

1 AN ACT relating to higher education student assistance.

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

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 55 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/55)

7 Sec. 55. Police officer or fire officer survivor grant.  
8 Grants shall be provided for any spouse, natural child,  
9 legally adopted child, or child in the legal custody of  
10 police officers and fire officers killed or permanently  
11 disabled with 90% to 100% disability in the line of duty  
12 while employed by, or in the voluntary service of, this State  
13 or any local public entity in this State. Beneficiaries need  
14 not be State Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in  
15 order to receive this grant. Beneficiaries are entitled to 8  
16 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and  
17 mandatory fees at any State-sponsored Illinois institution of  
18 higher learning for either full or part-time study, or the  
19 equivalent of 8 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of  
20 tuition and mandatory fees at the rate established by the  
21 Commission for private institutions in the State of Illinois,  
22 provided the recipient is maintaining satisfactory academic  
23 progress. This benefit may be used for undergraduate or  
24 graduate study. The benefits of this Section shall be  
25 administered by and paid out of funds available to the  
26 Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant  
27 without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to  
28 qualify for those benefits.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-670, eff. 12-22-99.)