

## CHAPTER 10

AN ACT concerning eligibility for State student financial aid, amending P.L.2001, c.41, and repealing N.J.S.18A:71B-6.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 5 of P.L.2001, c.41 (C.18A:71B-24.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:71B-24.2 Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program.

5. a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded, pursuant to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of the Department of State, and established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71A-3, shall administer this program.

b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.2001, c.41 (C.39:3-27.123), for undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree or associate degree at any public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey. The amount of any such scholarship shall not exceed an amount equal to the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at the institution that is not otherwise covered by any other scholarship, tuition aid grant, benefit or other assistance awarded to the recipient under the "Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law," N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.

c. The scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years, except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the holder of the scholarship remains a full-time student in good standing at the institution and continues to meet the eligibility criteria and guidelines established under this act and regulations promulgated thereto. Selection of recipients may take into account the actual dependency of the recipients, their needs and means, and the pecuniary loss occasioned by reason of the death of their parents.

d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2022, c.10)

e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily required to successfully complete a training course approved by the Police Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent to an approved course.

Repealer.

2. N.J.S.18A:71B-6 is repealed.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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