

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona promise scholarship program; appropriation

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Introduced by
Senator Brophy McGee

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-1647; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA
BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1647, to read:

4 15-1647. Arizona promise scholarship program: eligibility;
5 fund; annual reports; program termination;
6 definitions

7 A. EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL IMPLEMENT AN
8 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO INCREASE COLLEGE ACCESS AND
9 AFFORDABILITY FOR ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
10 REGENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, SHALL
11 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES FOR THE ARIZONA
12 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

13 1. APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

14 2. A MARKETING AND PROMOTION PLAN TO BUILD PUBLIC AWARENESS FOR THE
15 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THAT IS AIMED AT ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL
16 TEACHERS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

17 3. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.

18 4. DISTRIBUTING SCHOLARSHIP MONIES BETWEEN ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY
19 INSTITUTIONS.

20 B. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION, A STUDENT
21 APPLICANT MUST DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

22 1. PROVE THAT THE STUDENT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

23 (a) IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT.

24 (b) IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

25 (c) HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THE PAST TWELVE
26 MONTHS.

27 (d) HAS COMPLETED AN EDUCATION AND CAREER ACTION PLAN.

28 2. SUBMIT A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT THAT PROVES THE STUDENT
29 GRADUATED FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE. IF HIGH
30 SCHOOL RECORDS NO LONGER EXIST FOR THE STUDENT OR EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT
31 HAS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECORDS AND THE RECORDS ARE UNABLE TO BE
32 LOCATED, THE STUDENT MAY SUBMIT EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PURPOSES
33 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

34 (a) A LETTER CERTIFIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE STUDENT
35 GRADUATED THAT STATES THE STUDENT GRADUATED FROM THAT HIGH SCHOOL.

36 (b) THE STUDENT'S ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

37 3. SUBMIT A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT THAT PROVES THE STUDENT
38 GRADUATED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE. IF
39 HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS NO LONGER EXIST FOR THE STUDENT OR EVERY REASONABLE
40 EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECORDS AND THE RECORDS ARE UNABLE
41 TO BE LOCATED, THE STUDENT MAY SUBMIT EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE
42 PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

43 (a) A LETTER CERTIFIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE STUDENT
44 GRADUATED THAT STATES THE STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

1 (b) IF THE STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS EVIDENCED BY THE
2 STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, THE STUDENT'S ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

3 4. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
4 AND MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT UNDER 20
5 UNITED STATES CODE, CHAPTER 28, SUBCHAPTER IV, PART A, SUBPART 1 AND 34
6 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 690.

7 C. EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL AWARD TO EACH
8 ELIGIBLE FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANT FOR A MAXIMUM OF FOUR
9 ACADEMIC YEARS OR EIGHT SEMESTERS AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT THAT COVERS
10 THE BALANCE OF TUITION AND FEES AFTER ALL OTHER FINANCIAL GIFTS, AID OR
11 GRANTS ARE RECEIVED BY THAT STUDENT. GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE
12 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION.

13 D. THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING
14 OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE
15 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
16 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
17 TO THE LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL
18 ADMINISTER THE FUND AND SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTING MONIES
19 IN THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS EACH FISCAL YEAR TO
20 FUND THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM. MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR:

21 1. REIMBURSING ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COVER THE BALANCE
22 OF TUITION AND FEES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AFTER ALL OTHER GIFTS AND
23 AID RECEIVED.

24 2. IMPLEMENTING A MARKETING AND PROMOTION PLAN TO BUILD PUBLIC
25 AWARENESS FOR THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THAT IS AIMED AT
26 ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS AND
27 ADMINISTERING THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. ANNUAL
28 EXPENDITURES FOR MARKETING, PROMOTING AND ADMINISTERING THE ARIZONA
29 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT EXCEED THREE PERCENT OF THE MONIES IN THE
30 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND EACH FISCAL YEAR.

31 E. MONIES REMAINING IN THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT THE
32 END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR MAY BE USED BY ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS
33 TO AWARD ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS IN THE NEXT
34 FISCAL YEAR.

35 F. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE GENERAL
36 FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE
37 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF MONIES REMAINING IN
38 THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT THE END OF THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

39 G. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ARIZONA
40 BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE
41 AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETING ON ALL OF
42 THE FOLLOWING:

43 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED ARIZONA PROMISE
44 SCHOLARSHIPS BY ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC
45 YEAR.

1 2. THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONIES COMMITTED FROM THE ARIZONA
2 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

3 H. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
4 ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF
5 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND SHALL
6 SUBMIT A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WITH
7 RESPECT TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS:

8 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED ARIZONA PROMISE
9 SCHOLARSHIPS AT EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION BY YEAR OF COLLEGE
10 ENROLLMENT.

11 2. THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED EACH ACADEMIC YEAR AND
12 WHO PLAN TO CONTINUE TO THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR, DELINEATED BY EACH ELIGIBLE
13 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

14 3. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE BY
15 EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

16 4. THE METHODOLOGY FOR DISTRIBUTING ANY MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THE
17 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY
18 INSTITUTION AND THE AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY
19 INSTITUTION.

20 5. THE AMOUNT OF UNUSED MONIES IN THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
21 FUND FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

22 I. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,
23 2030 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

24 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

25 1. "EDUCATION AND CAREER ACTION PLAN" MEANS A PLAN THAT IS REQUIRED
26 BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH
27 TWELVE AND THAT ALLOWS A STUDENT TO ENTER, TRACK AND UPDATE THE STUDENT'S
28 ANNUAL ACADEMIC, CAREER, POSTSECONDARY AND EXTRACURRICULAR GOALS.

29 2. "ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS" MEANS UNIVERSITIES UNDER
30 THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

31 3. "TUITION AND FEES" MEANS TUITION, MANDATORY FEES AND PROGRAM
32 FEES THAT ARE CHARGED BY AN ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

33 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona promise scholarship fund

34 The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general
35 fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Arizona promise scholarship fund
36 established by section 15-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
37 act.