



LEGISLATIVE TUITION/FEE EXEMPTIONS

The following is a list of each legislative mandated tuition/fee exemption and its corresponding Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS). These tuition/fee exemptions are available to those who demonstrate eligibility and are not subject to the approval of a scholarship committee.

POLICE OFFICERS/SHERIFFS/PAROLE OFFICERS

(LRS 17.1681 and 1681.1: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?p=y&d=79941>)

§1681. Children of police officers and deputy sheriffs; definitions

A. The term police officers shall include only persons employed or engaged as commissioned police officers on a full-time basis by the State of Louisiana or any of its political subdivisions. The term deputy sheriff shall include only persons employed or engaged as commissioned law enforcement officers on a full-time basis by a parish of the State of Louisiana.

B. College or university means any institution of post secondary education situated in this state, operated by an agency, board or other body created by the constitution or laws of this state, operated in whole or in part with funds appropriated for that purpose by the legislature and authorized to confer degrees in the arts and sciences.

C. Room and board charges means the fee or charge for lodging, quarters or food furnished by a college or university, on its campus, and for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services.

D. Books means text books, reference books, manuals, and other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

E. Semester means a regularly fixed period of instruction for which credit is given whether a semester, quarter, trimester or otherwise.

F. Child means the offspring of a police officer or his spouse or a deputy sheriff or his spouse living in the same household with and dependent upon the municipal police officer or deputy sheriff, as the case may be, for support and the offspring of a police officer or deputy sheriff dependent upon him for support, whether or not living in the same household.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 353, §1.

§1681.1. Scholarships for children of police officers, deputy sheriffs, or certain probation and parole officers killed or permanently disabled in performance of duty; certain other investigative employees

A. Any child of a police officer, deputy sheriff, or adult probation and parole officer within the division of probation and parole of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections who was or is killed or permanently disabled after January 1, 1973, in the course and scope of the performance of his duties as such, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees or other charges for tuition, books, reference manuals, and other aids to instruction required in any undertaken course and room and board as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor's degree offered by such college or university.

B. In no event shall such scholarship exceed eight semesters for any one child.

C. The requirements of and benefits for any child of a law enforcement officer as provided in this Section shall also apply to any child of any state employee who was or is killed after January 1, 2011, in the performance of his duties conducting investigations, serving subpoenas, warrants, pleadings, or other orders of the court, or collecting evidence as provided in R.S. 33:2201(B)(20).

Added by Acts 1974, No. 353, §1; Acts 1997, No. 868, §1; Acts 1999, No. 822, §1; Acts 2012, No. 668, §1, eff. June 7, 2012.

FIREFIGHTERS

(LRS 17.1682, 1682.1, and 1682.2: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?p=y&d=79943>)

§1682. Children and spouses of firefighters; definitions

A. The term "firefighters" shall include (1) all persons employed or engaged on a full-time basis by a governmental subdivision of the State of Louisiana, including any parish or fire protection district, which maintains a full-time regularly paid firefighting force, for firefighting or fire protection duties and services, and (2) all persons engaged as firefighters in firefighting, or fire protection duties and services as a member of a volunteer fire department in any parish or fire protection district, including operators of a fire alarm system when such operators are members of the regularly constituted or volunteer fire department, and including those secretarial and clerical employees and mechanics who are killed in the course and scope of the performance of the duties of a firefighter and are subject to any firefighters' civil service law as established by the constitution or laws of the state of Louisiana.

B. "College or university" means any institution of post secondary education situated in this state, operated by an agency, board or other body created by the constitution or laws of this state, operated in whole or in part with funds appropriated for that purpose by the legislature and authorized to confer degrees in the arts and sciences.

C. "Room and board charges" means the fee or charge for lodging, quarters or food furnished by a college or university, on its campus, and for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services.

D. "Books" means text books, reference books, manuals or other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

E. "Semester" means a regularly fixed period of instruction for which credit is given whether a semester, quarter, trimester or otherwise.

F. "Child" means the offspring of a firefighter living in the same household with and dependent upon the firefighter for support and the offspring of a firefighter dependent upon him for support, whether or not living in the same household.

G. "Performance of duties as a firefighter" means activities directly related to duties relating to civil disorders, hurricanes and fighting active fires.

H. "Spouse" means the wife or husband of the firefighter who is living in the same household and who is dependent upon the firefighter for support if the firefighter is alive and is permanently disabled as a result of an injury sustained in the performance of his duties as a firefighter. Spouse also means the wife or husband of a firefighter who is deceased and who was living in the same household and was dependent upon the firefighter for support at the time of the injury which occurred in the performance of his duties as a firefighter and which resulted in the firefighter's death.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 262, §1; Acts 2004, No. 697, §1.

