

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 Deceased, Disabled 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, or a resident of Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years after leaving active duty as of the date of the application, shall be eligible for this state-funded scholarship.

## I. Initial Application

The MIA/POW scholarship application needs to be completed only once to determine your eligibility. READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. You can obtain the application online at: <u>https://studentportal.isac.org</u>.

## **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. Student Portal**

Register for the ISAC Student Portal at <u>https://studentportal.isac.org</u>. The portal assists with the college planning and financial aid process. Registering for the portal will allow you to have access to the MIA/POW scholarship application and will give you access to see how many points of the benefit you have used.

# **IV. Letter of Eligibility**

A letter of eligibility will be mailed to you by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). When you receive your letter, you need to submit a copy of it to the Parkland Office of Financial Aid. Once we receive your eligibility letter, we will credit your student account for tuition and mandatory fees (Course Fees are not covered). You will need to submit, to our office, a **Veteran Certification Request Form** each semester that you wish to use the benefit.

# V. 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).

# **ISAC Contact Information:**

Illinois Student Assistance Commission 1755 Lake Cook Rd. Deerfield, IL 60015-5209 1-800-899-4722 http://isac.org

Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant. For additional information or accommodations call 217-351-2505. (8/2022)