

REFERENCE TITLE: purple heart recipients; tuition waiver

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## **HB 2350**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1808, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-1808. Tuition waiver for child or spouse of peace officer,  
5 correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency  
6 paramedic, national guard member or member of the  
7 United States armed forces killed in the line of  
8 duty; disabled national guard member; disabled  
9 United States armed forces member; definitions

10 A. The board of regents, after verification by the Arizona peace  
11 officers memorial board, by the Arizona fire fighters and emergency  
12 paramedics memorial board, by the adjutant general of the national guard or  
13 by the Arizona department of veterans' services that a person is a child or a  
14 spouse of a peace officer, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency  
15 paramedic, national guard member or member of the United States armed forces  
16 who was a resident of the state of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and who  
17 was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line  
18 of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who  
19 qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise meets the  
20 qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any  
21 university under the jurisdiction of the board. A district as defined in  
22 section 15-1401, after verification by the Arizona peace officers memorial  
23 board, by the Arizona fire fighters and emergency paramedics memorial board,  
24 by the adjutant general of the national guard or by the Arizona department of  
25 veterans' services that a person is the child or the spouse of a peace  
26 officer, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency paramedic, national  
27 guard member or member of the United States armed forces who was a resident  
28 of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and who was killed in the line of duty or  
29 who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while traveling to or  
30 from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under subsection B of this  
31 section and who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission with a  
32 tuition waiver scholarship at any community college under the jurisdiction of  
33 the ~~board~~ DISTRICT.

34 B. The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who  
35 are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and  
36 shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to no more than sixty-four  
37 credit hours at Arizona community colleges and a total number of credits  
38 including any transfer credits from an Arizona community college equal to the  
39 number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree at Arizona universities  
40 for that student's initially declared course of study.

41 C. A member of the Arizona national guard who received a purple heart  
42 citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of the Arizona  
43 national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona national guard  
44 due to an injury or disability suffered during status under title 10, United  
45 States Code, in weekend training status, in annual training status or in

1 response to a state of emergency declared by the governor is eligible for a  
2 tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this section.

3 D. THE BOARD OF REGENTS, AFTER VERIFICATION BY THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT  
4 OF VETERANS' SERVICES THAT A PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE  
5 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART CITATION, WHO WAS A  
6 RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA OR WAS STATIONED IN ARIZONA AT THE TIME OF  
7 THE INJURY THAT RESULTED IN THE PURPLE HEART CITATION AND WHOSE DISABILITY  
8 RATING DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXCEEDS  
9 FIFTY PER CENT, SHALL PROVIDE THE PERSON WHO OTHERWISE MEETS THE  
10 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION WITH A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY  
11 UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. A DISTRICT AS DEFINED IN  
12 SECTION 15-1401, AFTER VERIFICATION BY THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'  
13 SERVICES THAT A PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES  
14 ARMED FORCES WHO RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART CITATION, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF THE  
15 STATE OF ARIZONA OR WAS STATIONED IN ARIZONA AT THE TIME OF THE INJURY THAT  
16 RESULTED IN THE PURPLE HEART CITATION AND WHOSE DISABILITY RATING DETERMINED  
17 BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXCEEDS FIFTY PER CENT,  
18 SHALL PROVIDE THE PERSON WHO OTHERWISE MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION  
19 WITH A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THE  
20 JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT. A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY IS  
21 INELIGIBLE FOR A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION.

22 ~~D.~~ E. For the purposes of this section:

23 1. "Correctional officer" means a person, other than an elected  
24 official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who is  
25 responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control of  
26 inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution, including  
27 counselors but excluding secretarial, clerical and professionally trained  
28 personnel.

29 2. "Emergency paramedic" means a person who has been trained in an  
30 emergency paramedic training program certified by the director of the  
31 department of health services or in an equivalent training program and who is  
32 certified by the director of the department of health services to render  
33 services pursuant to section 36-2205.

34 3. "Fire fighter" means a professional fire fighter who is a member of  
35 a state, federal, tribal, city, county, district or private fire department.

36 4. "Peace officers" means sheriffs of counties, constables, marshals,  
37 police officers of cities and towns, commissioned personnel of the department  
38 of public safety and police officers appointed by community college district  
39 governing boards or the Arizona board of regents who have received a  
40 certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards and training board, and  
41 other state, federal, tribal, city or county officers vested by law with a  
42 duty to maintain public order and make arrests.