

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No.: 5110052 Department or Agency: Optometric Scholarship Awards Board

Rule No.: 635-x-2-03

Rule Title: Application Procedure

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved, and if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A

Are all facts of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Division.

Signature of certifying officer: *Mark H. Martin*

Date: 11-14-13

OPTOMETRIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BOARD

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Optometric Scholarship Awards Board

RULE NO. & TITLE:

Chapter 635-x-2-.03 – Application Procedure

INTENDED ACTION:

Amend parts of the Board's Administrative Code to reflect changes in the law.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Amend parts of the Board's Administrative Code to reflect changes in the law.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

In writing, addressed to the Board's address, to the attention of Mark Martin.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

January 6, 2014

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635-X-2-.01 Number Of Loans. A number of loans ~~equal to twenty percent (20%)~~ not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the students enrolled in the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry professional program and/or the graduate program in ~~physiological optics~~ vision science will be awarded each academic year to full-time students who are in good standing or are members of the entering class. These loans will be awarded on the basis of the economic need and scholastic achievements of the applicant.

Author:

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

History: Filed September 7, 1984.

635-X-2-.02 Amount Of Each Loan. Each loan will be in ~~the an~~ an amount ~~of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum for a maximum of four (4) years or a total of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).~~ not to exceed the current annual cost of tuition at the University of Alabama School of Optometry.

Author:

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

History: Filed September 7, 1984.

635-X-2-.03 Application Procedure.

(1) Only bona fide residents of Alabama as described in the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham School of Optometry Bulletin are eligible to file applications for loans.

(2) Applicants must file an application form with the Board prior to a deadline date set by the Board. Simultaneous notification must be sent to the Student Affairs Office at the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Optometry.

(3) Parents or guardians of each applicant must file a Parent's Confidential Financial Report with the Board. Applications will not be reviewed if a Parent's Confidential Financial Report is not filed with the application.

(4) Full-time students in good standing enrolled in the professional program and/or the graduate program in ~~physiological-optics~~ vision science at the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Optometry may apply for the balance of a loan which is surrendered by the current recipient or is not renewed. Priority will be given to applicants who are members of the same class as the current recipient. The executive committee will select the recipients of the loans which are not renewed or are surrendered.

Author:

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

History: Filed September 7, 1984.

635-X-2-.04 Selection Of Recipients Of Loans.

(1) Pertinent information concerning each applicant's financial status and academic achievements will be compiled in outline form prior to the annual meeting. These outlines plus the applications and Parent's Confidential Financial Reports will be available to members of the Board attending the annual meeting. All of this information is strictly confidential.

(2) Recipients of loans who are members of the entering class will be selected by the priority voting system approved by the Board.

(a) Each Board member present at the meeting will rate each application from one (1) to five (5) to indicate his/her evaluation of the applicant's need and qualifications for financial aid relative to all other applicants who are students in good standing. One (1) is equal to the highest priority, five (5) is equal to the lowest priority.