

CHAPTER 463

AN ACT to repeal 36.161 (1) and 37.11 (12); to renumber and amend 36.161 (2) and 37.11 (13); to repeal and recreate 20.850 (1) (b), as affected by chapter 163, laws of 1965; and to create 20.415 (2), 39.023 (8), (9) and (10) and 41.13 (11) of the statutes, relating to scholarships for resident students in the university of Wisconsin, state colleges and vocational schools, the expansion of state honor scholarships, providing matching funds for national defense student loans at vocational schools, and making appropriations.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to reduce the financial barriers that prevent worthy and needy students from obtaining higher education. The elimination of financial barriers will increase the state's greatest resource, educated and technically and professionally trained citizens. To achieve this purpose, this bill creates a new scholarship program for worthy and needy students at vocational-technical schools, improves the leadership and need scholarships for students at the university of Wisconsin and the state universities and expands the state honor scholarship program for academically talented graduates of Wisconsin high schools.

SECTION 2. 20.415 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

20.415 (2) HONOR SCHOLARSHIPS. (a) *Stipends*. The amounts in the schedule to carry out the purposes of s. 39.023 (8).

SECTION 3. 20.850 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by chapter 163, laws of 1965, is repealed and recreated to read:

20.850 (1) (b) *Student aids*. The amounts in the schedule for such scholarships as the board directs and as authorized by s. 41.13 (11) and funds to reimburse local boards who have secured national defense student loans as provided by the national defense education act of 1958, P.L. 85-864, as amended. On July 1, 1965, and annually thereafter, the state board shall reimburse local boards with sums equal to the amounts spent by the local boards during the prior fiscal year for obtaining federal student loans under the national defense education act of 1958, P.L. 85-864, as amended.

SECTION 4. 36.161 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 36.161 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 36.161 (1) and amended to read:

36.161 (1) The board of regents of the state university shall have the authority to ~~university of Wisconsin may~~ grant scholarships equivalent in value to the payment of all incidental fees to bona fide residents of the state who, during their high school or college courses, were good students, are in financial need, and possess qualifications for leadership. *The monetary value of scholarships granted shall vary with the recipient's financial need. A scholarship granted an individual by the board of regents under this section shall not exceed an amount equal to 67% of the financial need of the individual student as determined by the institution in conformance with procedures established by the state commission for higher educational aids.*

SECTION 6. 37.11 (12) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 7. 37.11 (13) of the statutes is renumbered 37.11 (12) and amended to read:

37.11 (12) The board of regents of state colleges shall have authority to may grant scholarships equivalent in value to the payment of all incidental fees to bona fide residents of the state who, during their high school or college courses, were good students, are in financial need and possess qualifications for leadership. *The monetary value of scholarships granted shall vary with the recipient's financial need. A scholarship granted an individual by the board of regents under this section shall not exceed an amount equal to 67% of the financial need of the individual student as determined by the institution in conformance with procedures established by the state commission for higher educational aids.*

SECTION 8. 39.023 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

39.023 (8) HONOR SCHOLARSHIPS. (a) For the purpose of recognizing and awarding scholastically talented graduates of Wisconsin high schools who are residents of the state as defined in s. 36.16, so far as applicable, there are created, on July 1, 1966, honor scholarships which may be awarded to qualified students who plan to enroll as first-time, full-time freshmen at any approved, nonprofit publicly or privately supported institution of higher education in Wisconsin, including first-time, full-time students enrolling in associate degree programs approved by the state board of vocational, technical and adult education and nursing schools approved by the Wisconsin state board of nursing. Honor scholarships shall be cash stipends awarded directly to students. No honor scholarships shall be awarded to persons who plan to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, religious education or to religious aspirants.

(b) Honor scholarship recipients shall receive stipends based on individual financial need which is calculated by deducting resources available to the student from total educational costs. The amount of tuition used in calculating total educational costs shall not exceed \$400 for 2 semesters or its equivalent; and any amounts received under chapter 264, laws of 1965, shall not be included in calculating available resources. The minimum honor scholarship awarded to any student shall be \$100, notwithstanding the student's need. The maximum scholarship awarded to a student shall be \$800.

