

§ 1602. Medical School Professional Scholarship.

(a) There is hereby established a Medical School Professional Scholarship for the purpose of awarding scholarships to not more than five students a year who are pursuing a degree in medicine at a U.S. accredited medical school to pay for costs directly related to the student's educational needs, including but not limited to tuition, textbooks and school supplies, transportation, and housing.

(b) The amount allocated for each scholarship shall be up to \$15,000 per year for students attending a U.S. accredited medical school for a period of up to five years.

(c) *Criteria and Requirements.* To be eligible for this scholarship program an individual shall:

(1) Be a United States citizen.

(2) Be a CNMI resident for at least three consecutive years prior to enrollment at a medical school.

(3) Possess a bachelor's degree.

(4) Furnish a letter of acceptance from a U.S. accredited medical school.

(5) Agree to return to the CNMI after graduation from medical school and work as a medical doctor at the Department of Public Health for a period of two years for each year of scholarship assistance, or if fails or refuses to complete this obligation, agree to remit the all the scholarship funds received through this scholarship program back to the CNMI government.

(6) Agree to reimburse the CNMI of all moneys received if the student chooses to switch course of studies to a major other than medicine.

(7) Sign a fully executed Medical School Professional Scholarship Agreement, or successor agreement.

(d) As a condition of continuing assistance, a scholarship recipient shall do the following:

(1) Maintain every semester a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the cumulative grade point average required of the institution attending whichever is higher.

(2) Enroll in no less than fifteen credit hours a semester and be a full time student at an accredited medical school.

(3) Submit a certified copy of their grades for each semester and a class schedule for the next semester to the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office.

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