FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE MEMO

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TOPIC: OHIO WAR ORPHANS SCHOLARSHIP

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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.

Award Amount
The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board met on July 26, 2018 to approve new applicants and funding levels for the 2018-2019 academic year. After reviewing the program budget as well as projected program utilization rates, scholarship coverage for the 2018-2019 academic year will be 84% of tuition/general fees for students attending a public institution and an annual award of $6,435 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 equal WOS eligibility (up to the respective maximum award).

Study Abroad
Home schools need to have paperwork 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.
**Utilization**

Students must be Ohio residents and may receive WOS for a maximum of 15 quarters or 10 semesters of full-time undergraduate study. Prior recipients must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA. Exceptions to an institution requesting funds for a student below this cumulative GPA are as follows:

- Freshman
- Transferred from another institution
- First time recipient of the scholarship
- Previously approved appeal on file with the institution
- Documented Learning Disability
- Extenuating circumstance as approved by the institutions Student Services Department

**Certification**

Eligibility rosters for the 2018-2019 academic year are currently available to financial aid personnel. The rosters have been updated to include the new applicants approved by the War Orphans Scholarship Board at their recent meeting. Please keep in mind that schools must wait a *minimum* of 15 days after the start of the term before funds can be requested.

Please note that payment threshold reviews are performed with every payment file submitted. Any records with low payment amounts will require a brief explanation as to why the payment submitted was lower than a full-time rate. In addition, supporting documentation may be required, ex. a transcript showing that the student is full-time.

**TO SUMMARIZE, FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF THE WAR ORPHANS SCHOLARSHIP IS:**

**PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES:** 84% OF TUITION/GENERAL FEES

**PRIVATE (NON-PROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT):** $6,435* (ANNUAL AWARD)

*$3,217.50 per semester ** OR ** $2,145 per quarter

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