261.93 Program established — who qualified.

1. An Iowa grant program is established.

2. *a.* A grant may be awarded to a resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time resident student at an accredited higher education institution and who establishes financial need.

b. Top priority in awarding program grants shall be given to a qualified student who is a resident of Iowa; is under the age of twenty-six, or the age of thirty if the student is a veteran who is eligible for benefits, or has exhausted the benefits, under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008; is not a convicted felon as defined in section 910.15; and who meets any of the following criteria:

(1) Is the child of a peace officer, as defined in section 97A.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the board of trustees of the Iowa department of public safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability system in accordance with section 97A.6, subsection 16.

(2) Is the child of a police officer or a fire fighter, as defined in section 411.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the statewide fire and police retirement system in accordance with section 411.6, subsection 15.

(3) Is the child of a sheriff or deputy sheriff as defined in section 97B.49C, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees' retirement system in accordance with section 97B.52, subsection 2.

(4) Is the child of a fire fighter included under section 97B.49B, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees' retirement system in accordance with section 97B.52, subsection 2.

3. Grants awarded shall be distributed to the appropriate accredited higher education institution for payment of educational expenses, including tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees, with any balance to be distributed to the student for whom the grant is awarded.

90 Acts, ch 1272, §60; 2012 Acts, ch 1138, §26
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