(c) The state commission for higher educational aids shall be the body responsible for administering the honor scholarship program. The commission shall formulate a method for identifying Wisconsin high school graduates who are scholastically talented. Honor scholarships shall be awarded to the most scholastically talented graduates of Wisconsin high schools through employment of the following methods:

1. Honor scholarships shall be awarded to 2 graduates at each Wisconsin publicly or privately supported secondary school enrolling less than 250 students who are scholastically ranked in the top 10% of their graduating classes; to 4 graduates at each Wisconsin publicly or privately supported secondary school enrolling 250 to 750 students who are scholastically ranked in the top 10% of their graduating classes; to 6 graduates at each Wisconsin publicly or privately supported secondary school enrolling 750 or more students who are scholastically ranked in the top 10% of their graduating classes.

2. To those who scholastically rank within the top 10% of their high school graduating class, scholarships shall be awarded in rank order based on criteria to be determined by the commission.

(d) The rule-making authority granted to the commission under sub. (5), shall apply to the administration of the honor scholarship program.

SECTION 9. 39.023 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

39.023 (9) ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The state commission for higher educational aids shall appoint an advisory committee composed of guidance counselors from Wisconsin publicly and privately supported secondary schools and financial aid officers from institutions of higher education to advise the commission on methods of identifying scholastically talented high school graduates. The committee shall also advise the commission on all matters pertaining to the operation, administration and improvement of the state's student financial aid program. All advisory committee members who are not employes of state agencies shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses while attending committee meetings. Advisory committee members who are employes of state agencies shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses from their employing state agencies.

SECTION 10. 39.023 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

39.023 (10) ANNUAL REPORT. The commission shall make an annual report to the legislature and governor which shall contain the status of present financial aid programs and shall include recommendations for improvement of the state's student financial aid program.

SECTION 11. 41.13 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

41.13 (11) The state board of vocational, technical and adult education may grant scholarships to bona fide residents of the state who, during their high school or college courses, were good students, are in financial need, possess qualifications for leadership and are enrolled in state-wide full-time associate degree and collegiate transfer programs under sub. (5). The monetary value of scholarships granted shall vary with the recipient's financial need. A scholarship granted an individual by the state board under this section shall not exceed an amount equal to 67% of the financial need of the individual student as determined by the institution in conformance with procedures established by the state commission for higher educational aids.

SECTION 12. The general program operations appropriation for the state commission for higher educational aids, under section 20.415 (1) (a) of the statutes, is increased by \$5,000 in 1965-66 and \$15,000 in 1966-67.

SECTION 13. The dollar amount in the schedule under section 20.005 (2) (a) of the statutes to reflect the appropriation under section 20.415 (2) of the statutes is as follows:

		1965-66	1966-67
Higher education aids, state			
commission for	20.415		
Honor scholarships	(2)		
General purpose revenue			
Stipends	(a)	\$	\$892,000

SECTION 14. The dollar amounts for the following appropriations in the schedule under section 20.005 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1965, are changed as follows:

- (1) The dollar amount for 1966-67 under section 20.760 (1) (a) of the statutes is decreased by \$918,100.
- (2) The dollar amount for 1966-67 under section 20.760 (3) (a) of the statutes is increased by \$1,371,500.
- (3) The dollar amount for 1966-67 under section 20.760 (1) (g) of the statutes is increased by \$918,100.

(4) The dollar amount for 1966-67 under section 20.830 (1) (a) of the statutes is increased by \$245,200.

(5) The dollar amount for 1966-67 under section 20.830 (1) (g) of the statutes is increased by \$705,300.

(6) The dollar amount for 1965-66 under section 20.850 (1) (b) of the statutes is increased by \$5,000 and for 1966-67 by \$165,800.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1966, except SECTIONS 9, 12 and 14, which shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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