**24:40:13:06.  Persistence requirements for continuing eligibility.** Upon entering the scholarship program, each student shall maintain continuous attendance, enrolling in consecutive spring and fall terms, subject to the following exceptions:

 (1)  A student may petition the executive director to be excused from strict compliance with this regulation during semesters in which the student participates in institutionally sponsored or approved exchange programs, internships, or similar structured, supervised, credit-bearing learning experiences that preclude enrollment in the participating institution's standard curriculum;

 (2)  A student who fails to complete continuous enrollment requirements because the student must report for active military service will not thereby lose his or her eligibility;

 (3)  The executive director may waive continuous enrollment requirements for good cause shown and may place such conditions upon the waiver as may be necessary and prudent to achieve the objectives of the scholarship program.

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