

1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET

2 Council on Postsecondary Education

3 (Regular)

4 13 KAR ... Healthcare Training Scholarships

5 RELATES TO: KRS Chapter 164

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS Chapter 164

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 164... requires the Council on Postsecondary
8 Education to promulgate regulations to administer the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund and set
9 forth the requirements for partnership proposals between healthcare providers and healthcare partners to provide
10 healthcare training scholarships to Kentucky residents enrolled in eligible healthcare programs in Kentucky.

11 Section 1. Definitions.

12 (1) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education and is defined by KRS 164.001(8).

13 (2) "Fund" means the healthcare workforce investment fund and is defined by KRS 164...

14 (3) "Eligible healthcare credential" is defined by KRS 164....

15 (4) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means an institution licensed by the Council or the Commission on
16 Proprietary Education to operate in Kentucky that offers a healthcare program.

17 (5) "Healthcare partner" is defined in KRS 164....

18 (6) "Healthcare program" is defined in KRS 164....

19 (7) "Kentucky resident" is a Kentucky resident as defined by KRS 164.020(8).

20 (8) "Match" means general fund appropriation monies from the fund provided to the institution subject to
21 funds availability, based on at least a dollar-for-dollar contribution from the healthcare partner pursuant to KRS
22 164....Section 3(3)(a).

23 (9) "Steering committee" means the healthcare workforce investment steering committee established by the

1 council for the purpose of advising on issues related to healthcare training scholarships, including but not limited
2 to, determining funding allocations, defining partnership proposal criteria, and making awards. The steering
3 committee shall be comprised of members who have understanding and experience in healthcare programs,
4 healthcare workforce, or postsecondary education.

5 Section 2. Notice of funding opportunities.

6 (1) Each year that general fund appropriations are available for distribution through the healthcare workforce
7 investment fund, the council shall publish notice of availability of funding opportunities for partnerships and
8 issue a request for partnership proposals.

9 (2) The notice and request for partnership proposals shall include:

10 (a) The funding period;

11 (b) The date by which to submit a partnership proposal;

12 (c) The dollar amount of available matching funds;

13 (d) The partnership proposal evaluation criteria and relative weighting of each criteria;

14 (e) How to submit a partnership proposal; and

15 (f) The targeted date for making awards.

16 Section 3. Partnership Proposals.

17 (1) To be eligible for funding, a partnership proposal shall include:

18 (a) The participating healthcare partners and healthcare programs certified by the signature of their
19 respective chief executive officers and a designated point of contact and contact information for each partner;

20 (b) Certification that the healthcare program is offered by an eligible postsecondary institution or a Kentucky
21 public high school or secondary career and technical center offering a healthcare vocational program;

22 (b) The total proposed budget for the program, which includes the healthcare partner contribution and the
23 amount of healthcare workforce investment funds requested for match in accordance with requirements set forth

1 by the council;

2 (c) A narrative explaining how the institution plans to use the healthcare partner contribution and match
3 from the fund to award healthcare training scholarships in eligible healthcare credentials;

4 (d) A description of the healthcare program's plan for student recruitment, scholarship award criteria, and
5 selection process;

6 (e) An explanation of how the healthcare program will increase student enrollment in eligible healthcare
7 credentials, program completion, and meet local, regional, or state workforce demands;

8 (f) An explanation of how the healthcare partner will onboard and retain graduates;

9 (g) An explanation of how graduates will be supported through their service obligations;

10 (h) A response to any other partnership proposal criteria as determined by the steering committee;

11 (i) A description of how the partnership proposal will meet the priorities set forth in KRS 164...(3)(2);

12 (j) A statement of assurances that statutory requirements will be satisfied as set forth in KRS 164...(3); and

13 (k) The amount of the healthcare partner's contribution certified by its chief financial officer and supported
14 by appropriate documentation.

15 Section 4. Evaluation Process.

16 (1) The steering committee shall review and rank each completed and timely submitted proposal on the
17 extent to which the application meets the priorities set forth in Section 3.

18 (2) Once the proposals are evaluated and ranked, the steering committee shall consider the distribution of
19 funds to avoid a concentration in a small number of partnerships before determining final amounts awarded and
20 the number of awards to be made.

21 (3) Once award distributions are finalized by the steering committee and approved by the council, the council
22 shall notify the designated points of contact of the award.

23 Section 5. Partnership awards.

1 (1) Upon award, the council, the healthcare partner, and healthcare program shall enter into a partnership
2 contract in accordance with the terms set forth in KRS 164...Section 3(3).

3 (2) Once the partnership contract is finalized, the council shall disburse from the fund moneys deposited by
4 the healthcare partner and the matching funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the healthcare
5 program.

6 Section 6. Responsibilities of the healthcare program.

7 (1) After an award is made and a partnership contract is finalized, a healthcare program shall:

8 (a) Establish and enforce a healthcare training scholarship application and process for solicitation,
9 acceptance, and review of scholarship applications from students who are Kentucky residents in collaboration
10 with the partner healthcare partner;

11 (b) Encourage healthcare training scholarship applicants to complete the Free Application for Federal
12 Student Aid, if applicable;

13 (c) Establish healthcare training scholarship deadlines;

14 (d) Award healthcare training scholarships;

15 (e) Develop and administer a scholarship contract between the recipient and the healthcare program in
16 accordance with KRS 164... (3)(6)-(9); and

17 (f) Meet any reporting requirements set forth in the partnership contract.