

**74-32,133. Advanced practice registered nurse service scholarships; limitations; determination of individuals qualified; awarding; amounts.** (a) There is hereby established the advanced practice registered nurse service scholarship program. Within the limits of appropriations therefor, a scholarship may be awarded under the program to any qualified student enrolled in or admitted to an educational and training program for advanced practice registered nurses. The number of scholarships awarded under the program in any year shall not exceed 12.

(b) The determination of the individuals qualified for scholarships shall be made by the executive officer after seeking advice from the committee. Scholarships shall be awarded on a priority basis to qualified applicants in the advanced practice registered nurse roles of nurse clinician or advanced practice registered nurse or clinical specialist who have the greatest financial need for such scholarships and who are residents of this state. To the extent practicable and consistent with the other provisions of this section, consideration shall be given to minority applicants.

(c) Scholarships awarded under the program shall be awarded for the length of the course of instruction required for graduation as an advanced practice registered nurse unless terminated before expiration of such period of time. Such scholarships shall provide (1) to a student enrolled in or admitted to an educational and training program for advanced practice registered nurses operated by a state educational institution the payment of an amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for a year, and (2) to a student enrolled in or admitted to an educational and training program for advanced practice registered nurses operated by an independent institution of higher education the payment of an amount not to exceed 70% of the average amount of the cost of attendance for a year in educational and training programs for advanced practice registered nurses operated by the state educational institutions. The amount of each scholarship shall be established annually by the executive officer and shall be financed by the state of Kansas.

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