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TOPICS:	Proposed Changes to Scholarship and Grant Programs

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission approved an Emergency Rule and Notice of Intent at its meeting held on October 17, 2007 that changes several provisions for programs administered by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance. Specifically, the proposed changes affect the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship, Louisiana GO Grant, Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership (LEAP), and Dual Enrollment Programs.

The attached rules incorporate the changes into the Scholarship and Grant Programs rules. A brief summary of the changes follows.

Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship

The proposed changes:

- Clarify that the "Merit Ranking Formula" used to rank eligible applicants for selection for a Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship is only applicable for initial applicants for the award and adds a tie breaker to the formula;
- Clarify that Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship recipients are not required to file a renewal FAFSA to continue receiving the award in subsequent years;
- Clarify that award disbursements to students for this award for term schools is \$333 for the Fall and Winter terms and \$334 for the Spring term;
- Remove the criminal conviction prohibition;
- Require that the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship application, promissory note and FAFSA must be submitted to LOSFA by July 1st to be considered for a Fall payment and December 1st for a Spring payment; and
- Clarify that students must enroll full-time each semester or term to remain eligible for the award.

Louisiana GO Grant

The proposed changes:

- Add a definition for “Eligible Louisiana Institution” and substitutes this term in the Louisiana GO Grant rules for the term “Postsecondary Institution” where applicable;
- Add definitions for *Expected Family Contribution (EFC)* and *Financial Need* and slightly modifies several other definitions;
- Remove the criminal conviction prohibition;
- Add alternative Louisiana residency requirements for displaced students;
- Clarify that the two consecutive semester break requirement is only applicable to students who are 25 years old or older and who enrolled as a first time freshman before the 2007-2008 academic year; and
- Clarify that any student who was a first time freshman beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year or later who was not initially Pell eligible but subsequently becomes Pell eligible then qualifies for a GO Grant award.
- Clarify that an over award occurs when financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance or financial need.

Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership (LEAP)

The proposed changes:

- Clarify that a student must be a matriculating or “degree seeking” student to qualify for an award; and
- Correct an obsolete reference in the Scholarship and Grant Rules to the program that preceded the LEAP Program.

Dual Enrollment Program

The proposed changes:

- Clarify that an equivalent SAT score can be used to determine eligibility;
- Clarify that students are required to meet the postsecondary institution’s pre-requisite requirement for academic mathematics and English courses to enroll;
- Add an exception to the eligibility requirements for students who could not take the PLAN assessment due to a natural disaster; and
- Clarify that students enrolled after the 14th class day for semester schools or 9th class day for term schools are eligible for the Dual Enrollment award.

For additional information, please contact one of our Public Information Officers by calling **225-922-1012** or toll-free by dialing **1-800-259-LOAN (5626), Extension 1012**.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Student Financial Assistance Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance

Scholarship/Grant Programs
(LAC 28:IV.301, 505, 1101, 1103, 1107,
1201, 1203, 1205, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1301,
1405, 1413, 1701)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend and re-promulgate the rules of the Scholarship/Grant programs [R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, and R.S. 17:3042.1.1-3042.8, R.S. 17:3048.1, R.S. 56:797.D(2)].

The emergency Rules are necessary to implement changes to the Scholarship/Grant programs to allow the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance and state educational institutions to effectively administer these programs. A delay in promulgating Rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible students and the financial condition of their families. LASFAC has determined that these emergency Rules are necessary in order to prevent imminent financial peril to the welfare of the affected students.

This declaration of emergency is effective October 17, 2007, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG0891E)

Title 28. EDUCATION

Part IV. Student Financial Assistance— Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Programs

Chapter 3. Definitions

§301. Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in these rules shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

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Louisiana Resident—

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h. For any dependent student

graduating from an out-of-state high school during the 2006-2007 academic year (high school) whose parent or court-ordered custodian was a member of the United States armed forces who, in the year 2006, moved from Louisiana under permanent change of station orders and retired from the armed forces, and changed his military personnel records to reflect a change of his state of legal residence from Louisiana to another state, shall meet the requirements of this Item, provided that such parent or court-ordered custodian changes his military personnel records from the other state to reestablish Louisiana as his state of legal residence no later than July 1, 2007, and has filed a Louisiana state income tax return for the two years preceding the date of the dependent's graduation from high school.

