

§12553. Tuition waiver

The child or spouse of a firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person who has been killed or who has received an injury during the performance of that firefighter's, law enforcement officer's or emergency medical services person's duties, which results in death, may attend, as provided in this section, any state postsecondary educational institution free of tuition charges. [PL 1999, c. 234, §4 (AMD).]

1. Eligibility of a child. The child of a firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person is eligible for tuition waiver under this chapter if the child is:

- A. The natural or legally adopted child of a firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person; [PL 1999, c. 234, §5 (AMD).]
- B. Is less than 21 years old at the time of the death of the parent who is a firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person; [PL 1999, c. 234, §5 (AMD).]
- C. A Maine resident; [PL 1985, c. 472 (NEW).]
- D. A high school graduate or has attained equivalent certification; and [PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §124 (RPR).]
- E. Accepted for admission to a state postsecondary educational institution. [PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (AMD).]

[PL 1999, c. 234, §5 (AMD).]

1-A. Eligibility of a spouse. The spouse of a firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person is eligible for tuition waiver under this chapter if the spouse is:

- A. Legally married to the firefighter, law enforcement officer or emergency medical services person at the time of the firefighter's, law enforcement officer's or emergency medical services person's death; [PL 1999, c. 234, §6 (AMD).]
- B. A Maine resident; [PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (NEW).]
- C. A high school graduate or has attained equivalent certification; and [PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (NEW).]
- D. Accepted for admission to a state postsecondary educational institution. [PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 1999, c. 234, §6 (AMD).]

2. Limitation. The tuition waiver provided by this chapter is limited to undergraduate degree programs and is limited to not more than 5 years of full-time enrollment or its equivalent.

[PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (AMD).]

3. Continuation. The tuition waiver provided by this chapter is awarded on a yearly basis and continues to be available, if the child or spouse is otherwise eligible under this section, as long as the child or spouse remains in good academic standing at a state institution.

[PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1985, c. 472 (NEW). PL 1985, c. 779, §58 (AMD). PL 1987, c. 402, §A124 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 160, §3 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 234, §§4-6 (AMD).

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