



The *Douglas J.J. Peters Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship (VAIC)* is designed to provide financial assistance to United States Uniformed Services personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their dependents attending a Maryland postsecondary institution.



Currently to terminate June 2030



Timeline

2006 — Scholarship Created

Termination date of 2012.

2008 — First Extension

New termination date: 2016.

2012 — Second Extension

New termination date: 2020.

2020 — Third Extension

New termination date: June 30, 2030.

2023 — Program Renamed

Renamed **Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship**, honoring former Maryland Senator Doug Peters for his service and legislative work.

2026 — Ongoing Authorization

Removes the 2030 sunset and allows the scholarship to continue until the General Assembly determines it no longer serves its purpose, aligning it with other Maryland scholarship programs.



Service Member:

- Served in Afghanistan at **20**
- Continued serving **20 years after the 2021 withdrawal**
- Retired in **2041**
- Start school in **2042**
- Ineligible scholarship ended **June 30, 2030**



Dependent:

- Dependent born **2035**
- Dependent not college age until **2053**
- Ineligible scholarship ended **June 30, 2030**