§1682.1. Scholarships for children of firefighters killed or disabled in performance of duty

A. Any child of a firefighter injured in the course and scope of the performance of his duties as such, which injury causes death or serious injury resulting in an inability to be employed, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees, tuitions, or other charges, including room and board charges, as long as such child meets the academic requirements and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such child shall be entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books and all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

B. In no event shall any child be allowed more than ten semesters under the provisions of this Section.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 262, §2; Acts 1985, No. 873, §1, eff. July 23, 1985; Acts 1997, No. 455, §1; Acts 1997, No. 514, §1, eff. July 3, 1997.

§1682.2. Scholarships for spouses of firefighters killed or disabled in performance of duty; scholarships for disabled firefighters

A. The spouse of a firefighter who is injured in the course and scope of the performance of his duties and the injury causes death or serious injury resulting in an inability to be employed, which spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges. As long as such spouse meets the academic requirements and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student such spouse shall receive the exemption. Such exemption shall exist for such spouse for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such spouse shall be entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books and all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

B. In no event shall any spouse be allowed more than ten semesters under the provisions of this Section.

C. Any firefighter who is injured in the performance of duties as a firefighter and such injury results in an inability to be employed, and the firefighter is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, such firefighter shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board charges, as long as such firefighter meets the academic requirements and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such firefighter for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such firefighter shall be entitled to a cash grant of two hundred fifty dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books and all of the above sums shall be paid out of funds appropriated from the general fund of the state of Louisiana.

D. In no event shall any injured firefighter be allowed more than ten semesters under the provisions of this Section.

Acts 2004, No. 697, §1.

SANITATION WORKERS

(L.R.S. 17.1683, 1683.1: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=79945>)

§1683. Children of sanitation workers; definitions

A. The term "sanitation workers" shall include all persons employed or engaged on a full-time basis by a governmental subdivision of the state of Louisiana, including any parish, municipality, or garbage district which maintains a full-time regularly paid sanitation department, for collecting or disposing of garbage and other waste matter.

B. "College or university" means any institution of post secondary education situated in this state, operated by an agency, board or other body created by the constitution or laws of this state, operated in whole or in part with funds appropriated for that purpose by the legislature and authorized to confer degrees in the arts and sciences.

C. "Room and board charges" means the fee or charge for lodging, quarters or food furnished by a college or university on its campus, and for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services.

D. "Books" means textbooks, reference books, manuals, or other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

E. "Semester" means a regularly fixed period of instruction for which credit is given whether a semester, quarter, trimester or otherwise.

F. "Child" means the offspring of a sanitation worker or his spouse living in the same household with and dependent upon the sanitation worker for support, and the offspring of a sanitation worker dependent upon him for support, whether or not living in the same household.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 711, §1.

§1683.1. Scholarships for children of sanitation workers injured or killed in performance of duty

A. Any child of a sanitation worker injured in the course and scope of the performance of his duties as such, which injury causes death, serious injury resulting in an inability to be employed, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted through a special appropriation from the general fund to such college or university without payment of any fees, tuitions, or other charges, including room and board charges, as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor's degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such child shall be entitled to a cash grant of \$125.00 per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books.

B. If the award of this scholarship should result in the reduction of scholarship and/or student aid available to such child from the U.S. Government, then the portion of said scholarship causing such reduction shall be adjusted or reduced accordingly.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 711, §§2, 3.

SCHOOL TEACHERS/ SCHOOL EMPLOYEES **(L.R.S. 17:1684: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=79947>)**

§1684. Children of school teachers and other school employees; definitions; scholarships for children of teachers and school employees killed or permanently and totally disabled as a consequence of physical assault and battery in performance of duty

A. Definitions

As used in this Section, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed to them in this Subsection unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

(1) The term "school teachers and other school employees" shall include only persons employed by a parish or city school board.

(2) "College or university" means any public institution of postsecondary education in this state governed by the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, or the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

(3) "Room and board charges" means the fee or charge for lodging, quarters or food furnished by a college or university, on its campus, and for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services.

(4) "Books" means text books, reference books, manuals, and other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

(5) "Semester" means a regularly fixed period of instruction for which credit is given whether a semester, quarter, trimester or otherwise.

(6) "Child" means the offspring of a school teacher or other school employee or his spouse living in the same household with and dependent upon the school teacher or other school employee, as the case may be, for support and the offspring of a school teacher or other school employee dependent upon him for support, whether or not living in the same household.

