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Alabama Commission on Higher Education

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Commission)

RULE NO. & TITLE: 300 – 4 – 4 - .02, Definition of Terms and
300 – 4 – 4 - .05, Disbursement of Funds

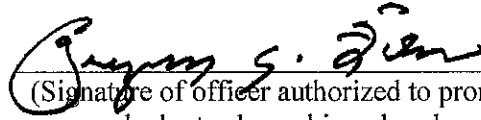
INTENDED ACTION: Amendment

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The new rule is intended to provide administrative procedures as regards the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program administered by the Commission. During the 2014 Session of the Alabama Legislature, Act 2014-179 was passed. This act changed the award amounts available to eligible students. In most instances it is believed that students will be able to have access to more funds on an annual basis. This change affects three areas within the administrative procedures. There is also an amendment to add language that was included in the original 1984 legislation, but not included in the administrative code, related to the maximum number of active duty days that a Guardsman can have before they are no longer eligible to participate in the program.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Persons wishing to present views on this new Chapter may contact Tim Vick, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2000, Telephone 334-353-9153 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day up to and including August 6, 2014.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: August 6, 2014

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Tim Vick


(Signature of officer authorized to promulgate
and adopt rules or his or her deputy)

300-4-4-.05 Disbursement Of Funds.

(1) The Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program shall determine from the completed applications received from all students the sufficiency of funds. ~~Each eligible student may receive a maximum of \$500 per semester or quarter. No eligible student shall receive more than \$1,000 per academic year.~~ Award amounts are restricted to a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100), and not to exceed 50 percent of the remaining balance after all federal benefits have been applied to the account of the student, for a total amount not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually, nor shall any student receive a grant at more than one approved institution during any one academic term.

(2) The Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program shall determine the dollar amount of each grant and shall prepare a voucher each term requesting that the State Comptroller disburse Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program funds for eligible students.

(3) The State Comptroller shall prepare a check payable to the student (by name) or to the student (by name) and the approved institution for each eligible grant recipient listed on the award list. Such checks and a certification roster with the amount of grant indicated for each eligible student(s), shall be forwarded to the approved institution for delivery to the student(s).

(a) No later than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the grant check(s), the approved institution shall issue the individual check(s) to the eligible student(s) and return the completed certification roster to the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program Office.

(4) If a student whose eligibility for a grant has been certified by an approved institution becomes ineligible for a grant before the expiration of the institutional tuition refund period, the grant funds shall not be delivered to the student, but shall be returned to the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program Office. Funds are considered received by a student when the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program check is delivered to the student.

(5) No person shall be eligible for an Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program grant for more than

ten (10) years after the date of the first grant payment granted through this program.

Author:

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§ 31-10-1, et seq.

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