

(4) Each individual awarded a William Donald Schaefer Scholarship under this section must have indicated and demonstrated to the Commission [and to the William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Advisory Council] a serious intent to enter public service on the completion of the student's educational program.

(N) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE PARREN J. MITCHELL PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND OFFER GRANTS TO STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL FOR AND WHO PLAN TO PURSUE A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING:

(I) SOCIAL WORK SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN THE STATE;

(II) NURSING SERVICES IN NURSING SHORTAGE AREAS IN THE STATE AS DEFINED IN § 18-802 OF THIS TITLE; OR

(III) OTHER SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC OR NONPROFIT SECTORS IN WHICH THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS TO LOW-INCOME OR UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OR AREAS OF THE STATE.

(3) IN MAKING PARREN J. MITCHELL PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ENDEAVOR TO SELECT AWARD RECIPIENTS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S RICH CULTURAL, GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

(4) EACH INDIVIDUAL AWARDED A PARREN J. MITCHELL PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION MUST HAVE INDICATED AND DEMONSTRATED TO THE COMMISSION A SERIOUS INTENT TO ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

[(n)] (O) (1) There is a Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Fund in the Commission.

(2) The Commission:

(i) May accept any gift or grant from any person or corporation for the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Fund;