*Merit Ranking Formula—*a mathematical equation incorporating selected merit factors that is used to rank eligible applicants in the priority by which initial competitive scholarships are to be awarded. As of July 1, 1997, the TOPS Teacher Award and Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship are the only programs in which applicants are competitively ranked. The following formulas for the merit ranking of scholarship applicants provide for the equating of scores for high school graduating seniors and college students.

a. Formula I—applies to applicants for the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship with less than 24 hours of graded college credit and to applicants for the TOPS Teacher Award with less than 48 hours of graded college credit:

$$\text{Merit Score} = \left(\left(\frac{\text{HSGPA}}{4.00} \right) \times 60 \right) + \left(\left(\frac{\text{ACT}}{36} \right) \times 40 \right)$$

b. Formula IA—applies to applicants for the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship who are qualified home study completers with less than 24 hours of graded college credit:

$$\text{Me Score} = \left(\frac{\text{ACT}}{36} \right) \times 100$$

c. Formula II—applies to applicants for the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship with 24 or more hours of graded college credit and to applicants for the TOPS Teacher Award with 48 or more hours of graded college credit:

$$\text{Merit Score} = ((\text{College GPA}) \times 90) + ((\frac{\text{College Level}}{4}) \times 10)$$

d. Formula III—applies to applicants for the TOPS Teacher Award. For those applicants majoring in math or chemistry, an additional 10 points are added to the merit score determined by Formula I or II, resulting in an adjusted merit score.

e. Applicants' merit scores are ranked in descending order with the applicant with the highest merit score ranked first. The number of applicants selected for award is dependent upon the amount of award funds available.

f. In the event of a tie, the eligible applicants will be ranked based on the following criteria in the order listed:

i. the applicant with more college hours earned; or

ii. the student with the highest ACT (or equivalent SAT) score.

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(September 2004), LR 31:36 (January 2005), LR 31:3112 (December 2005), LR 33:86 (January 2007), LR 33:439 (March 2007), LR 33:1339 (July 2007), LR 33:

Chapter 5. Applications, Federal Grant Aid and ACT Test

§505. Application Deadlines for High School Graduates and Home Study Completers of 2004 and Later and Eligible Non-Graduates

A.1. - F.3.b. ...

4. All recipients of Louisiana Scholarship and Grant Programs other than TOPS [and the Rockefeller Wildlife Scholarship Program](#) must submit a renewal FAFSA for each academic year (college) the student enrolls.

G. ...

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Chapter 11. Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship

§1101. General Provisions

A.1. - C.2. ...

3. The award is disbursed:

a. at postsecondary institutions using semesters at the rate of \$500 each fall and spring semester term; or

b. at postsecondary institutions using terms at the rate of \$333 for the fall and winter term and of \$334 for the spring term.

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§1103. Establishing Eligibility

A. - A.2. ...

3.a. through the 2007-2008 academic year (college), submit the completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal FAFSA, whichever is applicable to the student, so that it is received by the federal processor by the final deadline set forth in §501.C or §505.F; or

b. beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year (college):

i. to be eligible for the scholarship for both fall and spring semesters of the academic year (college), submit the completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal FAFSA, whichever is applicable to the student, so that it is received by the federal processor and by LOSFA by the final deadline set forth in §501.C or §505.F;

ii. to be eligible for the scholarship, if funds are available, for the spring semester of the academic year (college), submit the completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal FAFSA, whichever is applicable to the student, so that it is received by the federal processor by the final deadline set forth in §501.C or §505.F; and

4.a. through the 2007-2008 academic year (college), complete and submit such documentary evidence as may be required by LASFAC LOSFA; or

b. beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, complete and submit such documentary evidence as may be required by LOSFA so that it is received by LOSFA no later than July 1 preceding the academic year (college) for which the scholarship is sought; and

5. beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year:

a. to be eligible for the scholarship for both fall and spring semesters of the academic year (college), complete and submit the Rockefeller Wildlife Scholarship Application and a master promissory note so that they are received by LOSFA no later than July 1 preceding the fall semester for which the scholarship is sought; or

b. to be eligible for the scholarship, if funds are available for the spring semester of the academic year (college), complete and submit the Rockefeller Wildlife Scholarship Application and a master promissory note so that they are received by

LOSFA no later than December 1 immediately preceding the spring semester for which the scholarship is sought; and
5. not have a criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic violations; and

A.6. - A.9.b. ...

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§1107. Maintaining Eligibility

A. - A.3. ...

4. continue to enroll as a full time student each subsequent semester or quarter (excluding summer sessions and intersessions) at the same institution unless granted an exception for cause and/or approval for transfer of the award by LASFAC; and

5. ...

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Chapter 12. Louisiana GO Grant **§1201. General Provisions**

A. Authority

1. In accordance with the requirements of Act 695 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Board of Regents developed the GO Grant Program. The program was reviewed and approved by both the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education on April 12, 2007.

