§ 679-b. Primary care practitioner scholarship program. 1. Certification. Primary care practitioner scholarships may be awarded annually, subject to the availability of funds therefor. Such awards shall be allocated pursuant to section nine hundred four of the public health law, to eligible students certified to the president by the commissioner of health.

2. Duration. Each scholarship shall entitle the recipient to an annual award and a recipient shall be eligible for no more than the equivalent of two academic years based on full-time study.

3. Calculation of award amounts. The president shall make annual awards of up to fifteen thousand dollars, but in no event shall the award exceed cost of attendance at the institution. Cost of attendance shall mean tuition, required fees, books, transportation, room and board.

4. Award disbursement. Annual award disbursements shall be the responsibility of the president.