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DIVISION 107. HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION [127000 - 130079] (Heading of Division 107 amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 28.)

PART 3. HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEVELOPMENT [127775 - 128565] (Part 3 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9.) CHAPTER 2. Personnel Recruitment and Education [127875 - 128052] (Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9.)

ARTICLE 3. Nursing Education Scholarships [127975 - 128020] (Article 3 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9.)

127975. Recognizing that there is a shortage in supply of registered nurses, and that if the number of nursing students is to be materially increased to meet the demand there must first be an increase in the number of persons qualified for teaching or supervising in clinical areas, and further recognizing that the cost of education deters nurses from obtaining the education necessary to gualify them for teaching or supervision in clinical areas, there are hereby created state scholarships that shall be maintained by the state and awarded and administered pursuant to this article.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

127980. There shall be available at least 10 scholarships per year. The scholarships shall be available to any registered nurse who is enrolled in one of the following accredited nursing programs in a college or university in California that is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges:

- (a) The junior or senior year in a bachelor's degree program in nursing.
- (b) A program supplementary to a bachelor's degree program in nursing required for admission to master's level studies, in nursing.
- (c) A master's degree or a post-master's program in teaching or supervision in a clinical nursing area.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

127985. A person shall not be awarded a scholarship under subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 127980 unless:

- (a) They are a resident of California.
- (b) They are licensed as a registered nurse by this state.
- (c) They have complied with all the regulations adopted pursuant to this article.
- (d) They have agreed that they will continue their education to completion of the bachelor's degree or a program supplemental to a bachelor's degree required for admission to master level studies in nursing, and that after completion of the requirements of subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 127980 and within a period of time to be determined by the department, will enroll in an accredited master's degree program in teaching or supervision in a clinical nursing area.
- (e) They agree that immediately upon completion of their graduate study, either master's degree or post-master's program, they will assume an employment obligation in California in teaching or supervision in a clinical nursing area, for not less than one year.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 121. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021.)

127990. No person shall be awarded a scholarship under subdivision (c) of Section 127980 unless he or she satisfies the requirements prescribed by subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (e) of Section 127985.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

127995. The department shall administer the program of nursing education scholarships and shall for this purpose, adopt regulations as it determines are necessary to carry out this article.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 122. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021.)

<u>128000.</u> Applications for scholarships shall be made to the department, upon forms provided by it, at the times and in the manner prescribed by the regulations adopted by the office.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 123. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021.)

128005. The department shall award the scholarships to the applicants that it determines are best fitted to undertake the educational program for which the scholarships are awarded and will be the best qualified to teach or supervise. In awarding the scholarships the department may give a preference to applicants who are willing to be available, upon the completion of their educational program, for a position in any part of the state. The department shall not, however, award any scholarship to an applicant if it determines that the applicant has adequate financial resources to pay the cost of the education necessary to qualify them for teaching or supervision in a clinical area.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 124. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021.)

128010. Scholarships shall be awarded without regard to race, religion, creed, or sex.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

128015. Each scholarship under this article is for the period of no more than one academic year, and the award shall be:

- (a) For a person qualifying under subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 127980, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) per month for 12 months, plus school fees.
- (b) For a person qualifying under subdivision (c) of Section 127980, the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month for 12 months, plus school fees.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 415, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1996.)

<u>128020.</u> A scholarship shall remain in effect only during the period, as determined by the department, that the person receiving the award achieves satisfactory progress and is regularly enrolled, within the terms of this article, as a full-time student.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 143, Sec. 125. (AB 133) Effective July 27, 2021.)