2. The Louisiana GO Grant Program is administered by the Louisiana Office of

Student Financial Assistance in accordance with the approved program and a memorandum of understanding by and between the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission.

B. Description, History and Purpose.

The Louisiana GO Grant assists those students who can demonstrate financial need to pay for the cost of postsecondary education. The GO Grant is used to pay a portion of the cost of attendance at an eligible Louisiana institution.

C. Maximum Award Amount

1. The maximum annual award for any student is \$2,000 per academic year.

2. The annual award amount for students who enroll less than full time shall be reduced based on the maximum amount **for which the eligible Louisiana postsecondary** institution is authorized to submit a payment request in §1211.C.2.

3. The maximum total lifetime award amount for any student is \$10,000.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 33:

§1203. Definitions. The following definitions shall be applicable to the Louisiana GO Grant Program.

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

Academic Year—the academic year begins with the fall semester or term of the award year, includes the winter term, if applicable, and concludes with the completion of the spring semester or term of the award year. Summer terms *may* be included in the academic year if the postsecondary institution provides students with Pell grants or financial need grants during the summer session, in which case, the academic year culminates with the summer session.

Administering Agency—the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission through the Louisiana Office of

Student Financial Assistance or LOSFA.

Age—a student's age is calculated by subtracting his birth year from the academic begin year he begins college enrollment. For example, a student who is born in 1983 who enrolls in college during the fall semester of 2007 or the spring semester of 2008 is 24.

Cost of Attendance—the total cost for a student to attend a particular postsecondary institution, usually expressed as an academic year figure. This cost shall be determined by the postsecondary institution attended in compliance with Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and shall be annually updated and adopted by the institution.

Credit-bearing Course—a course in which postsecondary education credit is attempted.

Dependent Student—a student who does not qualify as an independent student and is deemed to be dependent on his parents for support and therefore is required to include parental information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or renewal FAFSA.

Education Allowance—\$2,000 per academic year.

Education Cost Gap (ECG)—

a. For **eligible Louisiana postsecondary** institutions, except a Louisiana public college that has been granted regional Candidacy Status and is eligible to participate in the Go Grant Program, the Louisiana Basic College Costs (LBCC) minus the federal Pell grant amount for a full time student.

b. For a Louisiana public college that has been granted regional Candidacy Status and is eligible to participate in the Go Grant Program, the Louisiana Basic College Costs (LBCC) minus the financial need grant amount at that institution for a full time student.

Eligible Louisiana

Institution—Louisiana public colleges or universities and regionally accredited independent colleges or universities in the state that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and a Louisiana public college that has been granted regional Candidacy Status, but is not yet eligible to participate in Title IV programs, may award students a GO Grant. Candidacy Status institutions must

require students to complete a FAFSA and the institution must determine a student's eligibility in accordance with rules under this chapter.

Enrollment—Registration in programs of study ~~for which a student may receive a Pell grant or a financial need grant~~ at a postsecondary institution.

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)—an amount, determined by a formula established by Congress, that indicates how much of a family's financial resources should be available to help pay for the student's cost of attendance. Factors such as taxable and nontaxable income, assets (such as savings and checking accounts), and benefits (for example, unemployment or Social Security) are all considered in this calculation.

Federal Pell Grant—the Pell Grant provided under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Financial Need—The student's cost of attendance minus the expected family contribution (EFC) minus any estimated financial assistance not received under Title IV of the Higher Education Act as amended.

Financial Need Grant—an institutional grant provided by the state for students with financial need as evidenced by the data reported on the FAFSA at a Louisiana public college that has been granted regional candidacy status and is eligible to participate in the Go Grant Program.

First-time Freshman—A student who, after high school graduation, has never attended any ~~college or other~~ postsecondary institution, and those including students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term after high school graduation and students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

Full Time—A student enrolled in a postsecondary an eligible Louisiana institution who is considered program full time by the school, or is enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours, or 8 hours at a term school.

Go Grant Award Amount—the award amount actually paid during an academic year.

Half Time — A student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana a postsecondary

institution who is not full time but is enrolled in at least six semester credit hours, or four hours at a term school.

Independent Student—a student who meets at least one of the criteria listed in Subparagraphs a-f or has been determined independent by a financial aid officer exercising professional judgment in accordance with applicable provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended:

a. reached 24 years of age prior to January of the year preceding the academic year for which the student is applying for aid;

b. is currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training or is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, including a student who was activated to serve in Operation Desert Storm;

c. is an orphan or a ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18;

d. has legal dependents other than a spouse;

e. is a graduate or professional student;

f. is married.

Less Than Half Time — A student enrolled in an eligible Louisiana institution who is not full time and is enrolled in less than six semester credit hours or four hours at a term school.

