

REFERENCE TITLE: **tuition scholarships; spouses of veterans**

State of Arizona  
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# **HB 2745**

Introduced by  
Representative Blackman

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-1809; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO INSTITUTIONS OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1809, to read:

4 15-1809. Spouses of military veterans tuition scholarship  
5 fund; tuition scholarships; eligibility; rules

6 A. THE SPOUSES OF MILITARY VETERANS TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS  
7 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE ARIZONA BOARD  
8 OF REGENTS SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY  
9 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING  
10 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONIES, THE ARIZONA  
11 BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL USE THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO AWARD TUITION  
12 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANY PERSON WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

13 1. ENROLLS IN A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA  
14 BOARD OF REGENTS OR IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.

15 2. IS THE SPOUSE OF AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE ARMED  
16 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVING THAT THE  
17 PERSON'S SPOUSE IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
18 THE UNITED STATES AS REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH:

19 (a) THE PERSON SHALL SUBMIT PROOF OF THE HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR  
20 GENERAL DISCHARGE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS OF THE PERSON'S SPOUSE.

21 (b) THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES SHALL VERIFY THAT  
22 THE PERSON IS THE SPOUSE OF AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN.

23 3. IS ENTITLED TO CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT UNDER  
24 SECTION 15-1802.

25 4. IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AT THE TIME OF APPLYING FOR A  
26 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AND CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE WHILE  
27 RECEIVING A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION.

28 5. COMPLETES AND SUBMITS THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT  
29 AID FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE PERSON RECEIVES A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP UNDER  
30 THIS SECTION.

31 6. COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS AS  
32 ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN WHICH THE PERSON  
33 ENROLLS.

34 7. COMPLETES A FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974  
35 (P.L. 93-380; 88 STAT. 57) RELEASE FORM FOR EACH UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY  
36 COLLEGE IN WHICH THE PERSON IS ENROLLED TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF  
37 PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE CONTINUED  
38 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SECTION.

39 B. A PERSON WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A  
40 OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS FOR A TUITION  
41 SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE FUND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF  
42 REGENTS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONIES, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL  
43 AWARD AN ELIGIBLE PERSON A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT  
44 OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES CHARGED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY  
45 COLLEGE IN WHICH THE PERSON IS ENROLLED, REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY

1 FEDERAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS OR PUBLIC GRANTS AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL GIFTS,  
2 GRANTS OR AID RECEIVED BY THAT PERSON. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL  
3 VERIFY THAT THE PERSON SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
4 A OF THIS SECTION BEFORE AWARDING A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP. IF THE ARIZONA  
5 BOARD OF REGENTS DETERMINES THAT A PERSON NO LONGER SATISFIES THE  
6 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE ARIZONA BOARD  
7 OF REGENTS MAY NOT AWARD A SUBSEQUENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE FUND  
8 UNTIL THE PERSON SUBMITS DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THAT THE PERSON SATISFIES  
9 ALL REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

10 C. A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
11 BE:

- 12 1. LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN FOUR ACADEMIC YEARS OR EIGHT SEMESTERS.
- 13 2. USED ONLY FOR A CERTIFICATE, AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A  
14 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.
- 15 3. USED ONLY TO PAY TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT A UNIVERSITY  
16 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS OR AT A COMMUNITY  
17 COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.

18 D. TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AWARDED ON A  
19 FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT MONIES IN THE  
20 FUND, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS MAY NOT AWARD A TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO  
21 AN ELIGIBLE PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION.

22 E. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS MAY ADOPT RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
23 ADMINISTERING THIS SECTION.

24 Sec. 2. Appropriation; spouses of military veterans tuition  
25 scholarship fund

26 The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
27 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the spouses of military veterans tuition  
28 scholarship fund established by section 15-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
29 as added by this act.