

ILLINOIS MIA/POW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
IDVA-VETS, PO Box 19432, 833 S. Spring Street, Springfield, IL 62794-9432
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PART I APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's name _____

Address _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
City State Zip

Social Security number _____ Phone # _____

Date of birth _____ Relationship to Veteran: _____

PART II COLLEGE INFORMATION

College Attending _____ Start Date ____/____/____

Have you applied for Federal Chapter 35 Benefits? Yes No

PART III VETERAN INFORMATION

Veteran's name _____ Social Security number _____

Address _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ VA Claim# _____
City State Zip

Date/Place of birth _____

Date/Place of death (if applicable) _____

Date/Place of entry into active service _____

Date/Place of separation _____

Branch of service _____

Was the Veteran a resident of Illinois at the time of entering service or had he/she become a resident within six months after entering such service? Yes No

Please indicate applicable eligibility criteria:

Missing in Action (MIA)

Prisoner of War (POW)

Awarded 100% permanent and total service connected disability

Awarded 100% permanent and total service connected disability based on Individual Unemployability

Death was result of a service connected disability

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit completed application and supporting documentation to IDVA/VETS, MIA/POW Scholarship, 833 S. Spring St, PO Box 19432, Springfield, IL 62794-9432 or **Fax** to MIA/POW Scholarship at 217/524-8394.

Please note applicant is not the veteran. Application should be completed and signed by dependent of veteran applying for the Scholarship. A checklist of documentation required with application has been provided below to help you complete the application.

- All applicants' must provide proof of registration or acceptance letter to college or university attending.**

Spouse and Widow:

- Marriage Certificate
- Veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation) and/or Casualty Report (if killed in service)
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran is 100% permanent and totally disabled and/or
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran's death was ruled service connected.

Natural child:

- Birth certificate listing name of veteran
- Veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation) and/or Casualty Report (if killed in service)
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran is 100% permanent and totally disabled and/or
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran's death was ruled service connected

Step child:

- Birth certificate
- Marriage Certificate between parent and veteran
- Veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation) and/or Casualty Report (if killed in service)
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran is 100% permanent and totally disabled and/or
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran's death was ruled service connected

Adopted child:

- Birth certificate
- Adoption decree
- Veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation) and/or Casualty Report (if killed in service)
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran is 100% permanent and totally disabled and/or
- Award letter from USDVA stating veteran's death was ruled service connected

"I hereby affirm the above statements offered in support of my application for the MIA/POW Scholarship are true and correct, and I herein give my consent to the IL Department of Veterans' Affairs to examine and / or release information concerning this file on a need to know basis."

Signature of Applicant

Date

THIS SECTION FOR DVA USE ONLY

Application approved MIA/POW Card # _____

Application denied Reason for denial _____

Scholarship Administrator

Date

-IMPORTANT NOTICE-

This state agency is requesting disclosure of information necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose of 105 ILCS 5/30-14.2. Disclosure is REQUIRED; failure to provide this information will prevent the claim from being processed. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

MIA/POW SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

You must be the **spouse, widow, natural child, step child or adopted child of the veteran** to qualify. The veteran must have been an Illinois resident at the time of entry into Active duty service. This information can be found on the veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation) or Enlistment Contract. Finally, the veteran must meet one of the following criteria in order to qualify – (1) Veteran must have been an MIA (Missing In Action) (2) Veteran must have been a POW (Prisoner of War) (3) Veteran must be rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA) as being 100% permanent and totally disabled by service connected causes (4) Veteran must be rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA) as being 100% permanent and totally disabled by service connected causes due to unemployability (5) Veteran's death must be rated service connected by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA).

If the surviving spouse remarries or if there is a divorce from the veteran or serviceperson, the scholarship benefit for the remarried surviving spouse and step children will terminate on the date of the remarriage or divorce. If the surviving spouse remarries or if there is a divorce from the veteran or serviceperson while the spouse and/or stepchildren are pursuing a course of study, scholarship benefits will be terminated at the end of the term for which they are presently enrolled. The natural child, adopted child, or step-child must begin utilizing the benefit prior to the age of 26.

AMOUNT AND AWARD ENTITLEMENT

An eligible dependent is entitled to full payment of tuition and **certain** fees to any Illinois state supported college or university. The scholarship is based on a points system. (Semester hours) Maximum points allowed is 120.

1 CREDIT HOUR = 1 POINT
2 CREDIT HOURS = 2 POINTS
3 CREDIT HOURS = 3 POINTS
4 CREDIT HOURS = 4 POINTS
5 CREDIT HOURS = 5 POINTS
6-8 CREDIT HOURS = 6 POINTS
9-11 CREDIT HOURS = 9 POINTS
12 OR MORE HOURS = 12 POINTS

The holder of the Scholarship shall be subject to all examinations and academic standards, including the maintenance of minimum grade levels that are applicable to others enrolled in the Illinois institution of higher learning where the Scholarship is used.

The following fees, if listed in the school handbook, will be covered:

1. Activity Fee
2. Application Fee
3. Graduation Fee
4. Term Fee
5. Instructional Fee
6. Proficiency Test Fee
7. CLEP Test Fee
8. Placement Tests Fee
9. Board of Governors Test Fee.

The total benefit provided (120 points) expires 12 years from the date of enrollment in a course of study and shall not exceed the cost equivalent of four calendar years of fulltime enrollment, including summer terms, at the University of Illinois.