

1 requirements and the period of ineligibility did not persist for more than one year
2 from the date of loss of eligibility. If this one-year period is interrupted due to a
3 student's active duty service in the United States Armed Forces, the one-year period
4 shall be extended for a length of time equal to the student's active duty service, not
5 to exceed four years, unless the student reenlists in the United States Armed Forces
6 and maintains continuous active duty, in which case the period shall be extended for
7 a length of time equal to the student's active duty service; or unless the student is
8 granted an exception for cause by the administering agency.

9 (2) Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time student unless granted an
10 exception for cause by the administering agency.

11 (3) Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 calculated on a
12 4.00 scale.

13 (4) Have no criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic violations
14 and, if the student has been in the United States Armed Forces and has separated
15 from such service, has received an honorable discharge or general discharge under
16 honorable conditions.

17 B. Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, to maintain continued state
18 payment of any amount pursuant to a TOPS-Tech Award once enrolled in an
19 institution, a student shall meet all of the following:

20 (1) Make steady academic progress as defined by the administering agency
21 toward completion of the requirements of the program in which enrolled, while
22 enrolled either part-time or full-time. If at any time a student fails to maintain the
23 cumulative grade point average required for continuation in the program or as of the
24 end of any term during the school year fails to make steady academic progress as
25 defined by the administering agency, the student shall become ineligible for further
26 payments. Payments may be reinstated upon attainment of the grade point average
27 required for continuation of the original award and the standards for steady academic
28 progress as defined by the administering agency, provided that the student has
29 maintained other continuation requirements and the period of ineligibility did not
30 persist for more than one year from the date of loss of eligibility. If this one-year
31 period is interrupted due to a student's active duty service in the United States Armed
32 Forces, the one-year period shall be extended for a length of time equal to the
33 student's active duty service, not to exceed four years, unless the student reenlists in
34 the United States Armed Forces and maintains continuous active duty, in which case
35 the period shall be extended for a length of time equal to the student's active duty
36 service; or unless the student is granted an exception for cause by the administering
37 agency.

38 (2) Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time or part-time student unless
39 granted an exception for cause by the administering agency.

40 (3) Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 calculated on a
41 4.00 scale.

42 (4) Have no criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic violations
43 and, if the student has been in the United States Armed Forces and has separated
44 from such service, has received an honorable discharge or general discharge under
45 honorable conditions.

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47 §5065. Funding

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49 E. Payment of TOPS-Tech awards for part-time students provided pursuant
50 to the provisions of this Chapter shall be made only from monies remaining in the
51 funds appropriated for the purpose of paying TOPS awards."