

72-6810. Definitions. As used in this act: (a) "State scholarship" means an award under this act by this state to a state scholar who has established financial need.

(b) "State scholar" means a full-time, in-state student who has exhibited scholastic ability and who is initially acceptable for entering an eligible institution or who has so entered and is in good standing and making satisfactory progress.

(c) "Full-time, in-state student" means a person who is a resident of Kansas and who is enrolled at an eligible institution in an educational program for at least 12 hours each semester or the equivalent thereof, or who is regularly enrolled at an eligible institution in a vocational or technical education program. The board of regents shall determine the number of hours for terms or program periods other than semesters to constitute the equivalent of 12 hours.

(d) "Financial need" means the difference between the available financial resources of a student and such student's total anticipated expenses to attend an eligible institution. A student's financial resources shall include (1) four hundred and fifty dollars each year from the student's own work and resources, and (2) a contribution from the income and assets of the student's parents, if sufficient, as determined by a completed financial needs analysis statement and based upon the accepted criteria of a nationally recognized financial needs analysis agency. Financial need shall be redetermined annually.

(e) "Eligible institution" means an institution of postsecondary education which maintains open enrollment, the main campus or principal place of operation of which is located in Kansas, and which qualifies as an eligible institution for the federal guaranteed-loan program under the higher education act of 1965 (P.L. 89-329), as amended.

(f) "Open enrollment" means the policy of an institution of postsecondary education which provides the opportunity of enrollment for any student who meets its academic and other reasonable enrollment requirements, without regard for race, gender, religion, creed or national origin.

(g) "Board of regents" means the state board of regents provided for in the constitution of this state and described in article 32 of chapter 74 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(h) "Term" means one of two or more divisions of an academic year of an institution of postsecondary education in which substantially all courses begin and end at substantially the same time and during which instruction is regularly given to students.

(i) "Semester" means one of two principal terms, when there are only two principal terms in the academic year, whether or not there are other shorter terms during the same academic year.

(j) "Program period" means the duration of the period of time, or any division thereof, required for completion of a vocational or technical education program which is given in an institution of postsecondary education.

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