

SEC. 922. INFORMATION SECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM- (1) Part III of subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 112--INFORMATION SECURITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sec.

2200. Programs; purpose.

2200a. Scholarship program.

2200b. Grant program.

2200c. Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.

2200d. Regulations.

2200e. Definitions.

2200f. Inapplicability to Coast Guard.

Sec. 2200. Programs; purpose

(a) IN GENERAL- To encourage the recruitment and retention of Department of Defense personnel who have the computer and network security skills necessary to meet Department of Defense information assurance requirements, the Secretary of Defense may carry out programs in accordance with this chapter to provide financial support for education in disciplines relevant to those requirements at institutions of higher education.

(b) TYPES OF PROGRAMS- The programs authorized under this chapter are as follows:

(1) Scholarships for pursuit of programs of education in information assurance at institutions of higher education.

(2) Grants to institutions of higher education.

Sec. 2200a. Scholarship program

(a) AUTHORITY- The Secretary of Defense may, subject to subsection (g), provide financial assistance in accordance with this section to a person--

(1) who is pursuing an associate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree, or a certification, in an information assurance discipline referred to in section 2200(a) of this title at an institution of higher education; and

(2) who enters into an agreement with the Secretary as described in subsection (b).

`(b) SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS- (1) To receive financial assistance under this section--

`(A) a member of the armed forces shall enter into an agreement to serve on active duty in the member's armed force for the period of obligated service determined under paragraph (2);

`(B) an employee of the Department of Defense shall enter into an agreement to continue in the employment of the department for the period of obligated service determined under paragraph (2); and

`(C) a person not referred to in subparagraph (A) or (B) shall enter into an agreement--

`(i) to enlist or accept a commission in one of the armed forces and to serve on active duty in that armed force for the period of obligated service determined under paragraph (2); or

`(ii) to accept and continue employment in the Department of Defense for the period of obligated service determined under paragraph (2).

`(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the period of obligated service for a recipient of financial assistance under this section shall be the period determined by the Secretary of Defense as being appropriate to obtain adequate service in exchange for the financial assistance and otherwise to achieve the goals set forth in section 2200(a) of this title. In no event may the period of service required of a recipient be less than the period equal to three-fourths of the total period of pursuit of a degree for which the Secretary agrees to provide the recipient with financial assistance under this section. The period of obligated service is in addition to any other period for which the recipient is obligated to serve on active duty or in the civil service, as the case may be.

`(3) An agreement entered into under this section by a person pursuing an academic degree shall include terms that provide the following:

`(A) That the period of obligated service begins on a date after the award of the degree that is determined under the regulations prescribed under section 2200d of this title.

`(B) That the person will maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined in accordance with those regulations, and that failure to maintain such progress constitutes grounds for termination of the financial assistance for the person under this section.

`(C) Any other terms and conditions that the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate for carrying out this section.

`(c) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE- The amount of the financial assistance provided for a person under this section shall be the amount determined by the Secretary of Defense as being necessary to pay all educational expenses incurred by that person, including tuition, fees, cost of books, laboratory expenses, and expenses of room and board. The expenses paid, however, shall be limited to those educational expenses normally incurred by students at the institution of higher education involved.

`(d) USE OF ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORT OF INTERNSHIPS- The financial assistance for a person under this section may also be provided to support internship activities of the person at the Department of Defense in periods between the academic years leading to the degree for which assistance is provided the person under this section.

`(e) REFUND FOR PERIOD OF UNSERVED OBLIGATED SERVICE- (1) A person who voluntarily terminates service before the end of the period of obligated service required under an agreement entered into under subsection (b) shall refund to the United States an amount determined by the Secretary of Defense as being appropriate to obtain adequate service in exchange for financial assistance and otherwise to achieve the goals set forth in section 2200(a) of this title.

`(2) An obligation to reimburse the United States imposed under paragraph (1) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

`(3) The Secretary of Defense may waive, in whole or in part, a refund required under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that recovery would be against equity and good conscience or would be contrary to the best interests of the United States.

`(f) EFFECT OF DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY- A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person signing such agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or under subsection (e).

`(g) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING- Not less than 50 percent of the amount available for financial assistance under this section for a fiscal year shall be available only for providing financial assistance for the pursuit of degrees referred to in subsection (a) at institutions of higher education that have established, improved, or are administering programs of education in information assurance under the grant program established in section 2200b of this title, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.