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The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board met yesterday to approve new applicants for the 2010-2011 academic year.

After reviewing the program budget, the Board chose to maintain coverage of **80% of tuition/general fees for students attending a public institution** during the 2010-2011 academic year. Although this percentage of coverage is the same as last year, with a rise in tuition charges anticipated at most public institutions for the 2010-2011 academic year, this coverage level will actually provide a slight increase in funding support for students. For students attending **private institutions**, the Board also opted to apply a similar increase to award amounts setting the **annual award at \$4,650** (up from \$4,400 in 2009-2010).

Since we are in the second full year of less than 100% coverage at public institutions, remember that students attending public institutions, who are otherwise eligible for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG), could receive funding from both programs. The War Orphans Scholarship would be applied first, followed by OCOG, not to exceed the total tuition/general fees charges. Students in a similar situation at private, non-profit institutions may be able to continue to receive the full amounts from both programs depending on the respective tuition/general fees charges.

Like OCOG, the War Orphans Scholarship is available to be used toward instructional and general fees. As a reminder from prior OCOG guidance, general fees are defined as those assessed universally to all students and those that **do not allow** for a waiver to be offered to any student(s).

Eligibility rosters for the 2010-2011 academic year are currently available to financial aid personnel. The rosters have been updated to include the new applicants approved by the War Orphans Scholarship Board at its recent meeting.

Students must attend full-time, and prior recipients must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

**TO SUMMARIZE, FOR THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF THE WAR ORPHANS SCHOLARSHIP IS:**

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| <b>PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES:</b>           |           | <b>80% OF TUITION/GENERAL FEES</b> |
| <b>INDEPENDENT (NON-PROFIT) AND PROPRIETARY (FOR-PROFIT)</b> |           | <b>\$4,650* (ANNUAL AWARD)</b>     |
| <b>*\$2,325 per semester</b>                                 | <b>OR</b> | <b>\$1,550 per quarter</b>         |

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