

1                                   **UTAH PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS**  
2                                   **TUITION ACT AMENDMENTS**

3                                   2008 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This bill provides a graduate tuition waiver for Purple Heart recipients under specified  
11 conditions.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This bill:

14           ▶ waives the graduate tuition at a state institution of higher education for Purple Heart  
15 recipients:

- 16           • for a maximum amount of money; and
- 17           • to be used in a certain time frame; and
- 18           ▶ makes technical amendments.

19   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

20           None

21   **Other Special Clauses:**

22           None

23   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24   AMENDS:

25           **53B-8e-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 173

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27   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

28           Section 1. Section **53B-8e-103** is amended to read:

29           **53B-8e-103. Tuition waivers for Purple Heart recipients -- Qualifications --**

30 **Limitations.**

31 (1) Beginning in the 2004-05 academic year, a state institution of higher education shall  
32 waive undergraduate tuition for each Purple Heart recipient who:

33 (a) is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student in an undergraduate  
34 program of study leading to a degree or certificate;

35 (b) is a resident student of the state as determined under Section 53B-8-102; and

36 (c) submits verification as provided in Subsection [~~(2)~~] (3) that the student is a Purple  
37 Heart recipient.

38 (2) (a) Beginning in the 2008-09 academic year, a state institution of higher education  
39 shall waive graduate tuition as provided in this Subsection (2) for each Purple Heart recipient  
40 who:

41 (i) is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student in a graduate program  
42 of study leading to a degree;

43 (ii) is a resident student of the state as determined under Section 53B-8-102; and

44 (iii) submits verification as provided in Subsection (3) that the student is a Purple Heart  
45 recipient.

46 (b) To qualify for a graduate tuition waiver, a Purple Heart recipient shall apply for a  
47 graduate program no later than ten years from the day on which the Purple Heart recipient  
48 completes an undergraduate degree.

49 (c) The total amount of all graduate tuition waived for a Purple Heart recipient may not  
50 exceed \$10,000.

51 (d) A Purple Heart recipient may receive a graduate tuition waiver for a period of time  
52 that does not exceed the lesser of:

53 (i) the time it takes for the Purple Heart recipient to complete a graduate degree; or

54 (ii) five years after the day on which the Purple Heart recipient is accepted to a graduate  
55 program.

56 [~~(2)~~] (3) A Purple Heart recipient seeking a tuition waiver shall request the Department  
57 of Veterans' Affairs to provide the verification required by Subsection (1)(c). The Department

58 of Veterans' Affairs shall provide the verification upon obtaining evidence satisfactory to the  
59 division that the student is a Purple Heart recipient.

60 (4) The State Board of Regents may request reimbursement from the Legislature for  
61 costs incurred in providing the tuition waiver under this section.