**Section 1105.500 Approval Process**

a) The Board shall accept nominations for Fellowships in accordance with Section 1105.400.

b) Board staff shall review nominations to ensure the eligibility requirements are met in accordance with Section 1105.300.

c) Board staff shall make recommendations to the Board for approval of Fellowships based upon factors that shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Strength of the nomination by the chief nursing administrator and the nominee's personal statement regarding proposed use of funds and employment plans;

2) Major accomplishments of the nominee, such as research, program improvements, and other nursing program contributions;

3) Statewide geographic distribution of Fellowship recipients;

4) Distribution of Fellowship recipients among the degree levels and sectors of eligible institutions that nominate qualified applicants for the program; and

5) Tenure status (preference will be given to tenured/tenure-track faculty).

d) For a nominating institution that is a prior fiscal agent of an award under this Part, the Board staff shall review available information on the institution's prior performance and consider that information when assessing institution risk. This is part of the grantee risk assessment required by GATU (see GATA Rule Section 7000.340).

e) Upon Board approval, Fellowships can be made to the nominating institution, on behalf of the Fellow.

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