

**WAC 250-65-020 Program definitions.** (1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in an approved education program in this state. A student's acceptance of a scholarship creates a contractual obligation on the part of the student to teach for a period of two years in an approved education program for each year of scholarship received or incur an obligation to repay all or part of the scholarship.

(2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" shall mean any public university, college, community college, or vocational-technical institute operated by the state of Washington political subdivision thereof, or any other university, college, school or institute in the state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level which is a member institution of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and, if such institution agrees to participate in the program in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. Any institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of the above named accrediting association.

(3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board. When a duty or responsibility of the board is referenced in these regulations, the authority needed to discharge that responsibility lies with the executive director or his or her designee.

(4) "Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school, junior high school, or high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX of the state constitution.

(5) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means that a portion of the student's loan is reduced through the rendering of service as a teacher in an approved education program in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

(6) "Approved education program" means an education program in the state of Washington for knowledge and skills generally learned in preschool through twelfth grade. Approved education programs may include but are not limited to:

- (a) K-12 schools under Title 28A RCW;
- (b) Early childhood education and assistance programs under RCW 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 or the Federal Head Start Program;
- (c) An approved school under chapter 28A.195 RCW;
- (d) Education centers under chapter 28A.205 RCW;
- (e) English as a second language program and programs leading to high school graduation or the equivalency operated by community or technical colleges; and
- (f) Tribal schools in Washington approved by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full either through the rendering of service or monetary repayment in fulfillment of the student's contractual obligation.

(8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received one or more disbursements under this program.

(9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program consideration due to societal concerns such as high drop out rates or low rates of college participation by members of this group. Wherever possible students selected for participation in the conditional scholarship program should be able to serve as role models for children and youth from targeted ethnic minorities.

(10) "Washington resident" or "resident student" means an individual who satisfies the requirements of RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015 and board-adopted rules and regulations pertaining to the determination of residency.

(11) "Needy student" shall mean a post-high school student of an institution of higher learning as defined in RCW 28B.10.802(1) who demonstrates to the board the financial inability, either through the student's parents, family and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books and tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter.

(12) "Financial need" shall be the difference between the budgetary cost to the student attending an institution of postsecondary education and the total applicant resources which the institutional financial aid officer determines can reasonably be expected to be available to the student for meeting such costs.

(13) "Budgetary cost" of attending an institution shall consist of that amount required to support the individual and his or her dependents during the period in which that individual is enrolled as a student. Budgets will reflect the latest recognized cost levels for room and board, transportation, books, supplies, personal expenses, and other cost factors deemed necessary for consideration, consistent with WAC 250-65-040(3).

(14) "Total applicant resources" for the dependent student shall mean the sum of the amounts which reasonably may be expected from the student and his or her spouse to meet the student's cost of education, and the amount which reasonably may be expected to be made available to the student by his or her parents for such purpose. For the independent student total applicant resources shall mean the amount which reasonably may be expected from the student and his or her spouse to meet the student's cost of education.

(15) "Dependent student" definition shall be consistent with the definition used for determining dependence for federal student aid programs.

(16) "Independent student" definition shall be consistent with the definition used for determining independence for federal student aid programs.

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