

1. Suffers a [service-related] SERVICE CONNECTED disability of 25% or greater; and

2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits; or

(vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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(A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT IF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORM SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN:

(1) AFGHANISTAN OR CONTIGUOUS AIR SPACE, AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 24, 2001, AND BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; OR

(2) IRAQ OR CONTIGUOUS WATERS OR AIR SPACE, AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ON OR AFTER MARCH 19, 2003, AND BEFORE A TERMINAL DATE TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

(B) THERE IS A VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

(2) (I) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR ENROLLED IN THE REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR

(II) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR ENROLLED IN A ~~2-YEAR~~ 2-YEAR TERMINAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE COURSE WORK IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

(3) (I) 1. IS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT;

2. IS AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT; OR

3. IS A MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD WHO WAS ACTIVATED AS A RESULT OF THE AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ CONFLICT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(II) IS A SON, DAUGHTER, OR SPOUSE OF: