

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-703. Centennial Scholarship for Early Graduation.**

3 **R277-703-[2]1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 [A.](1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which ~~[places]~~vests general control and
6 supervision ~~[of the]~~over public ~~[school system under]~~education in the Board[.];

7 (b) Section 53A-15-102, which requires the Board to make payments to a public
8 school student who graduates early;

9 (c) Section 53A-1-402[(4)], which authorizes the Board to make rules regarding
10 competency levels, graduation requirements, curriculum, and instruction requirements; and

11 (d) Section 53A-1-401[(3)], which ~~[authorizes]~~allows the Board to ~~[adopt rules in~~
12 ~~accordance with its responsibilities]~~make rules to execute the Board's duties and
13 responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

14 [B.](2) [This rule:

15 (a) designates the ~~[E]early [G]graduation [G]centennial [S]scholarship [G]certificate~~
16 ~~for use by public schools[.];~~

17 (b) allows for graduation to be flexible and appropriate to meet individual students'
18 needs[.]; and

19 (c) outlines the early graduation procedure.~~[If a student graduates any time~~
20 ~~following the eleventh grade year and enters a Utah post-secondary institution, the LEA~~
21 ~~shall receive a reimbursement designated for the public high school from which the student~~
22 ~~graduated early. The post-secondary institution shall receive an Early Graduation~~
23 ~~Centennial Scholarship Certificate signed by the high school principal/director entitling the~~
24 ~~early graduate to a partial tuition scholarship following the date of graduation,~~
25 ~~according to the schedule established by this rule.]~~

26 **R277-703-1. Definitions.**

27 [A. "ATC" means Applied Technology Center.]

28 [B. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]

29 [C.](1) "Centennial ~~[S]scholarship~~" or "scholarship" means the amount awarded to
30 an early graduating student ~~[designated]~~in accordance with Section 53A-15-102.

31 [D.](2) "LEA" ~~[means a local education agency, including local school boards/public~~

32 school districts, charter schools, and]includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools
33 for the Deaf and the Blind.

34 [E. "SEOP" means student education/occupational plan.]

35 (3) "UCAT" or "technical college" means the Utah System of Technical Colleges
36 listed in Section 53B-2a-105.

37 **R277-703-3. Curriculum Options for Accelerating a Secondary School Student's**
38 **Education Program.**

39 (1) If a student graduates any time before the conclusion of grade 11, or prior to the
40 conclusion of grade 12, the student may receive a reimbursement towards enrollment in
41 a Utah post-secondary institution as described in Section 53A-15-102 and this R277-703.

42 (2) A post-secondary institution selected by a student who receives a centennial
43 scholarship shall receive an a centennial scholarship certificate signed by the high school
44 principal or charter school director entitling the early graduate to a partial tuition scholarship
45 following the date of graduation according to the schedule established by this rule.

46 [A-](3) A student seeking a centennial scholarship shall complete the courses of
47 study and credit mandated by the Board and by the student's local school board [~~of~~
48 ~~education/local~~] or charter school governing board.

49 [B-](4) Options for earning additional credit may include [~~but are not limited to~~]:

50 ([1]a) [C] courses:

51 ([a]i) [H] high school summer school;

52 ([b]ii) [H] high school or [AFC]UCAT early morning or after school classes;

53 ([e]iii) [C] courses completed at the student's own rate based on performance as
54 approved by [f]the local school board [~~of education/local~~] or charter school governing board
55 [is responsible for assessment of mastery, R277-700-6];

56 ([d]iv) [C] college courses numbered 101 and above from fully accredited institutions
57 [concurrent enrollment, extension division, or continuing education classes];

58 ([e]v) LEA-approved high school or college level correspondence courses; or

59 ([f]vi) [E] equivalency ratio of higher education hours to high school credits: five (5)
60 quarter or three (3) semester hours equal one (1) unit of high school credit[-];

61 ([2]b) [D] demonstrated proficiency by assessment [f]in an amount of credit [to be] as
62 determined by the local school board [~~of education/local~~] or charter school governing

63 board[, R277-700-6]:

64 ([a]i) [A]advanced [P]lacement [E]xamination, as approved by the local school
65 board [~~of education/local~~] or charter school governing board;

66 ([b]ii) ACT or SAT scores that meet or exceed a level set by the local school board
67 [~~of education/local~~] or charter school governing board;

68 ([c]iii) Utah state or LEA secondary end-of-course tests;

69 ([d]iv) [D]emonstrated proficiency in a subject, as assessed by the [~~local board of~~
70 education/local charter board]LEA; or

71 ([e]v) College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests[-];

72 ([3]c) [A]pproved work experience, as assessed by the [~~local board of~~
73 education/local charter board]LEA.

74 ([4]d) [D]emonstrated mastery in an experimental program that has received prior
75 approval from the Board[~~(local board of education/local charter board seeks approval from~~
76 ~~the Board)~~];

77 ([5]e) [H]increased credit for courses that are combined into a time frame that
78 ordinarily accommodates a lesser number of classes, as approved by the [~~local board of~~
79 education/local charter board]LEA;

80 ([6]f) [H]independent study[~~;- a student may be allowed~~] credit for an independent
81 research project or independent reading relevant to a course of study; or

82 ([7]g) [C]redit for experience gained during travel relevant to a specific course if
83 approved in advance by the LEA.[~~- Prior approval shall be obtained from and credit~~
84 ~~awarded by the local board of education/local charter board.~~]

85 **R277-703-4. Early Graduation Student Education Plan.**

86 [A-](1) In consultation with the student's parent or guardian and school advisor,
87 [~~each~~]a student seeking a centennial scholarship shall indicate to the secondary principal[~~]~~
88 or charter school director the student's intent to complete early graduation at the beginning
89 of the ninth grade year or as soon thereafter as the intent is known.

