

**53B-8-111 Supplemental scholarship award -- Exemplary academic achievement -- Regents' diploma.**

- (1) A student who qualifies for the Base Regents' scholarship in accordance with the provisions of Section 53B-8-109 shall qualify for an additional Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship if the student:
  - (a) completes high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher;
  - (b) except as provided in Subsection (7), earns a course grade on a transcript of "B" or above in each individual course listed in Subsection 53B-8-109(1)(d)(i); and
  - (c)
    - (i) scores a composite ACT score of 26 or higher; and
    - (ii) if determined by the board's policies, achieves additional ACT college readiness benchmark scores in English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- (2) For a student who graduates from high school in the 2009-10 school year:
  - (a) if used at a higher education institution described in Subsection 53B-8-108(3)(a), the value of an Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the selected institution; or
  - (b) if used at a higher education institution described in Subsection 53B-8-108(3)(b), the value of an Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship is up to 75% of the tuition costs at the institution, not to exceed 75% of the average tuition costs at the institutions described in Subsection 53B-8-108(3)(a).
- (3)
  - (a) For a student who graduates from high school in or after the 2010-11 school year, the total value of an Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship is up to \$5,000, allocated over a time period described in Subsection (4), as prescribed by the board.
  - (b) The board may adjust the amount of the Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship by up to a percentage of the average percentage tuition increase approved by the board for institutions in the state system of higher education.
- (4) An Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship is valid for the shortest of the following time periods:
  - (a) two years of full-time equivalent enrollment;
  - (b) 65 credit hours; or
  - (c) until the student meets the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
- (5)
  - (a) The board may cancel an Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship at any time if the student fails to:
    - (i) register as a full-time student;
    - (ii) maintain a 3.0 grade point average for two consecutive semesters; or
    - (iii) make reasonable progress towards the completion of a baccalaureate degree.
  - (b) Beginning July 1, 2013, the board may cancel an Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship at any time if the student fails to:
    - (i) register for at least 15 credit hours per semester;
    - (ii) maintain a 3.3 grade point average for two consecutive semesters; or
    - (iii) make reasonable progress towards the completion of a baccalaureate degree.
- (6) A student who qualifies for the Exemplary Academic Achievement scholarship under this section may also receive a Regents' diploma endorsement to be issued by the board.
- (7) For purposes of determining if a student meets the grade requirements of Subsection (1)(b), the board shall assign additional weights to grades earned in courses described in Subsection

53B-8-109(1)(d)(i) that are advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, or International Baccalaureate program courses.

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