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ITEM 138-112-R0308

Revisions to Policy 501.1, Montana University System Honor Scholarships

THAT:

The Board of Regents of Higher Education revises Policy 501.1, Montana University System Honor Scholarships, first, to include an exception for children of parents serving in active duty in the armed forces and, second, clarify the scholarship's GPA requirement.

EXPLANATION:

Eligibility Exception: As currently written, the MUS Honor Scholarship requires a student to physically attend an accredited Montana high school for at least 3 of the possible 4 years, one of which must be the senior year. The purpose of this revision is to create an exception whereby students whose parents are in active military duty can still qualify to apply for the MUS Honor Scholarship under certain conditions.

Those conditions are: (1) such students must attend accredited high schools which award grades competitively for at least 3 of their 4 high school years; (2) such students must attend accredited Montana high schools during their senior years and their grades must be computed on those high schools' grading systems; and (3) to be eligible, parents in active military service must have been residents of Montana for at least 3 of the 4 years of their sons' or daughters' high school years, including the senior year and must support their students. The determination of residency will be based on the terms of Policy 940.1, and the burden of proving resident status is on the parent. For purposes of this policy, membership in ROTC, in the reserves or in the National Guard, does not, in itself, qualify as active duty. Active duty military status cannot be achieved by attending school.

GPA Clarification: The policy substitutes the term "3.400" for "3.4" to minimize ties for eligibility purposes

ATTACHMENTS:

Revised Policy 501.1