

UTAH PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

TUITION ACT AMENDMENTS

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus

Senate Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

- for a maximum amount of money; and
- to be used in a certain time frame; and

▶ makes technical amendments.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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
32 shall 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
42 program 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
55 graduate 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.

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State Impact

This bill expands tuition waivers for Purple Heart recipients to include graduate programs, under specific conditions. There are currently 24 Purple Heart recipients who are benefiting from tuition waivers for undergraduate degrees. Approximately 10 percent of students with an undergraduate degree continue on to a graduate program. Assuming this same percentage, two to three Purple Heart recipients would apply for the graduate tuition waiver. The maximum amount of graduate tuition that can be waived is \$10,000. The fiscal impact would depend on the actual number of waivers approved and the actual amount of tuition waived.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Purple Heart recipients who meet the conditions established in this legislation would benefit from tuition waivers for graduate studies.