Louisiana Basic College Costs (LBCC)—

a. For students enrolled at eligible Louisiana public postsecondary institutions, the tuition and mandatory fees that are assessed a full time student for enrollment during the academic year at that institution, not including summer semesters or sessions, as approved on a yearly basis by the Louisiana Board of Regents, plus the education allowance.

b. For students enrolled at regionally accredited independent colleges or universities in the state that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the average tuition and mandatory fees for full time students at the four year eligible Louisiana public postsecondary institutions, plus the education allowance.

Louisiana resident—

a. A dependent or independent student whose true, fixed, and permanent home of residence is Louisiana as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

b. A dependent student whose non-custodial parent completes a residency affidavit in subparagraph e below that establishes Louisiana residency.

c. A dependent student whose parent is transferred out of Louisiana temporarily by his/her employer and that parent completes a residency affidavit in subparagraph e below that establishes Louisiana residency.

d. A dependent student whose parent is on active duty in the Armed Forces and who is stationed in Louisiana under permanent change of station orders, or an independent student who is on active duty military status in the Armed Forces and is stationed in Louisiana under permanent change of station orders.

e. If the dependent or independent student does not report Louisiana as his true, fixed, and permanent home of residence as Louisiana on the FAFSA, the administering agency may require an independent student applicant or the parent of a dependent student applicant to show proof of residency. Residency may be established by completion of a standard affidavit developed by the administering agency. Such affidavits must be completed in their entirety by the independent student applicant or by at least one parent of the dependent student applicant and be sworn to and notarized by a licensed notary public. Further, the affiant shall be required to submit records in support of the affidavit to include the following records and such other records as may be required by the administering agency:

- i. if registered to vote, a Louisiana voter registration card; and
- ii. if licensed to drive a motor vehicle, a Louisiana driver's license; and
- iii. if owning a motor vehicle located in Louisiana, a Louisiana registration for that vehicle; and
- iv. if earning a reportable income, a Louisiana tax return.

f.i. A displaced student who has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have graduated during the 2006-2007 school year from an out-of-state high school that meets the criteria of an eligible out-of-state high school as provided in §1701.A.4 and 5 and receives a Louisiana Distance Diploma from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is a Louisiana

Resident for the purposes of this Chapter if:

(a) such dependent or independent student actually resided in Louisiana during his entire 10th grade year of high school and was enrolled for such time in an eligible Louisiana high school; or

(b) such dependent student has a parent or court-ordered custodian who actually resided in a parish listed in Subclause f.ii.(a). below for at least the 12 months prior to August 26, 2005, or in a parish listed in Subclause f.ii.(b). below for at least the 12 months prior to September 20, 2005.

ii. For the purposes of this Subsection, *displaced student* means:

(a) a student who on August 26, 2005, was actually residing in Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, or Washington Parish and:

(i) was enrolled in an eligible Louisiana high school as provided in §1701.A.1, 2 and 3; or

(ii) was enrolled in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; or

(b) a student who on September 20, 2005, was actually residing in Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Mary, Terrebonne, or Vermilion Parish and:

(i) was enrolled in an eligible Louisiana high school as provided in §1701.A.1, 2 and 3; or

(ii) was enrolled in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Over Award—an over award occurs when a student receives financial aid in excess of his financial need or the cost of attendance of an award under state programs to which the student was not entitled.

Postsecondary Institution—An institution which has as its sole purpose or one of its primary missions the provision of postsecondary education. Postsecondary education is the provision of a formal instructional program whose curriculum is designed primarily for students beyond the compulsory age for high school. This includes programs whose purpose is academic, vocational, and continuing professional education, and excludes adult basic education programs. Louisiana public

~~colleges or universities and regionally accredited independent colleges or universities in the state that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and a Louisiana public college that has been granted regional Candidacy Status, but is not yet eligible to participate in Title IV programs, may award students a Go Grant. Candidacy Status institutions must require students to complete a FAESA and the institution must determine a student's eligibility in accordance with rules under this chapter.~~

Program Full Time—A student is enrolled in a degree program at an eligible Louisiana a postsecondary institution that the institution defines full-time as less than 12 hours per semester or eight hours per term.

Satisfactory Academic Progress—a standard established in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, by the institution at which a GO Grant recipient is enrolled for measuring a student's progress in his or her educational program.

Undergraduate Program—a program of study that is designed to lead to a certificate or undergraduate degree.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 33:

§1205. Application and Initial Eligibility

A. Application. A student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the year during which he intends to enroll in college.

