

**801—11.3(35A) Eligible veterans.**

**11.3(1)** For purposes of this program, the term “veteran” means:

*a.* A resident of this state who is or was a member of the national guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of the United States who has served on active duty at any time after September 11, 2001, and, if discharged or released from service, was discharged or released under honorable conditions; or

*b.* A nonresident of this state who is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to alert for mobilization who has served on active duty at any time after September 11, 2001, was injured while serving in the national guard unit located in this state, is not eligible to receive a similar grant from another state for that injury, and, if discharged or released from service, was discharged or released under honorable conditions.

**11.3(2)** In addition to the requirements set out in subrule 11.3(1), an eligible veteran must meet all of the following conditions:

*a.* The veteran must have sustained a service-related injury in the line of duty, based upon the circumstances known at the time of evacuation or injury; in support of a named overseas operation; or in a hostile fire zone; and

*b.* The service-related injury was serious enough to require medical evacuation from the theater of operation to a military hospital or the injury required at least 30 consecutive days of hospitalization at a military hospital.

**11.3(3)** The veteran shall remain eligible for the grant after discharge from the military so long as the veteran continues to receive medical treatment or rehabilitation services for the specific injury or illness.

**11.3(4)** The commission may consider a request for a waiver of any of these requirements only pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

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