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The universities are authorized to award full resident tuition scholarships to Arizona High School graduates who meet the Board-approved qualifications for an endorsement of high honors. Awarding of these scholarships is subject to the following conditions:

- A. The Arizona Board of Regents Honors Endorsement program is established by the Board for the purpose of recognizing high school students for outstanding academic achievement, as demonstrated through performance in high school courses and test scores.
- B. The Board is responsible for implementing the program, for approving program criteria and for determining how the program shall be administered.
- C. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to administer the program for the Board of Regents and to recommend to the universities students who qualify for the high honors endorsement. The recommendation shall be in the form of a list provided to the Arizona Board of Regents and including student names, mailing addresses and phone numbers, high school attended, and other information as shall be required by the universities.
- D. The universities may choose not to award a scholarship to any student who receives other scholarship assistance intended to cover the cost of tuition.
- E. The universities may choose not to award a scholarship to any student who does not apply for financial aid, or whose application is incomplete, incorrect, not submitted in a timely fashion, or for any other reason fails to meet university guidelines for applying for financial aid.
- F. The Board-approved criteria for high honors endorsement shall be designed to minimize the likelihood that qualifying students will not also qualify for tuition scholarships for academic merit as determined by the universities.

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- G. Any change, or anticipated change, in conditions affecting the number of students who might qualify for a high honors endorsement, conditions affecting the number of resident students who might be awarded tuition scholarships for academic merit using university-determined criteria, and any instance where a student qualified for high honors but not for a university-determined tuition scholarship shall be reported to the Board along with a recommendation for appropriate modifications in the criteria for awarding high honors.
- H. A systematic review of the Regents Honors Endorsement Program will be conducted every five years, with the results and any recommendations reported to the board.
- I. Tuition scholarships must be claimed by the student enrolling at one of the universities within one year of graduation from an Arizona high school. Special consideration of unique situations may be exercised by each university.