

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

7 Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans. For each of
8 the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be
9 entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the
10 University, for the benefit of the children of persons who
11 served in the armed forces of the United States, except that
12 the total number of scholarships annually granted to recipients
13 from each county may not exceed 3: ~~the Civil War, World War I,~~
14 any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of
15 World War II, any time during the national emergency between
16 June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet
17 Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time
18 during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between
19 June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after
20 August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that
21 persons in service are no longer eligible for the Southwest
22 Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation
23 Iraqi Freedom. If an honorary scholarship is not awarded for a

1 given period of hostilities because there are no qualified
2 applicants, then the county may award the scholarship for
3 another one of the listed periods of hostilities, in which case
4 there may be more than one scholarship awarded for the same
5 period of hostilities. Preference for scholarships shall be
6 given to the children of persons who are deceased or disabled.
7 Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils as shall,
8 upon public examination, conducted as the board of trustees of
9 the University may determine, be decided to have attained the
10 greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught
11 in the secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral
12 character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so
13 selected, shall be entitled to receive, without charge for
14 tuition, instruction in any or all departments of the
15 University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such
16 pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and
17 regulations of the University, established for the government
18 of the pupils in attendance.

19 (Source: P.A. 95-64, eff. 1-1-08.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
21 2015.