**Section 101.20 Benefits**

a) Eligibility

Children eligible for benefits under the Act and this Part must be:

1) between ages 10 and 17, inclusively, except that a child aged 18 may receive benefits during the period necessary to complete high school. However, in no event will benefits be provided beyond the 19th birthday;

2) a resident of the State of Illinois;

3) in compliance with Illinois compulsory attendance requirements as provided in Section 26-1 of the School Code through enrollment at an Illinois public, private, parochial, or home school.

b) Payment

1) No more than $250 will be paid for any one child during any one school year, or part of a school year, for the cost of matriculation and tuition fees, board, room rent, books and supplies.

2) Payment of the benefit shall be made by the Department to the child, or, if the child is a minor, the veteran or serviceperson or guardian.

3) Payment to eligible minor children of deceased veterans or servicepersons shall be made to the surviving spouse or guardian of the minor children receiving Death and Indemnity Compensation ("DIC") benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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