

**TUITION WAIVER FOR PURPLE HEART**

**RECIPIENTS**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the State System of Higher Education Code by creating a tuition waiver.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires state institutions of higher education to waive the tuition of a Utah resident admitted to **h** [a] **AN UNDERGRADUATE h** program of study leading to a degree or certificate, if the student has received a Purple Heart award as a result of military service.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53B-8e-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**53B-8e-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**53B-8e-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section 53B-8e-101 is enacted to read:

29 CHAPTER 8e. UTAH PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS' TUITION ACT

30 53B-8e-101. Title.

31 This chapter is known as the "Utah Purple Heart Recipients' Tuition Act."

32 Section 2. Section 53B-8e-102 is enacted to read:

33 53B-8e-102. Definitions.

34 As used in this chapter:

35 (1) "Purple Heart recipient" means any Utah resident who is a military veteran and who  
36 has earned a Purple Heart award as a result of military service.

37 (2) "State institution of higher education" means an institution listed in Section  
38 53B-1-102.

39 (3) (a) "Tuition" means tuition at the rate for residents of the state.

40 (b) "Tuition" excludes fees.

41 Section 3. Section 53B-8e-103 is enacted to read:

42 53B-8e-103. Tuition waivers for Purple Heart recipients -- Qualifications --  
43 Limitations.

44 (1) Beginning in the 2004-05 academic year, a state institution of higher education  
45 shall waive  $\hat{h}$  UNDERGRADUATE  $\hat{h}$  tuition for each Purple Heart recipient who:

46 (a) is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student in  $\hat{h}$  [a] AN

46a UNDERGRADUATE  $\hat{h}$  program of  
47 study leading to a degree or certificate;

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

49 (c) submits verification as provided in Subsection (2) that the student is a Purple Heart  
50 recipient.

51 (2) A Purple Heart recipient seeking a tuition waiver shall request the Division of  
52 Veterans Affairs to provide the verification required by Subsection (1)(c). The Division of  
53 Veterans Affairs shall provide the verification upon obtaining evidence satisfactory to the  
54 division that the student is a Purple Heart recipient.

55 Section 4. Effective date.

56 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
as of 12-23-03 12:49 PM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**

Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients

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**State Impact**

This bill offers a tuition waiver to Purple Heart Recipients that are Utah Residents. The estimated amount of tuition waived for approximately 24 recipients is relatively small and can be covered within existing tuition waiver estimates.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

The cost of attending institutions of higher education for those military personnel qualifying for the tuition waiver will be reduced.

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