B.(1) Any child of a school teacher or other school employee, when such teacher or other school employee was or is killed or permanently and totally disabled as a consequence of physical assault and battery after June 30, 1976, in the course and scope of the performance of his duties as such, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees for tuition, books or other charges, including room and board charges, as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor's degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such child shall be entitled to a cash grant

of one hundred twenty-five dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books. Upon approval by the Board of Regents, the Division of Administration shall reimburse the appropriate institution and costs incurred in providing such services for children of school teachers or other school employees killed or permanently and totally disabled.

(2) In no event shall such scholarship exceed eight semesters, or the equivalent of four nine-months school terms, whichever is longer in duration, for any one child.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 74, §1; Acts 2013, No. 220, §6, eff. June 11, 2013.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
(LRS 17.1685 and 1685.1: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=79948>)

§1685. Children of correctional officers; definitions

A. The term "correctional officers" shall include all persons employed on a full-time basis by the Louisiana Department of Corrections as security correctional officers and all administrative, clerical, maintenance or other employees of the Louisiana Department of Corrections who, during the normal course of their official daily duties, are required to come in close personal contact with inmates who have been convicted of felonies and incarcerated in or on the grounds of a penal institution.

B. "College or university" means any institution of post-secondary education situated in this state, operated by an agency, board or other body created by the constitution or laws of this state, operated in whole or in part with funds appropriated for that purpose by the legislature and authorized to confer degrees in the arts and sciences.

C. "Room and board charges" means the fee charged for lodging, quarters or food furnished by a college or university on its campus, and for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services. All normal activity or other relevant fees shall likewise be included herein.

D. "Books" means textbooks, reference books, manuals, or other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

E. "Semester" means a regularly fixed period of instruction for which credit is given whether a semester, quarter, trimester, or otherwise.

F. "Child" means the natural, adopted, or acknowledged offspring of a correctional officer or his or her spouse living in the same household with and dependent upon the correctional officer for support, and the offspring of a correctional officer dependent upon him or her for support whether or not living in the same household.

Added by Acts 1979, No. 197, §1; Acts 2004, No. 26, §9.

§1685.1. Scholarships for children of correctional officers injured or killed in performance of duty

Any child of a correctional officer, as defined in R.S. 17:1685, which correctional officer is killed or permanently disabled in the course and scope of the performance of his duties as such, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees for tuitions, books or other charges, including room and board charges, as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required for a full-time student to obtain one bachelor degree offered by such college or university. In addition thereto, such child shall be entitled to a cash grant of one hundred twenty-five dollars per semester from such college or university as an allowance for books.

In no event shall such scholarships exceed eight semesters for any one child.

No benefits shall be granted under the provisions of this Section unless funds are appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose by the legislature. Any funds lost to any public college or university as a result of this Act shall be reimbursed to that college or university by the state of Louisiana.

Added by Acts 1979, No. 197, §1.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

(LRS 17:1686: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=321567>)

§1686. Scholarship for a child of a military person killed in performance of duty

A. As used in this Section:

(1) "Books" means textbooks, reference books, manuals, or other aids to instruction which are required to be purchased by a student in a given course of study.

(2) "Child" means the natural, adopted, or acknowledged offspring of a military person or his or her spouse living in the same household with and dependent upon the military person for support and the offspring of a military person dependent upon him or her for support whether or not living in the same household.

(3) "Military person" means any person who meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States in certain theaters of military operation at any time beginning September 11, 2001, through the date as declared by the United States government to be the termination of service for members of the armed forces.

(b) Is eligible for the award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

(c) Served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(d) Was domiciled in Louisiana for civilian purposes and named Louisiana a home of residence for military purposes when inducted into active service.

(e) During the course of his or her official duty was killed or later died as a result of injuries sustained in the course of such duty.

(4) "Room and board charges" means any fee charged for lodging, quarters, or food furnished by the public postsecondary institution on its campus for which a regular and periodic charge is made to all students availing themselves of such services and all standard activity, academic, or other fees required for enrollment.

B. Any child of a military person, as defined in Subsection A of this Section, who is eligible for admission and enrollment in a public postsecondary institution of education in Louisiana shall be admitted and enrolled in such institution without the payment of any fees for tuition, books, or room and board charges as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such institution required for enrollment and continued attendance as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such child for the length of time required for a full-time student to obtain a baccalaureate or other undergraduate degree or completion certificate offered by such institution which, in no event, shall exceed eight semesters or the equivalent of eight semesters for any one child in any public postsecondary education institution that offers degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher or four semesters in any other public postsecondary education institution. In addition, such child shall be entitled to a cash grant of one hundred twenty-five dollars per semester or the equivalent from such institution as an allowance for books.

