

CRITERIA GOVERNING THE VETERAN'S DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS FREE TUITION PROGRAMS AT STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

Free Tuition for Children of Veterans Who Die During Service

(SDCL §13-55-6 to §13-55-9)

Children who are under the age of 25, are residents of South Dakota, and whose mother or father was killed in action or died of other causes while on active duty in the armed forces, are eligible for free tuition at a state supported school or any postsecondary technical institute. The deceased parent must have been a bona fide resident of this state for at least six (6) months immediately preceding entry into active service.

Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's

(SDCL §13-55-9.2 to §13-55-9.6)

Children and spouses of prisoners of war, or of persons listed as missing in action, and who were residents of this state at the time of entry into the armed forces, are entitled to attend a state supported school without the payment of tuition or mandatory fees provided they are not eligible for equal or greater federal benefits.

Free Tuition for Dependents of National Guard Members Disabled or Deceased In Line of Duty

(SDCL §13-55-10)

Resident children who are under the age of twenty-five years, and/or the spouse of a South Dakota National Guard Member who died or sustained a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from duty as a member of the National Guard, while on state or federal active duty or any authorized training duty, are entitled to free tuition at any state educational institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

Individuals applying for free tuition must complete this application and mail it to:

VARO, ATTN: VETERANS SERVICE CENTER (21)
P0 BOX 5046
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57117-5046

Once this form is returned to the applicant by the VA, it should be presented to the Registrar of the University or school where the applicant will be attending classes.

Those desiring more information should contact their local County Veterans Service Officer or Financial Aids Officer the school.