

IC 21-13-2

Chapter 2. Minority Teacher Scholarships

IC 21-13-2-1

Minority teacher scholarship fund established

Sec. 1. The minority teacher scholarship fund is established:

- (1) to encourage and promote qualified minority individuals to pursue a career in teaching in accredited schools in Indiana;
- (2) to enhance the number of individuals who may serve as role models for the minority students in Indiana; and
- (3) to rectify the shortage of minority teachers teaching in accredited schools in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.316.

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Administration of fund

Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-3

Money in fund; use

Sec. 3. Money in the fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to individuals who qualify for a scholarship under section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.317.

IC 21-13-2-4

Initial scholarship qualifications

Sec. 4. An individual qualifies for an initial scholarship from the fund if the individual:

- (1) is a minority student;
- (2) is admitted to an eligible institution as a full-time student or already attends an eligible institution as a full-time student;
- (3) either:
 - (A) intends to pursue; or
 - (B) in the case of a student who is already attending an eligible institution, pursues;

a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana;

- (4) agrees, in writing, to apply for a teaching position in an accredited school in Indiana following that student's certification as a teacher, and, if hired, to teach for at least three (3) years; and

(5) meets any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.318.

IC 21-13-2-5

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.319.)

IC 21-13-2-6

Renewal of scholarships; term

Sec. 6. Subject to section 12 of this chapter, a scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years. However, an eligible institution may not grant a scholarship renewal to a student for an academic year that ends later than six (6) years after the date the student received the initial scholarship under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.320; P.L.281-2013, SEC.31; P.L.2-2014, SEC.93.

IC 21-13-2-7

Renewal of scholarships; conditions

Sec. 7. To qualify for a scholarship renewal from the fund, a minority student that qualified for the initial scholarship under section 4 of this chapter must:

- (1) comply with the criteria in section 4 of this chapter; and
- (2) maintain at least the cumulative grade point average:
 - (A) that is required by an eligible institution for admission to the eligible institution's school of education; or
 - (B) of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution if the eligible institution's school of education does not require a certain minimum cumulative grade point average.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.321.

IC 21-13-2-8

Amount of scholarship

Sec. 8. Except as provided in this chapter, a scholarship is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

- (1) The balance of the student's total cost in attending the eligible institution for the academic year.
- (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-9

Minority student qualifications

Sec. 9. (a) This section applies if a minority student:

- (1) initially qualifies for a scholarship under section 4 of this

chapter; and

(2) demonstrates to the commission financial need in an amount greater than described in section 8 of this chapter.

(b) The annual scholarship that the minority student may receive is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

(1) The balance of the student's total cost in attending the eligible institution for the academic year.

(2) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-10

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.107-2012, SEC.33.)

IC 21-13-2-11

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.322.)

IC 21-13-2-12

Determination of scholarship recipients

Sec. 12. The commission shall determine the scholarship recipients under this chapter:

(1) based upon:

(A) the criteria set forth in section 4 of this chapter; and

(B) the rules adopted by the commission; and

(2) with a priority on granting scholarships in the following order:

(A) Minority students seeking a renewal scholarship.

(B) Newly enrolling minority students.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.323.

IC 21-13-2-13

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.324.)

IC 21-13-2-14

Amount of scholarship; conditions

Sec. 14. (a) The amount of a scholarship awarded under this chapter may not be reduced because the student receives other scholarships or forms of financial aid.

(b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, the amount of any other state financial aid received by a student may not be reduced because the student receives a scholarship under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-15

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.325.)

IC 21-13-2-16

Commission report on effectiveness of program

Sec. 16. Before January 1, 2015, the commission shall provide a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly regarding the effectiveness of the program.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.326.