

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

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 33. Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program

610:25-33-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

610:25-33-3. General Provisions [AMENDED]

610:25-33-5. Criteria for Continued Eligibility [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

**Summer Awards:** The proposed revisions clarify that students may receive a summer award for part-time or full-time enrollment. 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.

**Disability Accommodation:** The proposed revisions provide for the accommodation of students with disabilities for eligibility and retention requirements. The disability provisions are based on similar existing rules for the Academic Scholars Program.

**Updates of Citations to State Regents' Policy:** The proposed revisions also provide clerical updates to references to State Regents' policy.

**AUTHORITY:**

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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