

R614, Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Grant Program¹

R614-1 [The following policy has been codified² as Utah Administrative Code R765-614.](#)

R614-2 References.

- [2.1 Utah Code § 53B-1-102, Utah System of Higher Education](#)
- [2.2 Utah Code § 53B-8-112, Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Grant Program](#)
- [2.3 Utah Code § 63G-4-202, Designation of Adjudicative Proceedings as Informal](#)
- [2.4 Utah Code § 53B-8-112.5, Karen Mayne Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program](#)

R765. Higher Education (Utah Board of), Administration.

R765-614. Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Grant Program

R765-614-1. Purpose.

This rule outlines the application process and procedures for the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Grant Program (“PSOCAG”).

R765-614-2. Authority.

This rule is authorized by Section 53B-8-112.

R765-614-3. Definitions.

- [\(1\) “FAFSA” means the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.](#)
- [\(2\) “Post-Secondary Degree” means an associate, bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree.](#)
- [\(3\) “PSOCAR” means the Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program.](#)

R765-614-4. Qualifications.

- (1) To qualify for PSOCAG, an applicant must be:
 - (a) A certified peace officer;
 - (b) Currently employed by a Utah law enforcement agency; and
 - (c) Seeking a post-secondary degree in a criminal justice-related program from a USHE institution.
- (2) Institutions shall annually revise and publish eligibility criteria in all publications referencing the grant.

[\(3\) _____ A student who receives the Karen Mayne Public Safety Officer Scholarship Program, as described in Section 53B-8-112.5, is not eligible to participate in PSOCAG for the same degree.](#)

R765-614-5. Application Process.

(1) Each institution will establish processes for receiving and reviewing applications and distributing awards consistent with this policy and will set application deadlines that accommodate both full-time and part-time students.

(a) The application must include information about other means an applicant may finance their education.

(b) The application must include a notice to students that the amount of the award is subject to available funding and may be reduced.

(2) Applicants must complete and submit ~~either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the alternative financial form approved by the Board in accordance with R623, Free Application for Federal Student Aid.~~ and the application and include all required documentation requested by the

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² [This administrative rule is still going through the codification process and minor, non-substantive edits to conform with the Administrative Code may need to be made.](#)

institution.

R765-614-6. Grant Amounts.

Subject to funding ~~and section 8 below~~, qualified applicants may be given a grant up to the cost of tuition and fees with a maximum of \$5,000 each academic year. A student may participate in PSOCAG for a maximum of four academic years.

R765-614-7. Distribution of Funds to Institutions.

The Board will allocate 50 percent of program funds to eligible institutions equally and allocate the remaining 50 percent of program funds in proportion to each eligible institution's percentage of total PSOCAR or PSOCAG awards by all participating institutions in the most recently completed award year.

R765-614-~~98~~. Appeals.

An applicant has the right to appeal an adverse decision. Upon ~~request by the student~~ applicant's request, the institution shall provide an opportunity that aligns with institutional policy for the student to appeal an adverse decision ~~to a committee of at least three impartial persons~~.

R765-614-~~109~~. Reporting.

(1) As specified by OCHE, each institution shall provide, as part of an annual institutional financial aid file submission by February 28 of each year, data pertaining to applications, awards, program enrollments, utilization, funding, and/or other scholarship information for the most recently completed fiscal year.

(2) OCHE may, at any time, request additional documentation or data related to the scholarship program and may review or formally audit an institution's documentation and compliance with this ~~policy~~ rule.