

Application Procedures

The dependent must complete a MIA/POW Application and provide the following documentation when applicable:

DD214/Enlistment Record, Marriage certificate, Birth certificate, Adoption decree, Letter of guardianship, Death certificate, or Report of Casualty, proof of MIA/POW status, or proof of total and permanent disability.

Upon verification of eligibility, the dependent will be issued an ID card which shall be used to substantiate eligibility.

For further information contact your local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Office.

Additional information:

This award can be used for both undergraduate and graduate work. If the student is also eligible for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission MAP Grant, the MIA/POW award must be used first.

Contact your nearest
Veterans Service Officer
for a comprehensive veteran benefit
Consultation.
217-782-6641
800-437-9824
TDD: 217-524-4645
<http://www.state.il.us/agency/DVA>



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401 Kennedy-King
402 Harold Washington
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453 Wabash Valley
454 Frontier
476 Black Hawk East
501 Kaskaskia
503 College of DuPage
504 Triton
505 Parkland
506 Sauk Valley
507 Danville
509 Elgin
510 South Suburban
511 Rock Valley
512 Wm. Rainey Harper
513 Illinois Valley
514 Illinois Central
515 Prairie State

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517 Lake Land
518 Carl Sandburg
519 Highland
520 Kankakee
521 Rend Lake
522 Belleville Area
523 Kishwaukee
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525 Joliet
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528 McHenry County
530 John A. Logan
531 Shawnee
532 College of Lake City
533 Southeastern
534 Spoon River
535 Oakton
536 Lewis & Clark
537 Richland
539 John Wood
540 Heartland
610 Lambs Farm Inc.

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001 Illinois State
002 Northern Illinois
003 U of I Springfield
101 U of I Champaign
102 U of I Circle
103 U of I Medical
201 SIU Carbondale

202 SIU Edwardsville
301 Eastern Illinois
302 Western Illinois
303 Northeastern IL
304 Chicago State
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MIA/POW Scholarship

The State of Illinois provides an education scholarship for the dependents of veterans who are either Missing In Action, a Prisoner of War, died while on active duty, 100% disabled due to service connected disabilities or died as a result of a service connected disabilities. 105 ILCS 5/30-14.2 (MIA/POW Scholarship) establishes the benefit and 95 Ill. Admin Code 116 (MIA/POW Scholarship) provides the rules governing the administration and eligibility of dependents.

How to apply?

The student must obtain an application for the Illinois MIA/POW Scholarship from the Financial Aid Office at Prairie State College or download the application from

www.veterans.illinois.gov/pdfs/miapowscholarshipapp.pdf.

The applicant is required to provide the following documentation as appropriate: marriage certificate, birth certificate, adoption decree, guardianship papers, and/or proof of the applicant's physical, mental, or developmental disability. Verification of the federal 100 percent service connected disability rating or, if the veteran is deceased, verification from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs that the veteran's death is service connected, or verification that the veteran has been determined by Congress to be an MIA/POW must also accompany the application.

Send completed application and supporting documents to: Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 19432, Springfield, IL 62794-9432.

For more information regarding application status, call (217) 782-3564.

What determine eligibility?

The applicant must be the spouse, natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of a veteran or service person who has been declared by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to be a MIA or POW, or to have died as the result of a service connected disability, or to the 100 percent (total) service connected disabled, and who, at the time of entering service, was an Illinois resident and was an Illinois resident within six months of leaving service. Male applicants must also have registered with Selective Service.

How is the amount of the award determined?

The amount of the award is equal to the student's charges for tuition and registration fees. Lab fees and book fees are not covered by MIA/POW Scholarship and are the responsibility of the student. However, students are encouraged to apply for other Federal Grants to meet these costs by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with PSC School Code (001640) as the school choice at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How and when are the funds paid out?

MIA/POW Scholarship recipients do not receive a cash award. Appropriate charges based on the credit hours the student is enrolled in are billed to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, and the amount credited to the student's PSC account. The recipient is entitled to full payment of tuition and certain fees to any state supported Illinois institution of higher learning for the equivalent of four calendar years of full-time enrollment including summer terms.