



## FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE MEMO

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TOPIC: OHIO WAR ORPHAN AND SEVERELY DISABLED  
VETERANS' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP (WOS)  
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RELEVANT STATUTE: OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 5910

### Ohio Revised Code

The Ohio Revised Code for the War Orphans Scholarship (WOS) can be found at:  
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5910>.

This program provides undergraduate tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans, who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

### **\*Update\* Award Amount**

The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board met on July 29, 2020 to approve new applicants and funding levels for the 2020-2021 academic year. After reviewing the program budget as well as projected program utilization rates, scholarship coverage for the 2020-2021 academic year will be **100% of tuition/general fees for students attending a public institution and an annual award of \$8,575 for students attending a private (non-profit or for-profit) institution.**

### General Fees and Influence of other Tuition Specific Aid

WOS funds are available to be used toward instructional and general fees only. General fees are defined as those assessed universally to all students and those that *do not allow* for a waiver to be offered to any student(s). Any student receiving aid that can *only* be used towards tuition and general fees and therefore covers **100%** of their tuition and general fees, is not eligible for WOS. This aid can be in the form of a waiver or institutional, athletic, third party, federal, or state aid (Ohio Safety Officers Memorial Fund).

For students receiving any tuition/general fees-specific aid not equal to 100% of their tuition/general fees, may be eligible for a partial WOS award. This other tuition/general fees-specific aid must be applied prior to the WOS award. Tuition/general fees minus tuition/general fees-specific aid equals WOS eligibility (up to the respective maximum award).

### Study Abroad

Home schools need to maintain documentation that shows the course(s) being taken, tuition charges at the study abroad institution (if not recorded on transcript and account statement), and that funds were used for tuition and general fees only. The total expense of tuition and fee charges must not be more than the cost of attending the home institution during that term. The home school must keep the above documentation in case of an audit.

