

CHAPTER 30. OKLAHOMA NURSING STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

540:30-1-1. Purpose

The purpose of the Nursing Student Assistance Program is to encourage ~~entry of persons to enter into~~ nursing education programs and to practice in areas... in which there is an urgent need or in institutions or agencies.. which provide funds on a matching basis with the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission for the support of nursing students.

[70:697.17(A)]

540:30-1-3. Power to grant scholarships

The ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission shall be authorized and empowered to grant nursing scholarships to qualified students who are bona fide residents of the State of Oklahoma. It is recognized that the rules of this Chapter are guidelines only and may be waived at the discretion of the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

SUBCHAPTER 3. ROLE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

540:30-3-1. Role of Nursing Scholarship Advisory Committee

(a) A Nursing Scholarship Advisory Committee (NSAC) will assist and advise the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission relative to the Nursing Student Assistance Program.

(b) Recipients will be selected by the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission assisted by recommendations of a twelve member Nursing Scholarship Advisory Committee. The Nursing Scholarship Advisory Committee will be appointed by the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission and will consist of:

- (1) a Rural Hospital Nursing Service Administrator, representing the Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives,
- (2) an Urban Hospital Nursing Service Administrator, representing the Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives,
- (3) a representative of the Oklahoma Nursing Home Association,
- (4) a representative of the Oklahoma Hospital Association,
- (5) a representative of the Oklahoma League for Nursing,
- (6) a representative of the Oklahoma State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses,
- (7) three Educators (a representative of the Oklahoma Directors of Practical Nursing Education; a representative of the Associate Degree Nursing Director's Council, and a representative of the Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Nursing Programs),
- (8) a lay community representative, and
- (9) a representative from the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

(c) The role of the Nursing Scholarship Advisory Committee will be delineated by the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

SUBCHAPTER 5. CATEGORIES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

540:30-5-1. Matching Nursing Student Assistance Program

(a) Scholarships granted under the Matching Nursing Student Assistance Program will stipulate that a sponsor and the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission provide equal dollar amounts for funding the scholarships. The maximum amounts that can be matched are \$750.00 per full-time semester for LPN program, \$1,250 per full-time semester for an ADN program, \$1,750.00 per full-time semester for the BSN program, and \$2,500.00 per full-time semester (up to 4 years) for MSN/DNP/Ph.D. program.

(b) Sponsors of nurse students may be hospitals, nursing homes, home health and hospice agencies, other health care delivery facilities, public agencies, corporations, private organizations, communities, foundations, trusts, or other entities who wish to apply for and, if approved, match an amount equal to fifty percent of the loan authorized by the Commission.

(c) Under the provisions of the Matching Nursing Student Assistance Program, a student may receive an equal full scholarship amount from both the sponsor and the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission. The monies are to be used for payment of tuition, required fees, equipment, uniforms, training materials, books, certification exams, and other educationally related expenses necessary for attendance at nursing school.

(d) An approximate guideline of seventy percent of all monies appropriated for the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission Nursing Student Assistance Program may be used for funding scholarships approved under the Matching Nursing Student Assistance Program. Approximately seventy percent of all funds designated for the Matching Nursing Student Assistance Program may be expended for nursing scholarships in Oklahoma communities that meets the current definition of rural as determined by ~~PMTCHWTC~~.

(e) Scholarship recipients may carry out their service obligation by practicing full time as a licensed practical or registered nurse (excluding physician's offices, private duty practice, research or non-patient based facilities, industrial and summer camp nursing) as agreed to by contract or with Commission approval.

(f) Scholarship recipients may carry out their service obligation by teaching in an accredited/approved Oklahoma nursing school (provided other Oklahoma Board of Nursing faculty qualifications are met).

(g) Scholarship recipients who become nurse practitioners may carry out their service obligation by practicing full time as a nurse practitioner at any Oklahoma hospital, nursing home, state health facility, qualified rural health clinic, or hospital, private owned, or leased rural physician clinic.

(h) Receipts received from sponsors shall be deposited into and disbursed from a Commission revolving fund created by State Law in the State Treasury.

SUBCHAPTER 9. APPLICATION PROCESS

540:30-9-3. Approval

(a) If a scholarship loan is approved, the original of the contract will be completed and executed by the applicant, sponsor, and Commission.

(b) One copy of the contract is to be returned to both the sponsor and recipient of

the scholarship loan.

(c) Copies of the contract for Matching Scholarships and for Non- Matching Scholarships are available in the Office of the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

SUBCHAPTER 11. LOAN PROVISIONS

540:30-11-6. Suit for collection; attorney's fees and collection costs

If it becomes necessary for the Attorney General, on behalf of the State and Commission, to file suit for collection of a loan for notes, the makers of the note will be responsible for attorney's fees and other costs or charges necessary for the collection of the balance due on the loan. Any collection under this Section will be deposited in the Revolving Fund. That portion representing a contribution(s) by a sponsor may be returned to the sponsor, placed to the sponsor's credit or retained by the ~~Physician Manpower~~Health Care Workforce Training Commission as is appropriate.

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