

(e) "Victim" [shall mean] MEANS a person who suffers personal physical injury, ~~PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY~~, or death as a direct result of a crime.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the following persons shall be eligible for awards pursuant to this article:

(1) A victim of a crime;

(2) A surviving spouse or child of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime;

(3) Any other person dependent for [his] principal support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime;

(4) Any person who is injured or killed while trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony;

(5) A surviving spouse or child of any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony;

(6) Any other person dependent for his principal support upon any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony; and

(7) Any person who is injured or killed while giving aid and assistance to a law-enforcement officer in the performance of his lawful duties or to a member of a fire department who is being obstructed from performing his lawful duties.

(b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A person who is criminally responsible for the crime upon which a claim is based or an accomplice of such person or a member of the family of such persons shall not be eligible to receive an award with respect to such claim.

(2) THE BOARD MAY WAIVE INELIGIBILITY OF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IF:

(1) THE BOARD BELIEVES THE AWARD IS IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE; AND