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Military injury relief fund (MIRF) grant program: definitions.

(A) "Military injury relief fund" means a fund created in the state treasury consisting of money contributed to it under section 4503.535 of the Revised Code, section 5747.113 of the Revised Code, and contributions made directly to it by any person.

(B) "Eligible individual" means any individual who, at the time of application:

(1) Is an Ohio resident;

(2) Suffered a combat-related injury, and can show that:

(a) The injury resulted in an award of the Purple Heart: or

(b) The injury is connected to an incident that resulted in the award of a "Combat Infantryman Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Ribbon Badge" or its equivalent; or

(c) Show through other documentation that the injury was directly related to a combat action

(3) Can document either that they:

(a) Were injured while on active duty with the armed forces of the United States ("U.S. Military") after October 7, 2001; or

(b) Have a medical diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder ("PTSD") as a result of his/her service while on active duty with the U.S. military after October 7, 2001.

(C) Individuals who may apply on behalf of and in lieu of eligible individuals are:

(1) Executors and administrators of the estates of eligible individuals;

(2) Attorneys for and agents of eligible individuals. Such persons include anyone named an agent by a valid and applicable power of attorney;

(3) Spouses or children (if they have reached eighteen years of age) of eligible individuals.

(D) "Acceptable documentation of injury" may include the following:

(1) Proof of a valid "Purple Heart";

(2) U.S. military medical records;

(3) An enlisted or officer record brief, or their equivalent;

(4) Medical discharge paperwork issued by the U.S. military;

(5) Any other authenticated documentation that proves that an individual meets the requirements of paragraph of this rule.

(E) "Director" means director of the department of veterans services.

(F) "State fiscal year" means the period of July first of the current year and ending June thirtieth of the next year.

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