Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio War Orphans & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Sc

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship (WOS) program provides financial assistance to the children of veterans killed in combat or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

The goals of WOS are to improve affordability of higher education for dependents of veterans who were severely disabled or killed in combat and to encourage those veterans' children to attend and graduate from an Ohio institution of higher education (IHE).

Agency’s past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The Department of Higher Education has one staff member who is compensated from the department's State Grants and Scholarships line item dedicated to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Board. That staff member is equivalent to a 2/3 FTE with her work solely for the scholarship as she has other roles and responsibilities at the Department of Higher Education.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

The scholarship is funded by GRF line item 235504, which falls under the Department of Higher Education. 100% of the GRF funding goes towards scholarships for those who apply. Appropriations by fiscal year are as follows:
FY13: $5,362,562
FY14: $5,500,000
FY15: $5,412,153
FY16: $6,879,370
FY17: $7,124,141
FY18: $8,077,000
FY19: $8.372,500
FY20: $11,163,333
FY21: $12,502,933
FY22: $14,000,000
FY23: $15,500,000
FY24: $17,800,000
FY25: $20,600,000

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Ohio War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Board is comprised of eight members. A designee from both the Director of Veteran Services and the Chancellor for Higher Education, as well as a member from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, appointed by the leader of each chamber respectively. The final four members are appointed by the governor, one each from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans, and AMVETS. The board does not draw a salary, but they are able to request travel reimbursement (although none have done so to date). ODHE also pays the filing fee for Board Members when they file their required financial disclosure statements.

The board meets once a year in July to determine the scholarship award amounts. Scholarship benefits cover a portion of instructional and general fee charges at two and four-year public institutions and a portion of these charges at eligible private colleges and universities.

Additional notes