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In accordance with Act No. 102 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the administering agency must define "one year" with respect to the M.J. Foster Promise Program. Revised administrative rules will provide that one year is equal to 365 days. The rules will also provide that the award year is the period from July 1 to the following June 30.

The current M.J. Foster Promise Program rules provide that:

1. For programs which exceed one year, the award amount shall not exceed three thousand two hundred dollars ($3,200) per academic year for a student enrolled full time, or an amount proportional to the hours in which the student is enrolled if enrolled less than full time.

2. For programs which can be completed in less than one year, the award amount may exceed three thousand two hundred dollars ($3,200).

3. In no case shall a student be awarded more than six thousand four hundred ($6,400) over a three-year period.

The M.J. Foster Promise Program rules also provide that participating schools must develop a packaging policy for the program. To ensure that students are informed of how M.J. Foster Promise Program funds will be applied to their accounts at the school, the following items must also be addressed in the packaging policy:

a. which funds will be disbursed to students who are enrolled in a high-cost program; and
b. a method by which students who are enrolled in a program of study that crosses award years are notified and acknowledge that they must reapply for M.J. Foster Promise Program funds for the new award year and that funding for the subsequent award year is not guaranteed.

For questions, please e-mail MJFoster.Promise@la.gov