

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

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

Rule No.: 635-x-2-.04

Rule Title: Selection of recipients of Loans

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: 

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-.04 –
Selection of Recipients of Loans

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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(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.

(b) The average rating of all Board members present will determine the applicants' priority for financial assistance.

(c) Loans not to exceed twenty-five percent (~~20~~25%) of the members of the upcoming freshman class, will be granted to applicants who receive the lowest average priority score,

provided three-fourths (3/4) of the Board members present approve the voting results. A Board member may request that the Board reconsider any application which receives a priority score low enough to qualify for a loan. 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.

(3) In the event a loan is not accepted by a recipient in the entering class it may be awarded to another qualified applicant who is a member of the same class. Priority will be given to the applicant whose average priority score ranked next to the last successful score.

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