

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by changing Section 9 as follows:

(110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans. For each of the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the University, for the benefit of the children of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States, except that the total number of scholarships annually granted to recipients from each county may not exceed 3: the Civil War, World War I, any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II, any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that persons in service are no longer eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Preference for scholarships shall be given to

the children of persons who are deceased or disabled. Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils as shall, upon public examination, conducted as the board of trustees of the University may determine, be decided to have attained the greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught in the secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so selected, shall be entitled to receive, without charge for tuition, instruction in any or all departments of the University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and regulations of the University, established for the government of the pupils in attendance.

(Source: P.A. 95-64, eff. 1-1-08.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2015.