

REFERENCE TITLE: public service scholarship fund

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Introduced by
Representatives Márquez: Gress

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-1706; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE COMMISSION
FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

(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 6, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1706, to read:

4 15-1706. Public service scholarship fund; definition

5 A. THE PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF
6 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY OTHER MONIES. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
7 REGENTS SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO
8 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
9 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

10 B. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL:

11 1. USE THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
12 WHO MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (a) COMPLETE A TERM OF SERVICE IN A NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM THAT
14 IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE LIVES AND FOSTER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND THAT IS
15 SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

16 (b) SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVE A FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

17 (c) USE THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD TO ATTEND AN
18 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM IN THIS STATE THAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER
19 THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

20 2. ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS THAT REQUIRES EACH
21 APPLICANT TO SUBMIT PROOF OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF
22 THIS SUBSECTION.

23 3. AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

24 C. EACH RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS EQUAL
25 TO THE RECIPIENT'S FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD. A SCHOLARSHIP
26 RECIPIENT:

27 1. SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS THAT THE
28 RECIPIENT IS IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING WITH THE RECIPIENT'S EDUCATIONAL
29 INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM BEFORE SPENDING ANY SCHOLARSHIP MONIES.

30 2. SHALL USE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER
31 COMPLETING SERVICE IN A NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM THAT IS DESCRIBED IN
32 SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS SECTION. AFTER THREE
33 YEARS, ANY UNUSED SCHOLARSHIP MONIES REVERT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE
34 SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

35 3. MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES ONLY FOR PURPOSES THAT ARE
36 ALLOWED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD AND
37 ONLY AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR PROGRAMS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE
38 ELIGIBLE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

39 4. MAY NOT SPEND THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES UNTIL THE RECIPIENT HAS
40 SPENT ALL OF THE RECIPIENT'S FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD MONIES.

41 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION"
42 MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

43 1. A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
44 REGENTS.

45 2. A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation: public service scholarship fund
2 The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund in
3 fiscal year 2025-2026 to the public service scholarship fund established
4 by section 15-1706, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and is
5 appropriated from the public service scholarship fund to the Arizona board
6 of regents.