

**283—8.5(256) Exceptions.** Individuals may delay the initial period of participation in the program in subrule 8.3(1) for an additional two years or suspend participation for up to two years due to military deployment; due to a temporary medical incapacity; in relation to the declaration of a national or state emergency; due to service in AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to America, or the federal Peace Corps; due to a period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or due to other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission. The individual must complete an application for award deferral or suspension. The application for award deferral or suspension will be provided by the eligible institution upon request. If the application is approved, the recipient is not required to continuously receive the scholarship during the period covered.

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