

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2014-0007

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	An Ordinance amending Cuyahoga County Code Section 804.01(C): Component Two – Post-Secondary College or University Scholarship Program to approve revised geographical limitations on eligible institutions, to increase maximum yearly scholarships to \$1,500.00 and to enable the Program Administrator to repurpose unexpended funds allocated for scholarships; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, Section 804.01 of the County Code was amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Implementation and administration of the Program during its initial year of operation have highlighted possible design changes to improve the effectiveness of the Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

~~**SECTION 1.** Section 804.01(C)(1) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck through and additions underlined):~~

~~1. Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program provides financial assistance for Cuyahoga County residents seeking a postsecondary college or university degree at institutions located within Cuyahoga County, the State of Ohio.~~

SECTION 21. Section 804.01(C)(2) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions struck through and additions bolded and underlined):

1. Individual one (1) year renewable scholarships will be awarded up to **an initial** maximum of ~~\$1,250.00~~**\$1,500.00. If allocated and awarded funds are unexpended due to the ineligibility of a scholarship recipient, the administrator of the Program may use such funds to equally supplement each of the scholarship amounts awarded on a pro rata basis to the remaining, eligible scholarship recipients within the cohort of that ineligible scholarship recipient the next amount of budgeted funds annually designated by County Council for Component Two.**

SECTION 32. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 43. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Brady

Nays: None

County Council Vice-President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 11, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Committee Report/Second Reading: April 8, 2014

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