C.(1) No benefits shall be granted under the provisions of this Section unless the student can demonstrate that he or she does not qualify for federal grant aid.

(2) Additionally, if a student is receiving other financial assistance that when combined with the tuition waiver granted under this Section exceeds the "cost of attendance" as determined for that student in accordance with regulations governing the award of federal student aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the amount of the waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such excess.

Acts 2005, No. 501, §1, eff. July 12, 2005.

PERSONS IN FOSTER CARE

(LRS 17:1687: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=409720>)

§1687. Tuition and fee exemption; persons in foster care; eligibility; duration; foster care status; verification; funding; definitions

A. Beginning with the Fall 2006 academic semester or session, as applicable, any person as defined in Subsection B of this Section who is eligible for admission and enrollment in a public postsecondary education institution in Louisiana shall be admitted and enrolled in such institution without the payment of any tuition or mandatory fee amount as long as such person meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of the institution required for enrollment and continued attendance as a full-time student. Such exemption shall exist for such person for the length of time required for a full-time student to obtain a baccalaureate or other undergraduate degree or completion certificate as offered by such institution, as applicable, or until the person's twenty-fifth birthday, whichever occurs first.

B. For purposes of this Section, the term "person" shall mean any individual who was in the care, custody, or guardianship of the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services in the foster care program for any nine of the twenty-four months immediately prior to his eighteenth birthday.

C. For purposes of this Section, the foster care status of any person eligible to receive the exemption as provided in this Section shall be verified by the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services prior to such person initially receiving such exemption.

D. Implementation of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose.

E. For purposes of this Section, tuition and mandatory fee amounts shall mean those tuition and fee amounts payable by the state on behalf of a student who receives an award pursuant to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.

Acts 2006, No. 738, §1, eff. June 29, 2006; Acts 2008, No. 652, §1, eff. July 1, 2008.

VETERANS

(LRS 29.288, 289, and 290: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=85513>)

§288. Educational benefits for children, spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans

Children, not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-five years of age, spouses, and surviving spouses, within ten years from the date of eligibility, of members of the armed forces of the United States of America who were killed in action or died in active service from other causes or who are missing in action or who are prisoners of war or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred during a wartime period defined in R.S. 29:251.2 and who for a period of not less than twelve months immediately preceding their entrance into service were residents of this state and children not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-five years of age of veterans rated ninety to one hundred percent service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs by evaluation of the Rating Schedule and children not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-five years of age of veterans who have been determined by the department to be unemployable as a result of a service-connected disability may attend any state college or university, including institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, without having to pay tuition, matriculation, registration, laboratory, athletic, medical, and other school-imposed fees, including but not limited to nonresidency and other special fees if the veteran has been a resident of this state for a period of not less than twenty-four months immediately preceding the dependent's admission into a program of education.

Amended by Acts 1952, No. 562, §1; Acts 1970, No. 666, §1; Acts 1972, No. 131, §1; Acts 1973, No. 170, §1; Acts 1977, No. 636, §1; Acts 1990, No. 350, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1195, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1031, §1.

§289. Limitations on educational benefits

The department of veterans affairs may expend from any funds available for that purpose whatever sums are necessary for the subsistence, maintenance, or other necessary expenses of beneficiaries under R.S. 29:288 during the period of their college or university training. The expenditures shall not exceed five hundred dollars per year for each beneficiary nor shall they be available to him for any period of more than four years to be completed in not more than five years.

Amended by Acts 1952, No. 562, §1; Acts 1956, No. 197, §1.

§290. Rules governing eligibility for educational benefits

The department of veterans affairs shall provide rules and regulations governing the standards of eligibility of applicants for benefits under R.S. 29:288. These standards shall conform to the entrance requirements of the several colleges and universities of this state.

LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

(LRS 29:36.1: <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=85550>)

§36.1. Exemptions from tuition charges for service in the Louisiana National Guard

A.(1) Any student enrolled or who may enroll in a public institution of higher learning of this state who is seventeen years of age or over and who is serving in the Louisiana National Guard shall be exempt from all or a portion of tuition charges imposed by any such institution of higher learning if the applicant for free tuition is presently domiciled in Louisiana. This exemption may be claimed for five separate academic years or until the receipt of a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, or professional level, whichever occurs first. Such student shall be exempt from all tuition charges, except that in the case of tuition at an institution which confers a professional degree, a qualified student shall be allowed a credit or exemption against such tuition each term equal to the average undergraduate tuition charged to full-time students carrying a full-time academic load attending public colleges and universities which offer baccalaureate degrees as determined by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.

