



Hope Scholarship Military Service Member Policy Adopted by Motion on November 12, 2024

The West Virginia Hope Scholarship Board has adopted the following policy with regards to West Virginia Military Service Members eligibility under the West Virginia Hope Scholarship Program.

Families that are required, pursuant to a military order, to temporarily relocate to another state and wish to participate in the Hope Scholarship **during their relocation** may do so under the following policy:

In the event of the temporary relocation of a West Virginia military service member's family pursuant to active duty military orders, a child may participate in the Hope Scholarship Program. Provided, the family must maintain West Virginia as their State of Legal Residency (SLR), comply with all Program rules and requirements, and certify they will not participate in any full-time public school program.

Families that are required, pursuant to a military order, to temporarily relocate to another state and wish to participate in the Hope Scholarship **upon return from their relocation** may do so under the following policies:

In the event of the temporary relocation of a West Virginia military service member's family pursuant to active duty military orders, a school aged (at the time of the required relocation) child's Hope Scholarship Program eligibility will be frozen at the time of the required relocation. Upon the family returning to West Virginia, the child's eligibility will return to its status at the time of the required relocation. The student must be awarded the Hope Scholarship Program prior to attending a public elementary or secondary program or any other program authorized under W.Va. Code §18-8-1.

In the event of the temporary relocation of a West Virginia military service member's family pursuant to active duty military orders, a non-school aged (at the time of the required relocation) child will be permitted to apply for the Hope Scholarship Program without fulfilling the 45 calendar day public school enrollment requirement upon returning to West Virginia. The student must be awarded the Hope Scholarship Program prior to attending a public elementary or secondary program or any other program authorized under W.Va. Code §18-8-1.