

Subject Higher Education: Paramedic Scholarship Program

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Overview

In the 2023 higher education omnibus act, the legislature established and funded a new temporary paramedic scholarship program administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE). See [2023 Laws Ch. 41, art. 2, § 31](#). The program provided \$5,000 scholarships to Minnesota residents enrolled in paramedic programs at public and private Minnesota postsecondary institutions. The most recent mandated report on that program is available online [here](#).

This bill would make that program permanent and provide it with ongoing funding.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Establishment. Amends the 2023 law's establishment subdivision to reflect the scholarship program becoming ongoing, rather than temporary.
2	Reporting. Amends the 2023 law's reporting requirements for the program to reflect it becoming ongoing, rather than temporary.
3	Appropriation. Appropriates \$3,200,000 per year to OHE for the scholarship program. Sets out the allowable uses for the funds. The program previously received \$3,200,000 in onetime funding in FY24 that was made available until June 30, 2026, or until expended.
4	Revisor instruction. Instructs the revisor to codify the program's language in the 2023 law into Minnesota Statutes.

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5	Repealer. Repeals the expiration subdivision for the program from the 2023 law.



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