

(i) Is legally married to any State or local public safety employee at the time that the public safety employee is killed in the line of duty; and

(ii) Has not remarried.

(4) "State or local public safety employee" means:

(i) A career or volunteer member of a:

1. Fire department;
2. Ambulance company or squad; or
3. Rescue company or squad;

(ii) A law enforcement officer;

(iii) A correctional officer; ~~and~~ OR

(iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of the State at the time of death.

(5) "DISABLED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE" MEANS A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO IS PERMANENTLY SEVERED FROM THE OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BECAUSE THE EMPLOYEE HAS:

~~(I) SUSTAINED A CAREER ENDING INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR~~

~~(II) CONTRACTED A CAREER ENDING OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE SUSTAINS AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT:~~

~~(I) PRECLUDES THE INDIVIDUAL FROM CONTINUING TO SERVE OR BE EMPLOYED AS A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE; AND~~

~~(II) IN THE CASE OF A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR AMBULANCE OR RESCUE COMPANY OR SQUAD, PRECLUDES THE MEMBER FROM CONTINUING TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE NONPUBLIC SAFETY OCCUPATION IN WHICH THE MEMBER IS ENGAGED AT THE TIME OF THE INJURY.~~

(b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

(c) A child [or], spouse, OR DISABLED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE who can demonstrate a financial need to the Administration may apply to the Administration for a scholarship under this section.

(d) (1) The Administration shall determine the amount of each scholarship under this section based on the financial need of the applicant.

(2) Each scholarship pays the tuition and fees at any eligible institution for a maximum of 5 years.