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SENATE BILL 157

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

INTRODUCED BY  
Shannon Robinson

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS; LIMITING AWARDS AND  
ELIGIBILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-1-4.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,  
Chapter 71, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-1-4.3. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED--CERTAIN  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.--

A. To the extent that funds are made available by  
the legislature from the lottery tuition fund and subject to  
the limitations provided in this section, the boards of  
regents of New Mexico state university, New Mexico institute  
of mining and technology, eastern New Mexico university,  
western New Mexico university, the university of New Mexico,  
New Mexico highlands university and northern New Mexico state  
school shall award tuition scholarships for qualified

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1 resident students attending their respective institutions and  
2 branches of those institutions.

3 ~~[B. Except as authorized in Subsection C of this~~  
4 ~~section, the tuition scholarships authorized in this section~~  
5 ~~shall apply only to full-time resident students who,~~  
6 ~~immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a~~  
7 ~~public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon~~  
8 ~~receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, are accepted for~~  
9 ~~entrance to and attend one of the state educational~~  
10 ~~institutions set forth in this section or one of the branches~~  
11 ~~of those institutions. Each tuition scholarship shall be~~  
12 ~~awarded for up to four consecutive years beginning the second~~  
13 ~~semester of the recipient's first year of enrollment,~~  
14 ~~provided that the recipient has maintained residency in New~~  
15 ~~Mexico and maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or higher~~  
16 ~~on a 4.0 scale during his first semester of full-time~~  
17 ~~enrollment.~~

18 ~~C. The tuition scholarships authorized in this~~  
19 ~~section shall also apply to full-time resident students who,~~  
20 ~~immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a~~  
21 ~~public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon~~  
22 ~~receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, attend a two-year~~  
23 ~~public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico~~  
24 ~~and who, upon the completion of that curriculum or at the end~~  
25 ~~of two years, whichever is sooner, transfer to one of the~~  
~~post-secondary state educational institutions set forth in~~  
~~this section. Those students shall be eligible for a tuition~~

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1 ~~scholarship for two consecutive years, provided that those~~  
2 ~~students maintain residency in New Mexico, maintain a grade~~  
3 ~~point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and attend the~~  
4 ~~institution full time during the regular academic year.~~

5 ~~D. The tuition scholarships authorized in this~~  
6 ~~section shall also apply to full-time resident students who:~~

7 ~~(1) within one hundred twenty days of~~  
8 ~~completion of a high school curriculum at a public or~~  
9 ~~accredited private New Mexico high school, or of receiving a~~  
10 ~~graduate equivalent diploma, begin service in the United~~  
11 ~~States armed forces; and~~

12 ~~(2) within one hundred twenty days of~~  
13 ~~completion of honorable service or medical discharge from the~~  
14 ~~service are accepted for entrance to and attend one of the~~  
15 ~~state educational institutions set forth in this section.]~~

16 B. A tuition scholarship award shall be equal to  
17 forty percent of the cost of tuition and fees per semester at  
18 any of the four-year educational institutions set forth in  
19 Subsection A of this section and sixty-five percent of the  
20 cost of tuition and fees per semester at any of the two-year  
21 educational institutions set forth in that subsection.

22 C. A tuition scholarship is available to a New  
23 Mexico resident student who meets the following eligibility  
24 requirements:

25 (1) the annual income of the student's  
family is seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) or less, as  
defined by the commission on higher education;

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(2) the student:

(a) is accepted for entrance to and attends one of the state educational institutions set forth in Subsection A of this section immediately upon completion of a high school curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon receiving a graduate equivalent diploma;

(b) is accepted for entrance to and attends one of the four-year educational institutions set forth in Subsection A of this section upon completion of a high school curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school or upon receiving a graduate equivalent diploma and upon attendance at a two-year public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico that resulted in the completion of the two-year curriculum or transfer at the end of two years, whichever is sooner, to one of the four-year educational institutions; or

(c) within one hundred twenty days of completion of a high school curriculum at a public or accredited private New Mexico high school, or of receiving a graduate equivalent diploma, begins service in the United States armed forces and within one hundred twenty days of completion of honorable service or medical discharge from the United States armed forces is accepted for entrance to and attends one of the state educational institutions set forth in Subsection A of this section;

(3) the student maintains residency in New

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1 Mexico; and

2 (4) the student maintained a grade point  
3 average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during his first  
4 semester to qualify for the initial tuition scholarship and  
5 he continues to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or  
6 higher on a 4.0 scale during succeeding semesters to continue  
7 to receive the award.

8 D. A tuition scholarship shall be awarded for  
9 tuition and fees for a maximum of sixty credit hours within  
10 four consecutive years. A New Mexico resident student may  
11 receive a tuition scholarship for part-time or full-time  
12 attendance at an educational institution set forth in  
13 Subsection A of this section.

