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CHAPTER 407

WAR ORPHANS

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§ 3211. Definition

For the purposes of administering this chapter, an orphan of a veteran shall be defined as a child not under 16 years of age whose father served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War I, World War II or the Korean Campaign and was killed in action or died from a service connected disability as a result of such service. War orphans, whose fathers entered the service from Maine or who have resided in the State for 5 years immediately preceding application for aid under this chapter and which children have graduated from high school and are not over 21 years of age at the time of first entering a vocational school or an educational institution of collegiate grade, shall be eligible for benefits provided under this chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 136; 1963, c. 384, § 1.

§ 3212. Purposes and distribution

In order to assist any person qualifying as an orphan of a veteran in accordance with section 3211 in securing higher education, the department shall pay, for any person which it finds eligible for such assistance, a maximum of \$150 per year, for a period of time not exceeding 8 semesters of attendance nor exceeding 6 consecutive academic years from the date of first entrance, towards the cost of such higher education. Such assistance as is paid shall be used for the purpose of providing tuition, matriculation fees, board, room rent, books and supplies. In establishing eligibility for such assistance for children who make application for the benefits provided by this chapter, the department shall give due consideration in each case to the necessary expenses for attending school and the resources available to the applicant for meeting such expenses. The department shall provide such forms and make such rules and regulations as it considers necessary for carrying out this chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 137; 1961, c. 366, § 7; 1963, c. 384, § 2.

§ 3213. Free tuition

All children qualifying as war orphans under this chapter shall be admitted to state supported post-secondary vocational schools, teachers' colleges or institutions of collegiate grade free of tuition.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 138; 1961, c. 366, § 8; 1963, c. 414, § 14.

§ 3214. Appropriations

Appropriations for the administering of this chapter shall be determined from the recommendation of the commissioner, who shall furnish estimates of the costs of carrying out this chapter in the same manner as other appropriations accruing to the department are handled.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 139.