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60 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), for a student who does not receive a high school  
61 grade point average, the student shall:

62 (a) complete the requirements for an associate degree:

63 (i) by June 15 of the year the student completes high school; and

64 (ii) with at least a 3.0 grade point average; and

65 (b) score a composite ACT score of 26 or higher.

66 (5) (a) To be eligible for the scholarship, a student:

67 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) shall submit an application to the board with:

68 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) an official college transcript showing college courses the student has

69 completed to complete the requirements for an associate degree; and

70 ~~[(ii)-(A)]~~ (B) if applicable, an official high school transcript~~[-or-(B)]~~ or, if applicable, a

71 copy of the student's ACT scores;

72 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) shall be a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen who is eligible to receive  
73 federal student aid;

74 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) may not have a criminal record, with the exception of a misdemeanor traffic  
75 citation; ~~[and]~~

76 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) if applicable, shall meet the application deadlines as established by the board  
77 under Subsection (10)~~[-]; and~~

78 (v) shall demonstrate, in accordance with rules described in Subsection (5)(b), the  
79 completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

80 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
81 board shall make rules regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student  
82 Aid described in Subsection (5)(a)(v), including:

83 (i) provisions for students or parents to opt out of the requirement due to:

84 (A) financial ineligibility for any potential grant or other financial aid; ~~H~~→ [or]

84a **(B) personal privacy concerns; or**

85 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) ~~H~~ other reasons the board specifies; and

86 (ii) direction for applicants to financial aid advisors.

87 (6) (a) The scholarship may be used at a:

88 (i) higher education institution within the state system of higher education that offers  
89 baccalaureate programs; or

183 institutions;

184 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) requirements related to an eligible institution's administration of a scholarship;

185 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) requirements related to eligibility for a scholarship, including requiring

186 eligible institutions to prioritize scholarships for underserved populations;

187 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) a process for an individual to apply to an eligible institution to receive a

188 scholarship; and

189 ~~[(e)]~~ (v) how to determine satisfactory progress described in Subsection (4)(c)(ii)[-];

190 and

191 (b) regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid described

192 in Subsection (3)(b), including:

193 (i) provisions for students or parents to opt out of the requirement due to:

194 (A) financial ineligibility for any potential grant or other financial aid; ~~H~~→ [or]

194a (B) personal privacy concerns; or

195 ~~(B)~~ (C) ~~H~~ other reasons the board specifies; and

196 (ii) direction for applicants to financial aid advisors.

197 (6) Every other year, after consulting with the Department of Workforce Services, the

198 board shall designate, as a high demand program, a noncredit career and technical education

199 program that prepares an individual to work in a job that has, in Utah:

200 (a) high employer demand and high median hourly wages; or

201 (b) significant industry importance.

202 Section 3. Section **53B-8-116** is amended to read:

203 **53B-8-116. Terrel H. Bell Education Scholarship Program -- Scholarship**

204 **requirements -- Rulemaking.**

205 (1) As used in this section:

206 (a) "Approved program" means a program that:

207 (i) is a teacher preparation program that:

208 (A) meets the standards described in Section 53E-6-302; and

209 (B) provides enhanced clinical experiences; or

210 (ii) prepares an individual to become:

211 (A) a speech-language pathologist; or

212 (B) another licensed professional providing services in a public school to students with

213 disabilities.

245 institution of higher education.

246 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), an eligible institution may award a  
247 scholarship to an individual for up to four consecutive years.

248 (b) An eligible institution may grant a scholarship recipient a leave of absence.

249 (c) An eligible institution may cancel a scholarship if:

250 (i) the scholarship recipient fails to make reasonable progress toward completion of the  
251 approved program, as determined by the eligible institution; or

252 (ii) the eligible institution determines with reasonable certainty that the scholarship  
253 recipient does not intend to work in a Utah public school.

