

**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 an undergraduate 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:*

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

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

**53B-8e-101. Title.**

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

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

**53B-8e-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

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

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

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

(b) "Tuition" excludes fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.