

NOTICE OF INTENT
Louisiana Board of Regents
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Scholarship/Grant Programs
2024-2025 Chafee ETV Award Amount
(LAC 28:IV.1801 and 1809)

The Louisiana Board of Regents announces its intention to amend its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.5 and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.6).

This rulemaking implements provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 with regard to the treatment of Chafee Educational and Training Voucher when determining a student's financial aid eligibility. (SG25220NI)

TITLE 28
EDUCATION

PART IV. STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—HIGHER EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS
Chapter 18.Chafee Educational and Training Voucher Program

§1801. General Provisions

A. – E.2. ...

3. Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, a student who is eligible for the Chafee ETV shall receive \$5,000 without regard to financial need.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3031 and R.S. 17:3129.7.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 36:2547 (November 2010), amended by the Board of Regents, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:554 (March 2018), LR 47:1495 (October 2021), LR 51:

§1809. Award Amount Determination

A. – B.2. ...

C. Award Amount Determination

1.a. Through the 2023-2024 academic year, institutions of higher education will determine the student's Chafee ETV amount based upon his financial need in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and will report that award amount to LOSFA.

2-b. Institutions of higher education shall provide students the opportunity to appeal the amount of the Chafee ETV amount if the award to the student is less than the maximum annual award amount. Such appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the institution of higher education's procedures for appealing title IV student aid eligibility. Immediately upon receipt of an appeal, the institution of higher education shall notify LOSFA of the appeal, the student's name, and the reason for awarding less than the full grant amount. In the event the student is not

satisfied with the school's final decision on the appeal, the institution of higher education shall advise the student that he may appeal the institution of higher education's decision to the Department of Children and Family Services.

2.a. Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, institutions of higher education shall award the full amount of the Chafee ETV to eligible students without regard to financial need.

b. The Chafee ETV shall not be considered other financial assistance when determining a student's eligibility for other federal financial assistance, and receipt of such award shall not reduce any other federal financial assistance for which a student may be eligible.

D. - E.3. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3031 and R.S. 17:3129.7.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 36:2549 (November 2010), repromulgated by the Board of Regents, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 44:556 (March 2018), amended LR 47:862 (July 2021), LR 47:1495 (October 2021), LR 51:

Family Impact Statement: The proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in LSA-R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement: The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in LSA-R.S. 49:973.

Business Analysis Statement: The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in LSA-R.S. 49:965.2 *et seq.*

Provider Impact Statement: The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes (SG25220NI) until 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2025, by email to LOSFA.Comments@la.gov or to Sujuan Williams Boutté, Ed. D., Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P. O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202.

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I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or local governmental units as result of the proposed rule change outside the cost associated with the rulemaking process.

The proposed rule change implements provisions of the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 with regard to the treatment of the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program and the determining of a student's financial aid eligibility. It allows a student who is eligible for the Chafee ETV to receive the full award amount of \$5,000 without regard to financial need or other federal financial assistance, beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in a direct material change in revenue for state or local governments.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Individuals who are eligible for the Chafee ETV may now qualify for more federal financial assistance. Previously, the Chafee ETV was considered "other financial assistance" when determining a student's eligibility for other federal financial assistance, resulting in a reduction of any other federal financial assistance a student may be eligible to receive. The proposed change prevents such a reduction and allows eligible students to receive the full award amount without regard to financial need or other federal financial assistance received. The proposed change will not provide or impact economic benefits to small businesses or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There are no anticipated effects on competition and employment resulting from this change.