

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

November 7, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding eligibility under the veterans tuition awards program to include recipients of the award of the Purple Heart

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph g to read as follows:

3 g. "Purple Heart recipient" shall mean a recipient of the award of the  
4 Purple Heart under 10 U.S.C. § 1129 or 10 U.S.C. § 1129-a.

5 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 669-a of the education  
6 law, as amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghan-  
9 istan and other eligible veterans and Purple Heart recipients, as  
10 defined in subdivision one of this section, who are enrolled, pursuant  
11 to paragraph a of subdivision four of section six hundred sixty-one of  
12 this part, in approved undergraduate or graduate programs at degree  
13 granting institutions or enrolled in approved vocational training  
14 programs and who apply for a tuition assistance program award, for up to  
15 the equivalent of eight full-time semesters, pursuant to section six  
16 hundred sixty-seven of this subpart.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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