(2) However, any student receiving a tuition exemption under the provisions of this Section who is mobilized or called to active duty is entitled to an extension of the time the tuition exemption may be claimed equal to the amount of time served in active duty. If the service in the Louisiana National Guard of a student terminates or he is placed on scholastic probation while receiving the benefits of any exemption afforded by this Section, his exemption shall immediately be forfeited, and he shall pay to such institution all tuition charges from which he was exempted pursuant to this Section for the academic semester or quarter in which his service terminates or he is placed on scholastic probation.

B.(1) In addition to the requirements set out in Subsection A of this Section any guardsman receiving such exemption from tuition charges must be a member in good standing of the active Louisiana National Guard at the beginning of and throughout the entire semester for which he receives benefits and to meet this requisite, he must continuously maintain satisfactory participation in the Louisiana National Guard as prescribed by regulations in effect and respectively promulgated by the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, and the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs.

(2) Notwithstanding the eligibility requirement in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection that a guardsman must be a member in good standing of the active Louisiana National Guard and effective beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year and thereafter, a guardsman who is a member in good standing of the inactive Louisiana National Guard and who is otherwise eligible for the tuition exemption provided by Subsections A and B of this Section may receive such exemption provided the guardsman's postsecondary education was interrupted pursuant to a mobilization order.

C. The adjutant general of Louisiana shall be responsible for overall policies, guidance, administration, implementation, and proper utilization of the program of tuition exemptions for guardsmen provided for in this Section.

D. For any student participating in the tuition exemption program provided by this Section and who also receives benefits provided by the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, the term "tuition" as used in this Section shall mean tuition as defined for purposes of the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students by the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission by rule.

E. In addition to the tuition exemption provided by Subsection A of this Section and effective beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year and thereafter, any student enrolled or who may enroll in a Louisiana public college or university who is seventeen years of age or over and who is serving in the Louisiana National Guard pursuant to a six-year re-enlistment agreement shall be exempt from all tuition charges imposed by such institution if the student is presently domiciled in Louisiana. This exemption may be claimed for four separate academic years or until the receipt of a degree at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, or professional level, whichever occurs first. Such student shall be exempt from all tuition charges, except that in the case of tuition at an institution which confers a professional degree, a qualified student shall be allowed a credit or exemption against such tuition each term equal to the average undergraduate tuition charged to full-time students carrying a full-time academic load attending public colleges and universities which offer baccalaureate degrees as determined by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance. Except as otherwise provided by this Subsection, all conditions, limitations, and requirements of this Section applicable to initial and continuing eligibility for the tuition exemption provided by Subsection A of this Section shall apply to the tuition exemption provided by this Subsection.

F. The provisions of this Section authorizing a partial tuition exemption at institutions which confer a professional degree shall not apply to new professional degree participants in the State Tuition Benefit Program on and after July 1, 2009.

G. If a member of the Louisiana National Guard dies as a result of one or more wounds, injuries, or illnesses incurred while serving in state or federal active duty service or in an operation or area that the secretary of defense of the United States designates, in writing, as a combat operation or a zone of combat, his surviving spouse and his child or children shall be eligible to enroll in a public institution of higher learning of this state and shall be exempt from all tuition charges imposed by any such institution of higher learning if the applicant for free tuition is presently domiciled in Louisiana. This exemption may be claimed for five separate academic years or until the receipt of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. The child or children shall be eligible to claim this exemption upon attaining the age of seventeen years. If the survivor claiming the exemption is placed on scholastic probation while receiving the exemption, the exemption shall immediately be forfeited, and tuition charges shall be paid as provided in Subsection A of this Section.

Added by Acts 1974, No. 175, §1, eff. Aug. 15, 1974. Amended by Acts 1975, No. 816, §1; Acts 1979, No. 563, §1; Acts 1989, No. 201, §1; Acts 1991, No. 403, §1, eff. July 12, 1991; Acts 2001, No. 351, §1, eff. June 13, 2001; Acts 2005, No. 264, §1, eff. June 29, 2005; Acts 2005, No. 411, §2, eff. July 11, 2005; Acts 2008, No. 652, §2, eff. July 1, 2008; Acts 2011, No. 173, §1.