

STATE OF ALABAMA OPTOMETRIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BOARD

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE: 635-X-6- .04 Selection of Recipients of Merit Scholarships

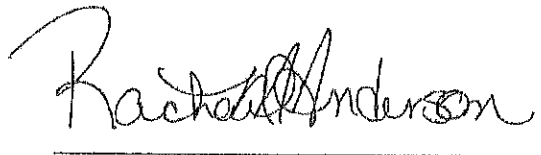
INTENDED ACTION: Amend 635-X-6. 04 Selection of Recipients of Merit Scholarships

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being amended to clarify the GPA needed to qualify for a merit scholarship.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: In writing to the State of Alabama Board of Optometric Scholarship Awards Board, Lister Hill Library G20; 1700 University Blvd.; Birmingham, AL 35294

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written comments concerning this change must be received by the State of Alabama Scholarship Awards Board no later than October 7, 2016

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Rachel Anderson, Executive Secretary, State of Alabama Scholarship Awards Board



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(1) Members of the incoming freshman class who are candidates being considered for merit scholarships may be invited to a personal interview with the Board. Students who are being considered for merit scholarships not renewed may also be invited for a personal interview with the Board.

(2) Merit Scholarships will be awarded primarily on the basis of the student's scholastic achievements, optometry college admission test scores, excellence of character and other pertinent qualifications. These scholarships are awarded in recognition of outstanding scholastic ability and performance. All information concerning the outstanding scholars in each class will be available to members of the Board at the time of selection.

(3) Voting will be on the same priority system used in selecting recipients of the loans. [635-X-2-.04 (2) (a&b)]

(4) Merit scholarships, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the upcoming freshman class, will be granted to candidates who receive the lowest priority scores provided three-fourths (3/4) of the Board members present approve the results of the voting. A Board member may request the Board to reconsider any candidate who receives a priority score low enough to qualify for a merit scholarship. The original score will be declared invalid and the Board will cast a substitute vote if such action is approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the Board members present.

(5) Each merit scholarship shall be renewed for a maximum of four (4) years provided the original recipient maintains ~~an accumulative academic average in the upper twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her class~~ a 3.4 grade point average.

(6) In the event a merit scholarship is not renewed, the Board will select another recipient for the remainder of the scholarship from the same class as the recipient.

Authors:

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-22-60, et seq.

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