B. Initial Eligibility. In order to be eligible for a Louisiana GO Grant, a student must:

1. be a Louisiana resident; and
2. receive a federal Pell grant or a financial need grant; and
3. have an Education Cost Gap (ECG) greater than \$0; and
4. a. be a ~~student who entered college as a~~ first time freshman who entered college during the 2007-2008 academic year 2007-2008 or later; or

b. ~~be a student who is age 24 or younger who~~ Have entered college as a first time freshman during the 2007-2008

academic year 2007-2008 or later and have become eligible for a federal Pell grant or a financial need grant after the freshman year; or

c. be ~~a student who is~~ age 25 or older and have entered college as a first time freshman before the 2007-2008 academic year and ~~who has have~~ had a break in enrollment of at least two consecutive semesters, not including a summer semester or term, immediately preceding the period of enrollment for which the student is being considered for receipt of a grant under this Chapter.

~~5. Not have a criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic violations.~~

C. In order to receive a grant under this Chapter, an eligible student must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an eligible Louisiana a postsecondary institution through the fourteenth class day (ninth class day at quarter and term schools).

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§1207. Continuing Eligibility

A. Application. A student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the Renewal Application for each year he enrolls in college to be considered for a Pell grant and the Go Grant.

B. A student's eligibility will be reevaluated on the same schedule as eligibility for a federal Pell grant or a financial need grant is determined at the institution, but at least once annually.

1. The student must continue to receive the federal Pell grant or a financial need grant.

2. The student must still have an education cost gap greater than \$0 as determined using the ECG formula.

3. The student must have maintained satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution in which he is enrolled in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 34:

§1209. Eligibility of Eligible Louisiana Postsecondary Institutions

A. Eligible Louisiana Postsecondary Institutions Eligible to Participate

1. Postsecondary Eligible public Louisiana institutions that provide undergraduate programs.

2. Regionally accredited private colleges and universities that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc. (LAICU). As of July 2007, LAICU membership included Centenary College, Dillard University, Louisiana College, Loyola University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Our Lady of the Lake College, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, St. Joseph Seminary College, Tulane Medical Center, Tulane University and Xavier University.

B. Audits

1. Postsecondary Eligible Louisiana institutions that participate in the Louisiana GO Grant program grant LOSFA and the Louisiana legislative auditor the right to inspect records and perform on-site audits of each institution's administration of the program for the purpose of determining the institution's compliance with state law and applicable rules and regulations.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 33:

§1211. Responsibilities of Eligible Louisiana Postsecondary Institutions

A. Initial Eligibility

1.a. Postsecondary Eligible Louisiana institutions must determine whether the student meets the criterion in Subparagraph a of the definition of Louisiana resident in §1203.

b. If this criterion is not met, the student may request that LOSFA make a determination of residency under Subparagraph e of the definition of Louisiana resident in §1203.

2. Eligible Louisiana Postsecondary institutions must determine whether a student meets the initial eligibility criteria

enumerated in §1205.B.2-4.

B. Continuing Eligibility. Eligible Louisiana Postsecondary institutions must determine whether a student meets the continuing eligibility criteria enumerated in §1207 on the same schedule as eligibility for a Pell grant or a financial need grant is determined at the institution, but at least once annually.

C. Submission of Payment Requests. Each semester or term, eligible Louisiana postsecondary institutions shall submit a payment request to LOSFA for students enrolled at the institution who have been determined eligible for a Louisiana GO Grant as follows:

1. for each student eligible for a Louisiana GO Grant who is enrolled at the end of the fourteenth class day for semester schools, or the 9th class day for quarter and term schools, or for any qualifying summer sessions, at the end of the last day to drop and receive a full refund for the full summer session;

2. payment request amount:

a. \$1,000 per semester for a student enrolled full time after the fourteenth class day in a postsecondary an eligible Louisiana institution that operates on a semester basis or \$667 (\$666 for the final term of the award year) per term for a student enrolled full time after the ninth class day in an eligible Louisiana postsecondary institution that operates on a term basis;

b. \$500 per semester for a student enrolled half time after the fourteenth class day in an eligible Louisiana postsecondary institution that operates on a semester basis or \$333 (\$334 for the final term) per term for a student enrolled half time after the ninth class day in an eligible Louisiana postsecondary institution that operates on a term basis;

c. \$250 per semester for a student enrolled less than half time after the fourteenth class day in an eligible Louisiana a postsecondary institution that operates on a semester basis or \$167 (or \$166 for the final term) per term for a student enrolled half time after the ninth class day in an eligible Louisiana a postsecondary institution that operates on a term basis;

d. for summer sessions, the difference between what the student was paid during the preceding fall semester or term, winter term, if applicable, and spring

semester or term and the student's maximum annual award amount; provided the award for the summer session shall not exceed \$1,000;

3. the payment request shall include the social security number, college code, term, date, hours attempted, award amount, education cost gap and amount requested for each student;

4. for students who are enrolled in more than one ~~postsecondary eligible Louisiana~~ institution, the home school (school paying the Pell grant or a financial need grant) is responsible for submitting a payment request for the Go Grant based on the total hours enrolled at all institutions.

