

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, CARPENTER, CARVER, FREIBERG, LACOMBE,  
MARTINEZ, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Authorizes scholarships provided for firefighters injured in the line of duty and spouses of firefighters injured or killed in the line of duty to be used for a master's degree

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1682.2(A) and (C), relative to scholarships; to provide  
3 relative to scholarships for certain firefighters and spouses of certain firefighters; to  
4 provide use of certain scholarships; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1682.2(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §1682.2. Scholarships for spouses of firefighters killed or disabled in performance  
9 of duty; scholarships for disabled firefighters

10 A. The spouse of a firefighter who is injured in the course and scope of the  
11 performance of his duties and the injury causes death or serious injury resulting in  
12 an inability to be employed, which spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the  
13 entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college  
14 or university without the payment of any fees, tuition, or other charges, including  
15 room and board charges. As long as such spouse meets the academic requirements  
16 and maintains a "C" average for each semester and complies with the rules and  
17 regulations of such college or university required for attendance therein as a full-time  
18 student such spouse shall receive the exemption. Such exemption shall exist for such  
19 spouse for ~~the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one~~



- (1) A firefighter who is injured in his line of duty in which injury results in the inability to remain employed.
- (2) The spouse of a firefighter who is killed in the line of duty or injured in the line of duty and which injury results in the inability to remain employed.

Present law requires each scholarship recipient to meet all entrance requirements to the college or university to which he applies, and to maintain a "C" average each semester.

Present law limits the use of the scholarship to 10 semesters. Requires scholarship to cover all tuition and fees.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law limits use of scholarship to obtaining one bachelor degree. Proposed law adds option to use scholarship to obtain any postgraduate degree.

(Amends R.S. 17:1682.2(A) and (C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add option to use scholarship to obtain any postgraduate degree.