
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Veterans scholarship program. (a) There is
5 established a veterans scholarship program to be placed
6 administratively within the university.

7 (b) The university shall provide scholarships to eligible
8 applicants who are residents of the state who have been accepted
9 for enrollment in the university in an approved course of study.
10 Scholarships shall apply only to tuition, books, laboratory
11 fees, and other required educational fees.

12 (c) To receive a scholarship under this chapter, an
13 applicant shall:

14 (1) Maintain a domicile in Hawaii during the term of the
15 scholarship;

16 (2) Comply with any requirements or conditions of the
17 scholarship;



- 1 (3) Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher, on a
2 scale of 4.0 or its equivalent; and
- 3 (4) Enter into a written agreement with the university to:
4 (A) Satisfy all degree and other requirements under
5 this program; and
- 6 (B) Reimburse the State for all amounts received
7 under this program and interest thereon, as
8 determined by the university, if the applicant
9 fails to comply with this section.
- 10 (d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c), an
11 applicant shall be a veteran as currently defined by the federal
12 Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 13 (e) The scholarship shall also apply and inure to the
14 benefit of:
- 15 (1) The children of any current or past member of the
16 armed forces of the United States; provided that the
17 member:
- 18 (A) Was killed while serving on active duty or died
19 while in service; provided that the deaths are
20 documented and directly caused by illness or
21 injury connected with service in the United
22 States armed forces;



1 (B) Is missing in action; or

2 (C) Became totally disabled for purposes of

3 employability according to the disability ratings

4 of the Department of Veterans Affairs as a result

5 of a service-related injury;

6 and

7 (2) Orphans or children of any current or past member of

8 the Hawaii national guard and Hawaii reserve; provided

9 that the member:

10 (A) Was killed after January 1, 1946, while on active

11 duty either in the service of the State or the

12 United States; or

13 (B) Is totally disabled for purposes of employability

14 according to the disability ratings of the United

15 States Department of Veterans Affairs, regardless

16 of whether the members are eligible to receive

17 disability benefits from the department as a

18 result of a service-related injury suffered after

19 January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in

20 the service of the State or the United States.

21 (f) The scholarship is limited to funds appropriated for

22 the purposes of this section.



1 (g) An applicant shall not receive benefits under this
2 section for more than a cumulative total of one hundred fifty
3 credit hours.

4 (h) The scholarship shall not apply to an applicant who
5 receives educational benefits under federal law if the value of
6 those benefits is equal to or exceeds the scholarship. If the
7 value of the federal benefits do not equal or exceed the value
8 of the scholarship, the applicant shall first use the federal
9 benefits such that the combined amount of the federal benefits
10 plus the amount of the scholarship shall not exceed the maximum
11 value of the scholarship.

12 (i) An applicant is not eligible for a scholarship if the
13 applicant is in default on any:

14 (1) Loan made or guaranteed for educational purposes by
15 the State; or

16 (2) Other debt owed to the university or any other
17 approved educational institution.

18 (j) The university shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
19 91 to effectuate this section."

20 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Veterans Scholarship Program; University of Hawaii

Description:

Provides a veterans scholarship program at the University of Hawaii. (HB657 HD1)