90 [B-](2) To be eligible for early graduation, a student shall have a current [SEOP]plan
91 for college and career readiness on file at the student's high school [~~under provisions of~~
92 R277-700-8]as described in Subsection R277-700-6(24).

93 **R277-703-5. Local Education Requirements.**

94 [A:](1) Requirements relating to semesters in membership are inapplicable to
95 students who have been approved under Section R277-703-4 for graduation following the
96 eleventh grade year.

97 [B:](2) Local academic and citizenship credit requirements for graduation which
98 exceed Board requirements shall include provisions that permit students to graduate early.

99 **R277-703-6. Funding Provisions.**

100 [A:](1) An LEA shall receive a payment designated for each high school from which
101 students graduated before the end of the twelfth grade year.

102 [B:](2) [Payment provisions:

103 ———(1) An LEA[s] shall receive payment for one-half of the designated [C]centennial
104 [S]scholarship amount for each student reported as having graduated at the conclusion of
105 the eleventh grade year on the S-3 report in the fiscal year following the student's
106 graduation.

107 ([2]3)(a) An LEA[s] shall receive payment based on a percentage of the
108 [C]centennial [S]scholarship amount for each student reported as graduating during the
109 twelfth grade year.

110 (b) ~~[These students]~~ A student described in Subsection (3)(a) shall also be listed on
111 the S-3 report and payment shall be made to the LEA in the fiscal year following the
112 students' graduation.

113 (c) An LEA[s] shall receive payment for schools operating on the quarter or
114 trimester system for each early graduating student according to the following schedule:

115 ([a]i) [E]end of first quarter of 12th grade year: 75 percent of one-half of the
116 [C]centennial [S]scholarship amount;

117 ([b]ii) [E]end of second quarter of 12th grade year: 50 percent of one-half of the
118 [C]centennial [S]scholarship amount;

119 ([c]iii) [E]end of third quarter of 12th grade year: 25 percent of one-half of the
120 [C]centennial [S]scholarship amount;

121 ([d]iv) [E]end of first trimester of 12th grade year: 67 percent of one-half of the
122 [C]centennial [S]scholarship amount; or

123 ([e]v) [E]end of second trimester of 12th grade year: 33 percent of one-half of the

124 [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

125 [G](4) A student who graduates from high school at the conclusion of the eleventh
126 grade year or during the twelfth grade year shall be entitled to a partial tuition scholarship
127 in the form of the [E]early [G]graduation [G]centennial [S]scholarship [G]certificate to be
128 used at a Utah public college, university, community college, ~~[applied technology~~
129 ~~center]~~technical college, or any other institution in Utah accredited by the Northwest
130 Accreditation Commission that offers post-secondary courses.

131 (5) The post-secondary institution selected by a student who receives a centennial
132 scholarship shall complete the [E]early [G]graduation [G]centennial [S]scholarship
133 [G]certificate and submit it to the ~~[Utah State Office of Education]~~Superintendent.

134 (6) Upon receipt of the [E]early [G]graduation [G]centennial [S]scholarship
135 [G]certificate, the ~~[Utah State Office of Education]~~Supintendent shall verify the information,
136 and reimburse the institution an amount set forth in the following schedule in the fiscal year
137 during which the student enrolls in a post-secondary institution.

138 (7) Except as provided in Section R277-703-7, [F]to be eligible for the scholarship,
139 the student must enroll in an eligible post-secondary institution within one calendar year
140 of graduation.

141 ([1]8)(a) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the eleventh grade year shall
142 receive a full [G]centennial [S]scholarship.

143 ([2]b) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the first quarter of the twelfth
144 grade year shall receive 75 percent of the [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

145 ([3]c) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the second quarter of the twelfth
146 grade year shall receive 50 percent of the [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

147 ([4]d) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the third quarter of the twelfth
148 grade year shall receive 25 percent of the [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

149 ([5]e) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the first trimester of the twelfth
150 grade year shall receive 67 percent of the [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

151 ([6]f) [The]A student who graduates at the end of the second trimester of the twelfth
152 grade year shall receive 33 percent of the [G]centennial [S]scholarship amount.

153 **R277-703-7. Student Deferrals.**

154 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (5) and as allowed in Subsection

155 53A-15-102(4), a student who is eligible for a centennial scholarship, as described in
156 Subsection 53A-15-102(3) and this R277-703, may make a request to the Board that the
157 Board defer consideration of the student for the scholarship for a set period of time up to
158 five years.

159 (2) The Superintendent shall:

160 (a) create an application for a student seeking a deferral to request the deferral;
161 and

162 (b) make the application described in Subsection (2)(a) available online.

163 (3) A student seeking a deferral described in Subsection (1) shall file a request for
164 deferral with the Superintendent on or before:

165 (a) the second Monday in February for a student who graduated on or before
166 December 31 of a school year; and

167 (b) the second Monday in July for a student who graduated on or before June 15
168 of a school year.

169 (4)(a) If a student's request for a deferral is denied by the Superintendent, the
170 student may request an appeal of the Superintendent's decision.

171 (b) The student's appeal will reviewed by the Law and Licensing Committee within
172 60 days of the student's appeal.

173 (c) The Superintendent shall inform a student requesting appeal of the Law and
174 Licensing Committee's decision.

175 (5) A student's centennial scholarship expires five years from the date the eligible
176 student graduated.

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180 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-1-402(1); 53A-1-**
181 **401[~~3~~]**