

N.C.G.S. § 116-21.6 MSG Medical Student Grants Program

"§ 116-21.6. Private medical schools – medical student grants.

(a) Funding for Medical Student Grants. – Funds shall be appropriated each year in the Current Operations Appropriations Act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to provide grants to medical students who are North Carolina residents and who enroll in and attend medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University.

(b) Student Eligibility for Grants. – In addition to all other financial assistance made available to medical students who are attending medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University, there is awarded to each medical student who is a North Carolina resident and who is enrolled in and attending medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University a grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each academic year, which shall be disbursed as provided by this section.

(c) Administration of Grants. – The grants provided for in this section shall be administered by the Board of Governors pursuant to rules adopted by the Board of Governors not inconsistent with this section. The Board of Governors shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from the appropriate medical school that the student applying for the grant is eligible. Upon receipt of the certification, the Board of Governors shall remit at the times as it prescribes the grant to the medical school on behalf, and to the credit, of the medical student.

The Board of Governors shall adopt rules for determining which students are residents of North Carolina for the purposes of these grants. The Board of Governors also shall make any rules as necessary to ensure that these funds are used directly for instruction in the medical programs of the schools and not for religious or other nonpublic purposes. The Board of Governors shall encourage the two medical schools to orient students toward primary care, consistent with the directives of G.S. 143-613(a). The two schools shall supply information necessary for the Board to comply with G.S. 143-613(d).

(d) Medical Student Change of Status. – In the event a medical student on whose behalf a grant has been paid in accordance with this section terminates his or her enrollment in medical school, the medical school shall refund the full amount of the grant to the Board of Governors.

(e) Authority to Transfer Funds if Appropriation Insufficient. – If the funds appropriated in the Current Operations Appropriations Act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for grants to students who are eligible for a grant under this section are insufficient to cover the enrolled students in accordance with this section, then the Board of Governors may transfer unused funds from other programs in the Related Educational Programs budget code to cover the extra students.

(f) Reversions. – Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund.

(g) Document Number of Medical School Graduates Who Remain in North Carolina. – The Board of Governors shall encourage Duke University School of Medicine and Wake Forest University School of Medicine to document the number of graduates each year who either enter residencies or locate their practices in North Carolina and to report that information annually to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee regarding the information received from the two medical schools pursuant to this subsection."