§ 675. Empire state challenger scholarships for teachers. 1. Number and certification. Three hundred twelve Empire state challenger scholarships for teachers shall be awarded each year. Such scholarships shall be allocated as provided in article thirteen of this chapter to eligible students as certified to the president by the commissioner.

2. Duration. Such scholarship shall entitle the recipient to an annual award for not more than four academic years while matriculated in an approved program, as defined by the commissioner pursuant to article thirteen of this chapter. In order to be eligible for an award, a recipient must be enrolled in an approved program no later than the beginning of the junior year.

3. Amount. The president shall make academic year awards up to a maximum amount of three thousand dollars in reimbursement for tuition and fees. An award shall not exceed the amount of such tuition and fees.