD OF REGENTS BY SECTION 3333.371 OF THE REVISED CODE.

(B) DEFINITIONS

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE:

- (1) "FULL-TIME STUDENT" SHALL MEAN AN OHIO RESIDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A "PRIORITY GRADUATE PROGRAM" FOR NOT LESS THAN NINE (9) CREDIT HOURS PER QUARTER OR SEMESTER AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- (2) "COST OF ATTENDANCE" SHALL MEAN ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE STUDENT IN CONNECTION WITH A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION, INCLUDING TUITION (INSTRUCTIONAL AND GENERAL FEES), ROOM AND BOARD, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AND REASONABLE COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
- (3) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" SHALL MEAN AN OHIO STATE-ASSISTED FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY OR AN OHIO FOUR-YEAR PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS UNDER CHAPTER 1713 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND IS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT A GRADUATE LEVEL DEGREE.

- (4) "OHIO RESIDENT" SHALL MEAN A STUDENT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3333-1-10 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
- (5) "PRIORITY GRADUATE PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN A GRADUATE PROGRAM OF STUDY THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE A PRIORITY FOR THE STATE IN ADVANCING ITS ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
- (1) MATHEMATICS
 - (2) BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
 - (3) PHYSICAL SCIENCES
 - (4) ENGINEERING
 - (5) COMPUTER SCIENCES
 - (6) EDUCATION (PRIMARY/SECONDARY)
 - (7) NURSING
- (6) "RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE " SHALL MEAN A GROUP OF SEVEN INDIVIDUALS CONSISTING OF THE FOLOWING:
- (a) ONE MEMBER OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
 - (b) ONE MEMBER OF THE OHIO SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (c) THE TREASURER OF STATE OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (d) THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (e) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OR A DESIGNEE;
 - (f) A PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ELIGIBLE STATE-ASSISTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
 - (g) A PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ELIGIBLE PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(C) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR A PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP, A STUDENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
 - (a) PLAN TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE FELLOWSHIP WILL BE AWARDED (STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED LESS THAN 50% OF THEIR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AT AN ELIGIBLE OHIO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP);
 - (b) ACHIEVE A CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OF NO LESS THAN 3.70 BY THE END OF THE FALL TERM OF THE SENIOR YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY;
 - (c) ATTAIN A SCORE ON AN APPROPRIATE GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (GRE, MCAT, GMAT, LSAT OR OTHER) WHICH PLACES THE STUDENT IN NO LESS THAN THE 90TH PERCENTILE;
 - (d) BE CLASSIFIED AS AN "OHIO RESIDENT";
 - (e) BE CLASSIFIED AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN;
 - (f) PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF AN INTENTION TO ENROLL IN A PRIORITY GRADUATE PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE.
- (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP, A STUDENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
 - (a) BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN A PRIORITY GRADUATE PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
 - (b) BE CLASSIFIED AS AN OHIO RESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3333-1-10 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;
 - (c) BE CLASSIFIED AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.

- (3) TO RETAIN A PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP, A FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION (B)(2) OF THIS RULE:
- (a) MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OF NO LESS THAN 3.50. IF AT THE END OF ANY ACADEMIC TERM THE STUDENT'S CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE IS LESS THAN 3.50, THE STUDENT MUST ACHIEVE AT LEAST A 3.50 CUMULATIVE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE BY THE END OF THE FOLLOWING TERM OR THE FELLOWSHIP WILL BE TERMINATED. THE STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS DURING THE INTERIM TERM.
 - (b) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IN A PRIORITY NEEDS PROGRAM OF STUDY DURING THE REGULAR ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL TO SPRING).

(D) APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- (1) NOMINATION FOR A PRIORITY NEEDS FELLOWSHIP SHALL BE MADE BY THE STUDENT'S UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON AN APPLICATION FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS. THE INSTITUTION MAY IMPANEL A SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- (2) EACH UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION. WHEN SELECTING A FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE, THE INSTITUTION SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:
 - (a) THE STUDENT'S POTENTIAL TO EXCEL IN A GRADUATE PROGRAM OF STUDY;
 - (b) THE STUDENT'S UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC RECORD;
 - (c) A CAMPUS INTERVIEW;
 - (d) AN ESSAY ON A TOPIC DETERMINED BY THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
 - (e) THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION WITH AT LEAST ONE LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY IN THE STUDENT'S MAJOR AREA OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY;
 - (f) OTHER FACTORS CONSIDERED RELEVANT BY THE STUDENT'S UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

- (3) NOMINATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST OF THE STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY.
- (4) THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS AND RANK EACH CANDIDATE ON THE BASIS OF A RANKING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
- (5) INTERVIEWS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.
- (6) NOTIFICATION SHALL BE MADE TO DESIGNATED FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS NO LATER THAN APRIL 30TH OF EACH YEAR.
- (7) DESIGNATED FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THEIR INTENT TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE FELLOWSHIP OFFER NO LATER THAN MAY 15TH.

(E) DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP

A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS FOR NO MORE THAN NINE (9) QUARTERS OR SIX (6) SEMESTERS (OR THE EQUIVALENT) OF GRADUATE STUDY. THE RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING. A FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REAPPLY EACH YEAR.

(F) FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS SHALL COVER THE STUDENT'S COST OF ATTENDANCE, AS REPORTED BY THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, FOR EACH TERM IN WHICH THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS (B)(2)(3) OF THIS RULE.
- (2) EACH QUARTER OR SEMESTER, FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS SHALL BE PAID TO THE STUDENT'S COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ON THE STUDENT'S BEHALF.

(G) INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFER

A STUDENT WHO WISHES TO TRANSFER FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS FROM ONE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ANOTHER MUST NOTIFY THE BOARD OF REGENTS NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE ACADEMIC TERM PRECEDING THE TERM IN WHICH THE TRANSFER WILL TAKE PLACE. THE CONTINUATION OF FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS FOLLOWING A TRANSFER SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF (C) (3) OF THIS RULE.

(H) NUMBER OF NEW FELLOWSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

ANNUALLY, THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF NEW FELLOWSHIPS TO BE AWARDED. THIS NUMBER SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.