PART-TIME, INDEPENDENT STUDENT GRANTS
Act 102 of 1986

AN ACT to establish a grant program for certain part-time, independent students in this state; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and institutions of higher education.

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

390.1281 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance authority created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960, being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) "Financial need" means need as determined by the institution based upon a need analysis standard established by the authority. Such standard shall take into consideration the student's current annual income and exclude his or her home equity.

(c) "Independent student" means an independent student as defined in 34 C.F.R. 668.1a.

(d) "Part-time" means not less than 3 semester hours and not more than 11 semester hours per semester, or the equivalent for a quarter or term.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan higher education assistance authority to department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 2010-2, compiled at MCL 124.194.

390.1282 Grant program; establishment; purpose.

Sec. 2. A grant program is established by the state to foster the pursuit of postsecondary education by part-time, independent students who have financial need.

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

Compiler's note: For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Michigan higher education assistance authority, the Michigan higher education student loan authority, and the office of student financial assistance services in the department of education to the department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 1995-2, compiled at MCL 12.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

390.1283 Participation in grant program; eligibility.

Sec. 3. A person is eligible to participate in the grant program if he or she meets all of the following:

(a) Is a part-time student.

(b) Is an independent student.

(c) Has not been enrolled in a high school diploma program other than general educational development (GED) or adult education for at least the 2 preceding years.

(d) Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an undergraduate program of not less than 9 months duration leading to a degree or certificate from a Michigan degree granting educational institution that is approved by the department of labor and economic growth.

(e) Has resided continuously in this state for the immediately preceding 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other state.

(f) Is not incarcerated in a corrections institution.

(g) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated under this act by the authority.

(h) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident.

(i) Is not enrolled in an institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination, or religious association, order, or sect.

(j) Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by the authority.

(k) Is shown by the school to be making satisfactory academic progress.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of certain powers and duties vested in the department of career development or its director, relating to powers and duties of state board of education or superintendent of public instruction to the department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

390.1284 Total amount granted to educational institution; use of funds.

Sec. 4. The total of the amount granted to an educational institution shall be proportionate to the number of needy independent students eligible for this program enrolled at the institution for the most recent year for which statistics are available. Funds provided to eligible schools shall be used for awards to students, not for administration of the program.

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390.1285 Maximum grant to eligible student; priority; effect of other scholarships or grant awards.

Sec. 5. (1) Upon application of an eligible student, an educational institution shall grant to the student an amount of not more than $600.00 per academic year for not more than 2 12-month periods at any given educational institution.

(2) If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the money available, priority shall be given to persons with the greatest financial need as determined by each educational institution.

(3) A student who receives a state competitive scholarship award under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, being sections 390.971 to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or who receives other scholarships or grant awards, may be eligible for funds under this act if the total amount of the student's scholarships and grants is less than the student's financial need. A student's scholarship and grant awards may be increased with funds from the program under this act up to the level of the maximum grant as provided in subsection (1).

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

390.1286 Grant not income in determining eligibility for aid or assistance under social welfare act.

Sec. 6. A grant awarded to a student pursuant to this act shall be disregarded as income for purposes of determining eligibility for aid or assistance administered under the social welfare act, Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

390.1287 Gifts, grants, bequests, donations, and devises; acceptance authorized; annual report.

Sec. 7. The authority may accept gifts, grants, bequests, donations, and devises, from whatever sources, of real, personal, or mixed property and money for the purposes described in this act. The authority shall prepare an annual report of all gifts, grants, bequests, donations, and devises for the governor and the legislature.

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan higher education assistance authority to department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 2010-2, compiled at MCL 124.194.

390.1288 Rules.

Sec. 8. The authority shall promulgate rules to implement this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1986, Act 102, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

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