

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 25. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. Academic Scholars Program

610:25-1-5. Criteria for Annual Renewal [AMENDED]

610:25-1-7. Fiscal Aspects of the Program [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

Summer Awards: The proposed revisions clarify that students may receive a full-semester award during the summer if the student enrolls full-time in at least 12 semester credit hours. The summer award will count toward the student's overall scholarship limit of eight full-time semester awards, so no additional fiscal impact to the program is expected. The proposed change will accommodate those students capable of completing their undergraduate degree in less than four calendar years. The proposed change also recognizes alternate semester structures such as the trimester system at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) which provides three equal trimesters each academic year allowing students to earn 36 credit hours or more per year.

Clarification of Institution Tuition Waiver Award: State system colleges and universities are required to provide program participants a tuition waiver award in addition to the cash award paid by the program. The proposed revision clarifies that the combined amount of the program award and the institution tuition waiver may not exceed the average costs of tuition and fees, room and board, and required textbooks or materials.

**AUTHORITY:**

70 O.S. §2401 *et seq.*; 70 O.S. §3206 (i); Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., December 2, 2013.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., December 2, 2013.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

N/A

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after November 1, 2013.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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