254 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
255 board shall make rules;

256 (a) that establish:

257 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) requirements related to an eligible institution's administration of a scholarship;

258 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) a process for an individual to apply to an eligible institution to receive a  
259 scholarship;

260 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), requirements related to eligibility for a  
261 scholarship, including required academic standards;

262 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) in accordance with Subsection (3)(b), requirements related to prioritization of  
263 scholarships, including determination of:

264 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) whether a student is a first generation student; and

265 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) high needs areas; and

266 ~~[(e)]~~ (v) criteria to determine whether an individual intends to work in a Utah public  
267 school~~[-];~~ and

268 (b) regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid described  
269 in Subsection (3)(a)(iv), including:

270 (i) provisions for students or parents to opt out of the requirement due to:

271 (A) financial ineligibility for any potential grant or other financial aid; ~~H~~→ [or]

271a (B) personal privacy concerns; or

272 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) ~~H~~ other reasons the board specifies; and

273 (ii) direction for applicants to financial aid advisors.

274 (7) The board shall consult with the State Board of Education to determine:

275 (a) whether a teacher preparation program provides enhanced clinical experiences; and

276 (b) which subject areas and fields are high needs areas.

277 (8) The board may use up to 5% of money appropriated for the purposes described in  
278 this section to promote the scholarships described in this section.

279 Section 4. Section **53B-13a-104** is amended to read:

280 **53B-13a-104. Guidelines for administration of the program.**

281 (1) The board shall use the guidelines set forth in this section to develop and  
282 administer the program.

283 (2) (a) The board shall allocate money appropriated for the program to institutions to  
284 provide for either need-based grants or need-based work-study stipends, giving strong  
285 emphasis to need-based work-study stipends.

286 (b) Need-based grants or need-based work-study stipends are the only forms of student  
287 financial assistance for which program money may be used.

288 (c) The board may not use program money for administrative costs or overhead.

289 (d) An institution may not use more than 3% of its program money for administrative  
290 costs or overhead.

291 (3) (a) The board shall design the program to utilize a packaging approach that ensures  
292 that institutions combine loans, grants, employment, and family and individual contributions  
293 toward financing the cost of attendance at a postsecondary institution.

294 (b) (i) To be eligible for a grant or stipend under this section, a student shall  
295 demonstrate, in accordance with rules described in Subsection (3)(b)(ii), the completion of a  
296 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

297 (ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
298 board shall make rules regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student  
299 Aid described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), including:

300 (A) provisions for students or parents to opt out of the requirement due to financial  
301 ineligibility for any potential grant or other financial aid ~~or~~ , personal privacy concerns, ~~or~~ or  
301a other reasons the board specifies;  
302 and

303 (B) direction for applicants to financial aid advisors.

304 (4) The board shall:

305 (a) use an appropriate need analysis system to determine a student's financial need for  
306 the purpose of awarding a program grant or work-study stipend; and

338 (c) any recommendations for program modification, including recommended funding  
339 levels.

340 (13) The board shall regularly provide information to students on professional training  
341 and degree programs available in the state through online career and educational exploration  
342 tools.

343 Section 5. Section **53B-13b-104** is amended to read:

344 **53B-13b-104. Guidelines for administration of the program.**

345 (1) The board shall use the guidelines in this section to develop policies to implement  
346 and administer the program.

347 (2) (a) The board shall allocate money appropriated for the program to institutions to  
348 provide grants for qualifying military veterans.

349 (b) The board may not use program money for administrative costs or overhead.

350 (c) An institution may not use more than 3% of its program money for administrative  
351 costs or overhead.

352 (d) Money returned to the board under Subsection (3)(b) shall be used for future  
353 allocations to institutions.

354 (3) (a) An institution shall award a program grant to a qualifying military veteran on an  
355 annual basis but distribute the money one quarter or semester at a time, with continuing awards  
356 contingent upon the qualifying military veteran maintaining satisfactory academic progress as  
357 defined by the institution in published policies or rules.

358 (b) At the conclusion of the academic year, money distributed to an institution that was  
359 not awarded to a qualifying military veteran or used for allowed administrative purposes shall  
360 be returned to the board.

361 (c) (i) To qualify for a program grant under this section, a military veteran shall  
362 demonstrate, in accordance with rules described in Subsection (3)(c)(ii), the completion of a  
363 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

364 (ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
365 board shall make rules regarding the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student  
366 Aid described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), including:

367 (A) provisions for students or parents to opt out of the requirement due to financial  
368 ineligibility for any potential grant or other financial aid ~~↔~~ , personal privacy concerns, ~~↔~~ or  
368a other reasons the board specifies;