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TO: Indiana Higher Education Financial Aid Offices
FROM: Amanda Stanley, Program and Communications Director *AS*
RE: Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Tuition and Fee Remission
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the defined educational benefits for those students who are former students and/or graduates of Morton Memorial High School or who are former residents of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home ("ISSCH").

2011 legislative changes, as provided by Senate Enrolled Act ("SEA") 577, have been incorporated into this memorandum.

Who is eligible?

A person who:

- (1) was a pupil at the ISSCH [Morton Memorial High School];
- (2) was admitted to the ISSCH because the person was related to a member of the armed forces of the United States; and
- (3) is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at the eligible Indiana institution the person will attend.

To remain eligible, students must:

- (1) maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress ("SAP") as determined by the institution;
- (2) not be in default or overpayment of student loan or grant; and
- (3) annually file the appropriate (and error-free) academic year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA").

What is the benefit?

As a supplement to other state grants, this benefit pays 100 percent of tuition and regularly assessed fees at an eligible Indiana institution. (A full list of eligible institutions is available online at <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2535.htm>). The benefit is limited to a maximum of 124 credit hours. There is no time limit to use the allotted 124 credit hours.

This benefit may be used at the undergraduate, graduate and professional degree level. However, tuition and regularly assessed fees for all students will be paid at the undergraduate rate charged by the institution.

In addition, remission for the cost of course-related books is available, up to \$600 per term. After exhausting the 124 credit hours of tuition and fee remission, students may continue to receive remission of course-related book costs.

Details for processing and billing these awards will be provided to eligible institutions in the manual.

How does a person apply for the benefit?

Application for this benefit is required.

To receive the **remission of tuition and fees benefit**, eligible persons must:

- (1) Mail the completed Application #1 portion of State Form 54113 to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs ("IDVA") at:

Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs
302 West Washington Street, Room E-120
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2738

(IDVA, after receipt of the application, verifies the related veteran's information and returns the application to the student either approved or denied.)

- (2) Submit the approved application to the financial aid office of the institution the student plans to attend **no later than 30 days prior to the end of the college term**; and
- (3) File the appropriate (and error-free) academic year's FAFSA, which may be completed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The FAFSA must be completed **no later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the college term**. (The preferred completion date is by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana's ("SSACI") March 10 receipt deadline.)

To receive the **remission of course-related book costs benefit**, eligible persons must:

- (1) Mail the completed Application #2 portion of State Form 54113 to the IDVA at the above address. (IDVA, after receipt of the application, verifies the related veteran's information and returns the application to the student either approved or denied.); and
- (2) Submit the approved application to the financial aid office of the institution the student plans to attend **no later than 30 days prior to the end of the college term**.

Reapplication is necessary whenever a student changes the school he or she is attending or the student stops attending school for two or more consecutive semesters (excluding summer).

If you have questions about benefit eligibility, please contact the IDVA at 317.232.3910 or 800.400.4520 or <http://www.in.gov/veteran/>.

If you have questions about SSACI, tuition charges or general financial aid, please contact SSACI Program and Communications Director Amanda Stanley at 317.234.8232 or ajstanley@ssaci.in.gov.