

Chapter 123

(House Bill 404)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include the surviving spouse of a certain disabled veteran; ~~repealing certain provisions that limit the types of veterans who qualify for a scholarship under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program;~~ and generally relating to eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–601(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

18–601.

(d) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a scholarship under this section if the person:

- (1) (i) Is a resident of Maryland at the time of application; or
- (ii) Was a resident of Maryland when an event described in paragraph (3) of this subsection occurred;
- (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or
- (ii) Is enrolled in a 2–year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; and

(3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the armed forces who:

1. Died as a result of military service after December 7, 1941;

2. Suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability after December 7, 1941; or

3. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(ii) Was a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(iii) 1. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;

(iv) 1. Is a disabled public safety employee;

2. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled;

(v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government Article~~s~~, who:

1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or greater; and

2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits~~s~~;

(VI) IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SUFFERED A SERVICE CONNECTED 100% PERMANENT DISABILITY; or

[(vi)] (VII) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.