D. Over Payments

1. No institution shall submit a payment request for GO Grant funds which would result in a student receiving an annual total of more than is authorized in §1201.C.

2. ~~Eligible Louisiana institutions~~ ~~Postsecondary Institutions~~ certify by submitting a payment request for a GO Grant that the institution will reimburse LOSFA for any award funds that are disbursed to ineligible students, in excess of the maximum annual award or in excess of the maximum lifetime award.

E. Over Award. In the event the student's total aid, including vocational rehabilitation awards, exceeds ~~his financial need or~~ the cost of attendance, any federal loan aid included in the total aid package shall be reduced, then institutional and other aid in accordance with institutional practice, then the Louisiana GO Grant, then a TOPS Award, if applicable, shall be reduced by the amount of any remaining over award.

F. Records Retention. Records pertaining to the payment requests for Louisiana GO Grants are subject to audit as required by LASFAC, the Louisiana Board of Regents, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. ~~Postsecondary Eligible Louisiana~~ institutions shall maintain all records for a minimum of three years from creation. All such records shall be made available upon request by LASFAC, the Louisiana Board of Regents and/or the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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§1213. Responsibilities of LOSFA

A. LOSFA shall pay each ~~eligible Louisiana postsecondary~~ institution an amount equal to that amount in a payment request by the ~~eligible Louisiana postsecondary~~ institution in accordance with the provisions of §1211.C.

B. LOSFA shall determine the residency of students who do not meet the criteria enumerated in Subparagraph a of the definition of Louisiana Resident in §1203 and notify ~~eligible Louisiana postsecondary~~ institutions of its determination(s).

C. LOSFA shall maintain a database of all students who have received the GO Grant, including social security number, college code, term, date, hours attempted, award amount, education cost gap amount, annual amount received, and aggregate amount received. In the event LOSFA receives a payment request for a student in an amount that would exceed the student's eligibility, LOSFA will pay only that amount that will not exceed the student's eligibility.

D. Adequacy of Funding

1. After the receipt of fall semester or term payment requests, but no later than October 15 of each year, LOSFA shall determine whether sufficient funds are available to pay all anticipated awards for subsequent semesters, terms and sessions of the academic year.

2. In the event projections indicate sufficient funds are not available, LOSFA shall notify the Board of Regents.

3. In the event additional funds are not allocated for payment of all anticipated awards for subsequent semesters, terms and sessions during the academic year, the Board of Regents shall develop, approve and deliver a plan to LOSFA to address the shortfall.

E. LOSFA shall audit ~~eligible Louisiana postsecondary~~ institutions to ensure compliance with these rules.

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Chapter 13. Leveraging Educational

Assistance Partnership (LEAP)**§1301. General Provisions**

A. - D. ...

E.1. Allocation of Funds. Annually, funds are allocated to post-secondary institutions based on school type, the school's prior year first-time, full-time enrollment of matriculating students and the amount of the prior year's allocation that was expended. Initial funds, for first-time recipients, are computed as a percentage of all participating institutions first-time, full-time enrollment as of October 10 of the prior fiscal year. A student's enrollment in an undergraduate degree granting school which is a component of a state supported medical center, shall be a first-time, full-time freshman for the purpose of this program. Continuation funds for students who had previously received LEAP are computed as a percentage of the allocated funds used during the previous year. The continuation formula applies 60 percent for four-year schools and 40 percent for two-year schools. For the purpose of this paragraph "matriculating student" means a degree seeking student.

E.2 - F. ...

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Chapter 14. Dual Enrollment Program**§1401. General Provisions**

A. The Dual Enrollment Program is administered by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in accordance with a memorandum of understanding by and between the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC).

B. Description, History and Purpose. The Dual Enrollment Program is established to provide funding to Louisiana public postsecondary institutions that enroll eligible 11th and 12th grade Louisiana public high

school students in college degree, developmental, or work skills courses. The purpose of the Dual Enrollment Program is to provide an incentive for qualified Louisiana public high school students to prepare for a postsecondary education or career.

C. Effective Date. Dual Enrollment Program payments shall be made beginning with the 2007-2008 award year to postsecondary institutions for 11th and 12th grade students meeting the eligibility criteria set forth in this Chapter.

D. Eligible Semesters/Terms. The Dual Enrollment Program will pay for enrollment in each college course during each semester or term of the academic year. Dual Enrollment Program will not pay for summer semesters or sessions.