14 E. The commission on higher education shall  
15 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student initial and  
16 continuing eligibility criteria and guidelines for  
17 administration of the tuition scholarship program.  
18 Guidelines shall be distributed to the board of regents of  
19 each institution to enable a uniform availability of the  
20 resident student tuition scholarships."

21 Section 2. Section 21-13-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,  
22 Chapter 17, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

23 "21-13-10. BOARD DUTIES.--

24 A. It ~~[shall be]~~ is the duty of the community  
25 college board to determine financial and educational policies  
of the community college. The community college board shall  
provide for the management of the community college and

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1 execution of these policies by selecting a competent  
2 president for the community college, and, upon the  
3 president's recommendation, the board shall employ other  
4 administrative personnel, instructional staff or other  
5 personnel as may be needed for the operation, maintenance and  
6 administration of the community college.

7 B. The community college board shall have the  
8 power to fix tuition and fee rates for resident and  
9 nonresident students of the district, to accept gifts, to  
10 accept federal aid, to purchase, hold, sell and rent property  
11 and equipment and to promote the general welfare of the  
12 institution for the best interest of educational service to  
13 the people of the community college district.

14 C. To the extent that funds are made available by  
15 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the community  
16 college board shall award tuition scholarships for qualified  
17 resident students attending ~~[their respective institutions]~~  
18 the community college. A tuition scholarship shall be equal  
19 to sixty-five percent of the cost of tuition and fees per  
20 semester at the community college.

21 D. ~~[The]~~ A tuition ~~[scholarships]~~ scholarship  
22 authorized in this section shall apply ~~[only]~~ to a part-time  
23 or full-time resident ~~[students]~~ student who, immediately  
24 upon completion of a high school curriculum at a public or  
25 accredited private New Mexico high school or upon receiving a  
graduate equivalent diploma, ~~[are]~~ is accepted for entrance  
to and ~~[attend]~~ attends a community college. ~~[Each]~~ A

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1 tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to two  
2 consecutive years beginning the second semester of the  
3 ~~[recipient's]~~ student's first year of enrollment ~~[provided~~  
4 ~~that the recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and~~  
5 ~~maintained a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0~~  
6 ~~scale during his first semester of full-time enrollment]~~ if  
7 the student meets the following eligibility requirements:

8 (1) the annual income of the student's  
9 family is seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) or less, as  
10 defined by the commission on higher education;

11 (2) the student maintains residency in New  
12 Mexico; and

13 (3) the student maintained a grade point  
14 average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during his first  
15 semester to qualify for the tuition scholarship and he  
16 continues to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher  
17 on a 4.0 scale during succeeding semesters to continue to  
18 receive the award.

19 E. The commission on higher education shall  
20 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student initial and  
21 continuing eligibility criteria and guidelines for  
22 administration of the tuition scholarship program.  
23 Guidelines shall be distributed to community college boards  
24 to enable a uniform availability of the resident student  
25 tuition scholarship."

Section 3. Section 21-16-10.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
1996, Chapter 71, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

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1 "21-16-10.1. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED.--

2 A. To the extent that funds are made available by  
3 the legislature from the lottery tuition fund, the board of a  
4 technical and vocational institute shall award tuition  
5 scholarships for qualified resident students attending a  
6 technical and vocational institute.

7 B. The tuition scholarships authorized in this  
8 section shall apply ~~[only]~~ to a part-time or full-time  
9 resident ~~[students]~~ student who, immediately upon completion  
10 of a high school curriculum at a public or accredited private  
11 New Mexico high school or upon receiving a graduate  
12 equivalent diploma ~~[are]~~ is accepted for entrance to and  
13 ~~[attend]~~ attends a technical and vocational institute.

14 ~~[Each]~~ A tuition scholarship shall be awarded for up to two  
15 consecutive years beginning the second semester of the  
16 ~~[recipient's]~~ student's first year of enrollment ~~[provided~~  
17 ~~that the recipient has maintained residency in New Mexico and~~  
18 ~~maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0~~  
19 ~~scale during his first semester of full-time enrollment with~~  
20 ~~renewal of an additional two years upon transfer]~~ if the  
21 student meets the following eligibility requirements:

22 (1) the annual income of the student's  
23 family is seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) or less, as  
24 defined by the commission on higher education;

25 (2) the student maintains residency in New  
Mexico; and

(3) the student maintained a grade point



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1 average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale during his first  
2 semester to qualify for the tuition scholarship and he  
3 continues to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher  
4 on a 4.0 scale during succeeding semesters to continue to  
5 receive the award.

6 C. The commission on higher education shall  
7 prepare guidelines setting forth explicit student initial and  
8 continuing eligibility criteria and guidelines for  
9 administration of the tuition scholarship program.  
10 Guidelines shall be distributed to the boards of technical  
11 and vocational institutes to enable a uniform availability of  
12 the resident student tuition scholarships."

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