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TO: Indiana Higher Education Financial Aid Offices
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RE: Child of Disabled Veteran (CDV) Tuition and Fee Remission
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the defined educational benefits for the children of disabled veterans. 2011 legislative changes, as provided by Senate Enrolled Act ("SEA") 577, have been incorporated into this memorandum.

Who is eligible?

Child of Prisoner of War or Person Missing in Action ("POW/MIA")

A child who:

- (1) was born during the period during which his or her father was a POW/MIA; or
- (2) was legally adopted or in the legal custody of his or her father before and during the period during which the father was a POW/MIA.

The POW/MIA must have been:

- (1) a resident of Indiana at the time he or she entered the US armed forces; and
- (2) declared a POW/MIA while serving in the US armed forces after January 1, 1960.

To remain eligible, a child of a POW/MIA must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress ("SAP") as determined by the institution and annually file the appropriate (and error-free) year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA").

Child of Purple Heart Recipient or Wounded Veteran or Deceased or Disabled Veteran

If the veteran parent initially enlisted before June 30, 2011, a child who:

- (1) is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the eligible Indiana institution the child will attend.
- *If the child is the legally adopted child of the veteran parent, he or she must have been adopted before the age of 24.

If a Purple Heart recipient or wounded veteran, the parent must have:

- (1) enlisted before June 30, 2011;
- (2) served in the US armed forces;
- (3) received the Purple Heart decoration or wounds as a result of enemy action;
- (4) received a discharge or separation other than dishonorable discharge; and
- (5) resided in Indiana for at least 36 consecutive months during his or her lifetime.

If a deceased or disabled veteran, the parent must have:

- (1) enlisted before June 30, 2011;*
- (2) served in the US armed forces during a war or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a US service or campaign medal;*
- (3) suffered a service connected death or disability as determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs;*
- (4) received a discharge or separation other than dishonorable discharge; and*
- (5) resided in Indiana for at least 36 consecutive months during his or her lifetime.*

If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011, a child who:

- (1) is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the eligible Indiana institution the child will attend;*
 - (2) possesses the requisite academic qualifications; and*
 - (3) is not more than 32 years old when he or she first applies for and is eligible to receive the benefit.*
- *If the child is the legally adopted child of the veteran parent, he or she must have been adopted before the age of 18.*

If a Purple Heart recipient or wounded veteran, the parent must have:

- (1) enlisted after June 30, 2011;*
- (2) served in the US armed forces;*
- (3) received the Purple Heart decoration or wounds as a result of enemy action;*
- (4) received a discharge or separation other than dishonorable discharge; and*
- (5) designated Indiana as home of record at the time of enlistment or resided in Indiana at least five (5) years before the child first applies for the benefit.*

If a deceased or disabled veteran, the parent must have:

- (1) enlisted after June 30, 2011;*
- (2) served in the US armed forces during a war or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a US service or campaign medal;*
- (3) suffered a service connected death or disability as determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs;*
- (4) received a discharge or separation other than dishonorable discharge; and*
- (5) designated Indiana as home of record at the time of enlistment or resided in Indiana at least five (5) years before the child first applies for the benefit.*

To remain eligible, a child of a qualified veteran who initially enlisted before June 30, 2011 must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (“SAP”) as determined by the institution and annually file the appropriate (and error-free) year’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”).

If the qualified veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011 and the child initially enrolled in the institution before June 30, 2012, the child must maintain SAP as determined by the institution and annually file the appropriate (and error-free) year’s FAFSA.

If the qualified veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011 and the child initially enrolled in the institution after June 30, 2012, the child must meet the minimum cumulative grade point average (“GPA”) requirements outlined below and annually file the appropriate (and error-free) year’s FAFSA.

The benefit may not be renewed if the child fails to maintain at least the following:

- (1) For the freshman academic year, a cumulative GPA that the institution determines is satisfactory academic progress;
- (2) For the sophomore academic year, a cumulative GPA of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the institution; and
- (3) For the junior and senior academic year, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the institution.

What is the benefit?

Child of Prisoner of War or Person Missing in Action (POW/MIA)

As a supplement to other state grants, this benefit pays 100 percent of tuition and regularly assessed fees at an eligible Indiana institution. (A full list of eligible institutions is available online at <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2535.htm>.)

The benefit is limited to a maximum of 124 credit hours. If the veteran parent initially enlisted before June 30, 2011, there is no time limit to use the allotted 124 credit hours. If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011, the allotted 124 credit hours must be used within eight (8) years after the date the child first applied.

The benefit may be used at the undergraduate and professional degree level. However, tuition and regularly assessed fees for all students will be paid at the undergraduate rate charged by the institution. Details for processing and billing these awards will be provided to eligible institutions in the manual.

Child of Purple Heart Recipient or Wounded Veteran or Deceased or Disabled Veteran

If the veteran parent initially enlisted before June 30, 2011, this benefit pays 100 percent of tuition and regularly assessed fees at an eligible Indiana institution as a supplement to other state grants. (A full list of eligible institutions is available online at <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2535.htm>.)

If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011 and suffered a disability with a rating of 80 percent or more, this benefit pays 100 percent of tuition and regularly assessed fees at an eligible Indiana institution as a supplement to other state grants. If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011 and suffered a disability with a rating less than 80 percent, the rate of remission for tuition and regularly assessed fees is 20 percent plus the disability rating.

The benefit is limited to a maximum of 124 credit hours. If the veteran parent initially enlisted before June 30, 2011, there is no time limit to use the allotted 124 credit hours. If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011, the allotted 124 credit hours must be used within eight (8) years after the date the child first applied.

If the veteran parent initially enlisted before June 30, 2011, the benefit may be used at the undergraduate, graduate and professional degree level. However, tuition and regularly assessed fees for all students will be paid at the undergraduate rate charged by the institution.

If the veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011, the benefit may be used at the undergraduate and professional degree level. However, tuition and regularly assessed fees for all students will be paid at the undergraduate rate charged by the institution.

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How does a person apply for the benefit?

Child of POW/MIA, Purple Heart Recipient or Wounded Veteran or Deceased or Disabled Veteran

Application for this benefit is required.

To receive the benefit, eligible persons must:

- (1) Mail the completed State Form 20234 application and all supporting documentation to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs ("IDVA") at:

Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs
302 West Washington Street, Room E-120
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2738

(IDVA, after receipt of the application, verifies eligibility and returns the application to the student either approved or denied.)

- (2) Submit the approved application to the financial aid office of the institution the student plans to attend **no later than 30 days prior to the end of the college term**; and
- (3) File the appropriate (and error-free) academic year's FAFSA, which may be completed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The FAFSA must be completed **no later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the college term**. (The preferred completion date is by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana's ("SSACI") March 10 receipt deadline.)

Reapplication is necessary whenever a student changes the school he or she is attending or the student stops attending school for two or more consecutive semesters (excluding summer).

If you have questions about benefit eligibility, please contact the IDVA at 317.232.3910 or 800.400.4520 or <http://www.in.gov/veteran/>.

If you have questions about SSACI, tuition charges or general financial aid, please contact SSACI Program and Communications Director Amanda Stanley at 317.234.8232 or ajstanley@ssaci.in.gov.