



## Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services

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## Illinois MIA/POW Scholarship Information

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On behalf of the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Services, we would like to welcome you to Parkland College. We trust your educational objectives will be met as you attend Parkland College. If you have questions concerning the MIA/POW scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Any spouse, natural child, legally adopted child, or any step-child of a veteran or service person who has been declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs to be a prisoner of war, missing in action, have died as the result of a service connected disability or be permanently disabled from service connected causes with 100% disability and who, at the time of entering service, was an Illinois resident or was an Illinois resident within six months of entering service shall be eligible for this state-funded scholarship.

### I. Initial Application

The MIA/POW scholarship application needs to be completed only once and mailed to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Office (VA) in Springfield to determine your eligibility. READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. You can obtain the application online at <http://www.veterans.illinois.gov/pdfs/MIAPOWScholarshipApp.pdf>

### II. Documentation Required

You must attach the following with your application, as appropriate.

- Documentation of veteran's 100% physical, mental, or developmental service-connected disability
- Copy of veteran's DD214
- Copy of your birth certificate, adoption decree, or guardianship papers, as appropriate
- Marriage certificate, if you are the spouse of the veteran

### III. Letter of Eligibility

A letter (card) of eligibility will be mailed to you by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. When you receive your card, you need to submit a copy of it to the Parkland Office of Financial Aid. Once we receive your eligibility card, we will credit your student account for in-district tuition and fees. You will need to submit, to our office, a **Veterans' Benefit Request Form** each semester that wish to use the benefit.

### IV. Length of Eligibility

The total benefit provided shall not exceed the cost equivalent of four calendar years of full time enrollment at the University of Illinois (including summer terms).

### VA Contact Information:

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