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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to volunteer recruitment service scholarships

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs a, b and d of subdivision 3, paragraphs a, b and d of subdivision 4 and subdivision 6 of section 669-c of the education law, paragraphs a, b and d of subdivision 3 and subdivision 6 as added by section 1 of part G of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002, paragraphs a, b and d of subdivision 4 as amended by section 1 of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2004, are amended to read as follows:

a. Volunteer organizations may annually submit [one application] APPLICATIONS to the higher education services corporation;

b. Volunteer organizations submitting [an application] APPLICATIONS shall develop a policy for selecting [the candidate] CANDIDATES that will be forwarded to the higher education services corporation;

d. The higher education services corporation shall award [a] volunteer recruitment service [scholarship] SCHOLARSHIPS to all eligible applicants unless the number of applications received are greater than the funding available for the program, in which case the corporation shall develop a random system for selecting the recipients;

a. Have been a member of the volunteer organization [for less than six months at the time of the initial award, provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any individual under the age of twenty-three] OR BE THE UN-EMANCIPATED CHILD OF SUCH QUALIFIED MEMBER;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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b. Maintain an active volunteer status, as determined by the volunteer organization, for the duration of the scholarship; OR BE THE UN-EMANCIPATED CHILD OF A MEMBER OF SUCH STATUS;

d. Be enrolled in a degree producing curriculum at an institution located within [a fifty mile radius of the volunteer organization; provided that if no such institution exists, the next closest institution] THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

6. Upon the recipient's attainment of a baccalaureate degree or cessation of status as a volunteer with the volunteer organization, OR IN THE CASE OF AN UN-EMANCIPATED CHILD OF A VOLUNTEER BEING THE RECIPIENT, THE CESSATION OF THE PARENT'S VOLUNTEER STATUS, whichever occurs first, the tuition benefit provided by this section shall be discontinued. The tuition benefit provided by this section shall be suspended at the direction of the higher education services corporation for a recipient's failure to continue to serve as a volunteer with the volunteer organization, OR IN THE CASE OF AN UN-EMANCIPATED CHILD OF A VOLUNTEER BEING THE RECIPIENT, THE FAILURE OF THE VOLUNTEER PARENT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, for the failure to maintain good academic progress and program pursuit, for the failure to maintain sufficient academic standing to retain eligibility for any other financial assistance the recipient may be receiving, or for the failure to comply with any provision of this section.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to subdivisions 3, 4 and 6 of section 669-c of the education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.