

## **Title 29 In-State Tuition Exemption Eligibility Requirements for Spouses and Children of Deceased Veterans**

Application must be made through the parish veterans service office. In order to be eligible to receive educational benefit under La. R.S. 29:288 et seq., the following criteria must be met:

- Veteran was either killed in action, died in active service from other causes, is Missing in Action, is a Prisoner of War, died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred during a wartime period as defined in La. R.S. 29:251.2, or who, prior to death, was rated 90% to 100% service-connected disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs by evaluation of the Rating Schedule or was determined by the department to be unemployable as a result of a service-connected disability.
- **Veteran was a resident of Louisiana for a period of not less than 12 months immediately preceding entrance into service or for a period not less than 12 months prior to the veteran's death, or who had been permanently assigned and reported for duty to an active, National Guard or Reserve installation or assignment in the State of Louisiana.**
- Child must be between the ages of 16-25. Spouse does qualify. There is no residency requirement for the child and no age limit for the spouse.
- Child must be a dependent of the veteran.
  - Biological child (need birth certificate)
  - Stepchild (need birth certificate and marriage certificate)
  - Adopted child (full adoption only; need court documentation)
- The spouse has no age limit, but must use the benefit within 10 years of the date eligibility is established. Remarriage is a bar to this benefit. Dissolution of the remarriage does not re-establish eligibility. Program termination for a remarried surviving spouse will be the end of the semester in which the marriage takes place.
- Student has five years to obtain four years of education, unless the child ages out.
- The eligible student must attend school on a full-time basis and maintain all academic and other enrollment standards established by the school.
- The eligible student may attend any state college or university, including institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. All entrance requirements for such institution must be met.