FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOTICE OF PROPOSED REPEALED REGULATION

DATE: September 11th, 2025

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 7.007, Latin American and Caribbean

Scholarship Eligibility

SUMMARY: Board of Governors regulation 7.007, Latin American and Caribbean Scholarship Eligibility, establishes requirements for certain scholarships offered to State University System students. Board staff propose repealing Regulation 7.007 to comply with federal law. The regulation is not required in Florida Statutes.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System, 325 W. Gaines St., Suite 1614, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), or generalcounsel@flbog.edu.

- (1) Universities may award a scholarship to a degree-seeking student who is a citizen of a Latin American or Caribbean country and seeks to attend a state university on a full-time basis. Recipients of a Latin American and Caribbean Scholarship shall be classified as residents for tuition purposes.
 - (a) In addition to eligibility requirements contained herein, universities may impose additional criteria.
 - (b) Scholarships awarded by a university must be funded from state funds appropriated to universities in the General Appropriations Act, investment earnings as provided under section 1011.43, Florida Statutes, or from federally authorized scholarship funds. Universities may use equal matching funds from private businesses, private foundations, and public agencies.
- (2) Eligible Latin American and Caribbean countries and territories are: Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Bermuda; Bolivia; Brazil; British Virgin Islands; Caribbean Netherlands; Cayman Islands; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Curacao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Falkland Islands; French Guiana; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Guatemala; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Martinique; Mexico; Montserrat; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Puerto Rico; St. Barthelemy; St. Kitts and Nevis; St. Lucia; St. Maarten/St. Martin; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos Islands; Uruguay; U.S. Virgin Islands; and Venezuela.
- (3) Scholarship eligibility is limited to students making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the respective university's standards of academic progress and who are enrolled on a full-time basis. Continued eligibility must be determined each semester for renewal purposes.
- (4) Without regard to other awards or scholarships the student may receive, the Latin American and Caribbean Scholarship, together with any matching funds, must equal at least \$500.00 for the semester.
- (5) This regulation shall not disqualify any student receiving the scholarship prior to Spring 2017 provided the student continuously meets scholarship requirements.
- (6) Each university shall report the number and value of all scholarships provided pursuant to this regulation in a format and timeframe prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; sections 1009.21 and 1011.43, Florida Statutes. History: New 9-22-16.