

**TITLE 133
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

**SERIES 7
WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAXIMIZING IN-STATE
STUDENT EXCELLENCE (PROMISE) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

§133-7-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes guidelines and procedures for establishing eligibility for the West Virginia Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-State Student Excellence Scholarship Program, hereinafter referred to as PROMISE.

1.2. Authority. -- West Virginia Code §18B-1-6 and §18C-7-6.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~March 22, 2010.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~April 21, 2010.~~

1.5. ~~Repeals and replaces Title 133, Series 7, dated March 23, 2008.~~ Sunset Date. – This rule will sunset five years from the effective date.

§133-7-2. Eligibility of High School Graduates for Initial Award.

2.1. To be eligible for an initial PROMISE Scholarship, a high school applicant must be eligible for the award at the time of application and at the time the award is received by meeting all academic criteria in place at the time of application and award; and

2.1.~~a~~. Must complete high school graduation requirements at a West Virginia public or private high school unless he or she qualified as a military dependent under Section 6 of this rule, or has commuted to an out-of-state school pursuant to Section 7 of this rule; and

2.1.~~2b~~. Must complete at least one half of the credits required for high school graduation through attendance at a public or private high school in this state, unless he or she qualified as a military dependent under Section 6 of this rule, or has commuted to an out-of-state school pursuant to Section 7 of this rule; and

2.1.~~3c~~. Must apply for the scholarship within two years of graduation from high school unless the applicant entered the United States armed services pursuant to Section 5 of this rule; and

2.1.~~4e~~. Must, while enrolled in high school, have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, based on county board grading policies, in both core courses and overall coursework required for graduation by the State Board of Education; and

2.1.~~5e~~. Must meet standardized test score criteria on an ACT or SAT national test as established by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (~~Policy~~ Commission); and

2.1.~~6f~~. Must have resided in West Virginia continuously for a minimum of twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the final date of application for a PROMISE Scholarship, unless a member of the Armed Services pursuant to Section 5 of this rule or a military dependent pursuant to Section 6 of this rule, and be a United States citizen ~~or legal immigrant to the United States;~~ a U.S. permanent resident,