



HB2639 public service scholarship fund (Blackman)

- Establishes the John McCain Public Service Scholarship Fund consisting of continuously appropriated legislative appropriations and any other monies.
- Requires the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) to administer funds to provide scholarships to students who meet the following requirements:
 - Complete a term in a national service program that is supported by the federal government designed to improve lives and foster civic engagement
 - Receive a federal post service education award
 - Use the federal public service education award to attend an educational institution or program in this state that is eligible under the award terms.
 - Requires public service scholarships to be equal to the recipient's federal post service education award
- Requires ABOR to establish a scholarship application process that requires each applicant to submit proof meeting the requirements
- Requires ABOR to adopt policies to award scholarships on or before March 1 of each FY with priority given to applicants based on financial need.
 - Requires ABOR to the president of the senate, the speaker of the House, the director of the joint legislative committee and the state treasurer of the total amount awarded for the FY on or before March 1
- Requires all applicants to apply for FAFSA
- Requires a scholarship recipient to comply with the following rules:
 - Demonstrate good academic standing
 - Use the scholarship money within three years after completing a national service program
 - May use scholarship money only to repay qualified student loans and to pay current educational expenses at eligible institutions of higher education and training programs.
 - Requires recipients to spend all federal post service awards before spending the public service scholarship funds.
- Appropriates \$5M in FY21 from the general fund to the John McCain public service scholarship fund