

**76-774. Same; purpose and administration; institutions matching funds; procedures; authorized expenditures.** (a) The Kansas partnership for faculty of distinction program is hereby established to encourage gifts by private donors to enhance the ability of eligible educational institutions to attract and retain faculty of distinction. The program shall be administered by the state board of regents in accordance with this act. Under the Kansas partnership for faculty of distinction program, the state shall contribute income earnings equivalent awards in accordance with this act to supplement endowed professorships at eligible educational institutions for which qualifying gifts have been received by endowment associations.

(b) Each eligible educational institution shall establish within the general budget of the eligible educational institution a faculty of distinction matching fund. The eligible educational institution shall establish an endowed professorship account in the faculty of distinction matching fund for each endowed professorship established under the Kansas partnership for faculty of distinction program. All expenditures from the faculty of distinction matching fund shall be for one or more endowed professorships to supplement salary and to provide additional operating support for assistants, travel, equipment or other expenses of the endowed professorships.

(c) The chancellor, president, director or other chief executive officer of an eligible educational institution shall notify the state board of regents of the receipt of a qualifying gift under the Kansas partnership for faculty of distinction program. Upon receiving such notice, the state board of regents shall determine if the donation is a qualifying gift. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, upon determining that a qualifying gift has been received by the endowment association for an eligible educational institution, the state board of regents shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount and date of receipt of the qualifying gift under the program and the endowed professorship account established in the faculty of distinction matching fund therefor.

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