

**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 an injury or illness in a combat zone or hostile fire zone; and

*b.* The injury or illness was serious enough to require medical evacuation from the combat zone to a military hospital or the injury or illness required at least 30 consecutive days of hospitalization at a military hospital; and

*c.* The injury or illness was or is considered by the military to have been received in the line of duty, based upon the circumstances known at the time of evacuation, injury or illness.

**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.