**Section 116.50 Definition of Eligible Veterans or Servicepersons**

*"Eligible veteran"* or *"serviceperson" means any veteran or serviceperson, including an Illinois National Guard Member, who is on active duty or is active on a training assignment*:

a) *who has:*

1) *been declared by the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be a Prisoner-of-War or to be Missing-in-Action; or*

2) *been found by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have died as the result of a service-connected disability or is permanently disabled from service-connected causes with 100% disability; or is 100% permanently and totally disabled by service-connected causes due to unemployability; and*

b) *who:*

1) *at the time of entering service was an Illinois resident; or*

2) *was an Illinois resident within six months after entering such service; or*

3) *is a resident of Illinois at the time of application for the Scholarship and, at some point after entering such service, was a resident of Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years.* [105 ILCS 5/30-14.2(a)]

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