E. Award Amount. The Dual Enrollment Program will pay postsecondary institutions \$100 per college credit hour, not to exceed \$300 per course, for each course in which the student is eligible to enroll.

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§1403. Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

Academic Year—the academic year begins with the fall semester or term of the award year, includes the winter term, if applicable, and concludes with the completion of the spring semester or term.

College Degree Course—a course in an academic subject at a Louisiana postsecondary institution that generates postsecondary institutional credit and appears on the current Board of Regents' Statewide General Education Course Articulation Matrix.

Enrichment/Developmental Course—an English or mathematics course at a Louisiana postsecondary institution that generates postsecondary institutional credit,

but not degree credit, and is designed to prepare the student for college-level instruction.

Postsecondary

Institution—Louisiana public colleges or universities.

Work Skills Course—a course at a Louisiana postsecondary institution in a skill or occupational training area that is designed to lead to an industry-based certificate.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 34:

§1405. Establishing Eligibility

A. To establish eligibility for the Dual Enrollment Program, all student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. be in the 11th or 12th grade in a Louisiana public high school;
2. be working towards and on track to complete the Regents/TOPS core curriculum by high school graduation;
3. a. have taken either the PLAN[®] or ACT assessment (or SAT) and those scores are on file at the high school; or
b. for §1405.D only, students who do not have an ACT (or SAT) score and have been accepted by the postsecondary institution based on its written determination that a student was unable to take the PLAN[®] due to a natural disaster.
4. have completed and submitted a Dual Enrollment Program application to the high school in which the student is enrolled;
5. be approved by the high school in which the student is enrolled to participate in the program and to enroll in the course or courses; and
6. be enrolled in a course for which both high school and college credit is available and is for which a Dual Enrollment Program payment is made.

B. Enrollment in a College Degree Course. In addition to the eligibility criteria in Section A.1-6, a student must have a PLAN[®] or ACT (or an equivalent SAT):

1. composite score of at least 17 to enroll in a college degree course;
2. English sub-score of at least 18 or meet the postsecondary institution's pre-requisite requirement to enroll in an entry

level English college degree course;

3. mathematics sub-score of at least 18 or meet the postsecondary institution's pre-requisite requirement to enroll in an entry level mathematics college degree course.

C. Enrollment in an Enrichment/Developmental Course. In addition to the eligibility criteria in Section A.1-6, a student must have a PLAN[®] or ACT (or an equivalent SAT):

1. composite score of at least 12 to enroll in an enrichment/developmental course;
2. English sub-score of at least 12 to enroll in an English enrichment/developmental course;
3. Mathematics sub-score of at least 12 to enroll in a mathematics enrichment/developmental course.

D. Enrollment in a Work Skills Course. In addition to the eligibility criteria in Section A.1-6, a student must have:

1. A a PLAN[®] or ACT Composite score (or an equivalent SAT score) of at least 12; or
2. have no ACT or SAT score and have been accepted by the postsecondary institution based on its written determination that a student was unable to take the PLAN[®] due to a natural disaster.

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§1407. Continuing Enrollment

A. To continue enrollment in subsequent semesters/terms in the Dual Enrollment Program, the student must:

1. have successfully completed and earned credit in the last course(s) in which a student enrolled through the Dual Enrollment Program. If the student resigns or withdraws from a course, the student must receive permission from both the high school and college to continue enrollment in subsequent semesters/terms;
2. be in good standing at the postsecondary institution;
3. continue to meet eligibility requirements in §1405.

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17:3042.1, R.S. 17:3048.1 and R.S. 17:3048.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 34:

§1409. Responsibilities of High Schools and School Boards

- A. The student's high school shall:
1. determine whether the student meets the initial eligibility criteria provided in §1405.A;
 2. approve or disapprove the student's participation in the program;
 3. approve the course or courses in which the student will enroll;
 4. provide to the postsecondary institution at which the student will be dually enrolled:
 - a. the student's approved application; and
 - b. the student's PLAN and/or ACT test scores, including sub-scores on those tests required to enrolled to enroll in specific courses as provided in §1405.B.-D.
- B. By forwarding the student's application to the postsecondary institution, the student's high school certifies that it has determined that the student has met all criteria in §1405.A to participate in the Dual Enrollment Program and has approved the student's participation in the program and the course or courses in which the student will be enrolled.
- C. Upon completion of the course, the high school shall include the high school course, units attempted, units earned, and course grade on the student's permanent high school transcript.
- D. At the end of each semester or term of participation in the program, the student's high school shall determine whether the student has met the criterion in §1407.A.1 for continued enrollment in the Dual Enrollment Program. If the student is determined eligible and the high school approves the student's continued participation in the program, it shall so notify the postsecondary institution and provide the course or courses approved for enrollment.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance

Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 34:

§1413. Responsibilities of Louisiana Public Postsecondary Institutions

- A. Each Louisiana public postsecondary institution that participates in the Dual Enrollment Program shall:
1. be responsible for determining that the student meets the PLAN or ACT eligibility criteria provided in §1405.B-D;
 2. reserve Dual Enrollment Program funds when the student is accepted and enrolled in an appropriate course;
 3. submit a payment request to LOSFA for students enrolled at the institution for whom a reservation was made as follows:
 - a. for each student eligible for the Dual Enrollment Program who is enrolled at the end of the 14th class day **or later** for semester schools, or the 9th class day **or later** for quarter and term schools;
 - b. Payment Request Amount. Each semester or term, the postsecondary institution in which a student is dually enrolled shall submit a payment request to LOSFA in the amount of \$100 per credit hour in which the student is enrolled, not to exceed \$300 for each college course;
 - c. the postsecondary institution may not charge the student any mandatory institutional and tuition fees for enrollment in a course paid for by the Dual Enrollment Program;
 - d. the payment request shall include the social security number, college code, high school code, term, date, college course type, hours attempted, and amount requested for each student;
 4. for students who have been previously enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program, determine whether the student is in good standing at that institution;
 5. by submitting a payment request to LOSFA, the postsecondary institution certifies that:
 - a. the student meets the eligibility criteria provided in 1405.B-D for the college course in which the student is dually enrolled;
 - b. the student was enrolled at the end of the 14th class day **or later** for semester schools, or the 9th class day **or later** for quarter and term schools;
 - c. the student's high school has provided notice that the student is eligible for

and has been approved to continue participation in the program; and

d. the student's high school has provided notice of the course or courses approved for enrollment;

e. the student is in good standing at the institution;

6. upon completion of the course, the postsecondary institution shall include the college course, credit attempted, credit earned, and course grade on the student's permanent postsecondary education transcript.

B. Records Retention

1. Records pertaining to the Dual Enrollment Program are subject to audit as required by LOSFA, LASFAC, the Louisiana Board of Regents, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Postsecondary institutions shall maintain all records for a minimum of three years. All such records shall be made available upon request by LOSFA, LASFAC, the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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§1415. Responsibilities of the Board of Regents

A. The Board of Regents shall provide a student application to participate in the Dual Enrollment Program.

B. The Board of Regents shall maintain a Statewide General Education Course Articulation Matrix.

C. In the event that the funds appropriated for the Dual Enrollment Program are insufficient to pay for all eligible students, the Board of Regents shall develop, approve and deliver a plan to LOSFA to address the shortfall.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 34:

§1417. Responsibilities of LOSFA

A. Upon receipt of payment requests from institutions submitted in accordance with §1413.A, LOSFA shall pay the institution for each eligible student in accordance with §1413.

B. LOSFA shall conduct audits of the participating Louisiana public postsecondary institutions to ensure compliance with program requirements.

C. LOSFA shall provide the information necessary to fully inform Louisiana public high school students and their parents on the requirements of and procedures for applying for and maintaining eligibility for the Dual Enrollment Program.

D. LOSFA shall audit high schools and postsecondary institutions to ensure compliance with these rules.

E. LOSFA shall maintain a database of all students who have participated in the Dual Enrollment Program, including social security number, college code, high school code, term, date, college course type, hours attempted, payment amount, and aggregate amount paid.

F.1. After the receipt of fall semester or term payment requests, but no later than October 15 of each year, LOSFA shall determine whether sufficient funds are available for all anticipated program payments for subsequent semesters and terms of the academic year.

2. In the event projections indicate sufficient funds are not available, LOSFA shall notify the Board of Regents.

3. In the event additional funds are not allocated for all program payments anticipated for subsequent semesters and terms during the academic year, the Board of Regents shall develop, approve and deliver a plan to LOSFA to address the shortfall.

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§1419. Responsibilities of LASFAC

A. LASFAC shall promulgate administrative rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, in consultation with the Louisiana Board of Regents and in accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered into by and between

LASFAC and the Louisiana Board of Regents.

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Chapter 17. Responsibilities of High Schools, School Boards, Special School Governing Boards, the Louisiana Department of Education and LASFAC on Behalf of Eligible Non-Louisiana High Schools

§1701. Eligibility of Graduates Based upon the High School Attended

A. - A.4.a. ...

i. graduates of out-of-state high schools are eligible to participate in the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship and the ~~State Student Incentive Grant Programs~~ Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program;

A.4.a.ii. - B. ...

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